SENATE. FRIDAY, Dec. 8th, 1854.

Mr. Boyd introduced the following resolutions, WHEREAS, There is a manifest inequality in the present mode of assessing the lands within the State for taxation; for remedy whereof, Be it Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire whether one or more assessors, to be appointed by the County Courts, (of the same Court the taxes are laid,) whose duty it shall be to act with the Justice who takes the tax list, as a board of valuation to value all the lands of their county, and certify the same under oath; and in case of disagreement between the assessor and Justice, the same be referred to the Committee of Finance

County Court. Resolved, further, That the Finance Committee inquire into the propriety of causing the assessment to be made every five years, instead

of eight, as now provided by law.

Resolved, further, That the Committee on Fithe revenue laws as to provide, that the taxes be laid, listed and collected within the same

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported the bill to incorporate carried. the Yadkin Plank Road Company, with a recommendation that it pass. The bill passed its it was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, introduced a bill to repeal an act, entitled an act to provide for an agricultural and geological survey of the State, passed at the session of 1850, which passed its first reading.

Mr. Wilder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to amend an act of the session of 1850, entitled an act to incorporate the Fayetteville and Northern Plank Road Com-

pany, with several amendments. The amendments were adopted, and the bil passed its second reading.

Mr. McDowell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported the bill to incorporate the Bank of Clarendon in Fayetteville, with a re-

commendation that it pass. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. A message was received from the House of Commons, proposing to increase the joint committee on Banking to eight on the part of each

house, which was not concurred in. Also, a message transmitting the annual statement of the Merchant's Bank of Newbern, and the Report of the Comptroller of State, which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Faison introduced a resolution for the loan of money by the Literary Board to Clinton Female Institute in Sampson County, which ucation and the Literary Fund.

Mr. Walker introduced a bill to compensate the Wardens of the poor in Mecklenburg County, which was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Wood presented a memorial from many citizens of Craven County, with a bill to eman-Committee on Propositions and Grievances. Mr. Cherry offered the following resolution,

been expended in the "Geological, Mineralogi- ciary. cal. Botanical and Agricultural Survey of the survey, what amount of money it is likely to committee on the Judiciary. cost, and when it will probably be completed. The bill concerning apprentices was read a the Chapel Hill and Hillsboro' Plank Road Co.

second time and passed. Mr. Hoke, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's Message relating to the election of the Hillsboro' and Milton Plank Road Compa-Judges and Justices of the Peace by the people, | ny. Passed first reading, and referred to Comasked to be discharged from the further consid- mittee on Corporations. eration of the same. Concurred in.

its second reading, and, the rules being suspended, was read the third time and passed. Also, the bill to expedite the trial of suits at

Also, the bill to cede to the United States of America certain sites for light house purposes, with a recommendation that it pass. The bill for the University forthwith. passed its second reading, and the rules being suspended, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hoke, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on the bill concerning Sheriff's fees in certain cases, which passed its

The following bills were read the second time

A bill concerning Attorney Generals and Solicitors. A bill concerning Asylums. A bill concerning attachments.

A bill to extend the time for the registration

of deeds, grants and other conveyances. A bill concerning book debts. A bill concerning boats and Canals. A bill concerning Attorneys at law.

A bill concerning auctions and auctioncers. A bill concerning bail. A bill concerning bastard children. A bill concerning bills and bonds and prom-

issory notes. The bill concerning appeals and proceedings in the nature of appeals was read the third time and passed.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8, 1854.

The House came to order at 10 o'clock, and the journal was read. The Speaker appointed Mr. Phillips on the Committee on Revisal of the Statutes, in place of Mr. Shepherd, who was excused. The following gentlemen were appointed a

Committee on Geological Survey: Mesers. J. G. Bynum, Chadwick, Jones and Smith. Mr. Barringer presented a Temperance Memorial from Cabarrus, and moved it be referred to the Committee on Propositions and

ham, Sherrill, of Catawba, Little, of Rocking- there is a general law for such incorporations; ham, Regan, of Robeson, White, of Bladen, and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Shepherd presented a memorial from the Sons of Temperance, and moved that it be laid Mr. Bogle moved to take from the table a

former occasion, and recommit it to the commit- which was referred to the Committee on Intertee on Propositions and Grievances. Carried. nal Improvements and ordered to be printed. Mr. Rolen moved that a resolution, offered be taken from the table. Carried.

Monuments.

Mr. Rolen said it seemed more proper to refer it to the committee on Claims, but since the

with revolutionary matters, he thought it the most suitable for this matter, and moved ac ordingly.

Mr. Johnson moved as an amendment to refor it to committee on Claims. Carried.

praying the amendment of the statute concern- ding a proviso-that in cases where a bridge ing widows. Mr. Dortch, from the committee on the Judi- Court, a majority of the justices being present,

jurors in New Hanover county, and recommendents of the County, not exceeding twenty five and public spirit of the members.

durits passage.

dents of the County, not exceeding twenty five and public spirit of the members.

Mr. Shipp moved to lay the whole

Mr. Cansler, from the committee on Internal in proportion thereto, in the discretion of the Improvements, reported favorably on the bill Court.

to incorporate Cape Fear and Wacamaw Lumber Co.; also on the bill to incorporate the Chatham Rail Road Co., and on the bill for the Wilkes Co. and Tennessee Road,-recommending their passage.

Mr. Settle, from the committee on Claims, reported favorably on the resolution in favor of William II. High. Passed second reading. Mr. Singeltary offered a resolution that the Legislature adjourn from the 25th instant till the first Monday in November 1855, and moved

Mr. Houston offered a resolution in relation of election between Creditors. Mr. Phillips remarked there was a similar resolution now under consideration. Resolu-

that it be laid on the table. Carried.

ion laid on the table for the present. Mr. Dortch offered a resolution, that the committee on the Revisal of the Statutes be inof their county, subject to an appeal to the structed to inquire into the propriety of guar dians investing the money of their wards in

State bonds. Mr. Dortch offered a resolution to instruct the committee on the Judiciary to make inqui-

ries on the subject of Divorces. Mr. Rol n introduced a bill to incorporate nance inquire into the propriety of so amending Farmers and Miners Bank, in the town of Murphy, in Cherdkee Co., and moved it be printed and referred to the committee on Corporations. refer to committee on Banking; which was

Mr. Barringer introduced a bill to incorporate the Concord and Cheraw R. R. Co. Passed second reading, and, the rules being suspended, first reading, and, on motion, was laid on the Mr. Gilliam introduced a bill to incorporate

a Bank in the town of Plymouth, in the Coun- the Committee on the Revised Statutes. ty of Washington. Passed first reading and referred to committee on Banking. Mr. Sharpe moved to take from the table a

bill introduced by him yesterday and refer it to the committee on Propositions and Griev-Mr. Jenkins introduced a bill to prevent free

negroes from carrying arms. Passed first reading and referred to committee on the Judi-Mr. Jenkins introduced a bill concerning Live Stock. Passed first reading and referred

to committee on the Judiciary. Mr. Blow introduced a bill to amend an act for the government of the town of Greenville. Passed first reading and referred to the com-

mittee on Private Bills. Mr. Daniel introduced a bill to incorporate the Central Gold and Copper Mining Company. Passed first reading and referred to the

committee on Corporations. Mr. Humphrey introduced a bill to establish the Central Rail Road. Passed first reading, and, on motion of Mr. Steele, laid on the table, to be printed.

Mr. Meares introduced a bill to establish a

North Carolina Military Academy and Arsenal, was read and referred to the Committee on Ed- near Fayetteville. Passed first reading and referred to committee on Military Affairs. Mr. Myers introduced a bill to amend the charter of the town of Charlotte. Passed first reading and referred to committee on Corpora-

Mr. Craven introduced a bill to regulate the number of Justices in the county of Randolph. cipate John Good, which was referred to the Passed first reading and referred to committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Phillips introduced a bill to render the writ of trespass on the case applicable to all Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor | cases where trespass vi et armis may now be of the State, be requested to communicate to used. Passed first reading, ordered to be printhe Senate what amount of money has already | ted and referred to the committee on the Judi-Mr. Singeltary introduced a bill relative to

State," what progress has been made in said intestates. Passed first reading and referred to Mr. Phillips introduced a bill to incorporate

> Passed first reading and referred to committee on Corporations. Mr. Phillips introduced a bill to incorporate

Mr. Jones introduced a bill to incorporate the bill and who might wish to examine it. Also, favorably upon the bill to protect live Jacksonville and Trent River Plank Road Comstock from malicious destruction, which passed pany. Passed first reading, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements. Mr. C. W. Williams introduced a bill con-

cesning the Superintendent of Common Schools law, with a recommendation that it be referred and Common School Fund in Yadkin county. to the joint Committee on the Revised Statutes. | Passed first reading, and referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Jenkins moved that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to elect three Trustees An objection was raised by Mr. Phillips. Mr. Singeltary said the proposition at first

was to elect two, and we have already elected Mr. Jenkins amended by substituting one.

Mr. Singeltary said, if he was not mistaken, here has been a vacancy in the Trusteeship for Mr. Moris y introduced a resolution, instruct- some time; only one Trustee has been acting the committee on public buildings to in- ing. There ought to be two, and he supposed quire into the necessity of providing for having the vacancy was now filled by the gentlemen the halls of the Capitol properly heated. Mr. Perkins made some remarks on the sub-

Mr. Shepherd moved to lay the motion on the table. Carried. On motion of Mr. McKesson, the House ad

SATURDAY, December 9, 1854. Mr. Bigge, from the Committee on the Re-

vised Statutes, reported the following bills, which were read the first time and passed : A bill concerning burning woods and hunt-A bill concerning cattle, horses and hogs.

A bill concerning charities. A bill concerning clerks of County and Suerior Courts.

A bill concerning Clerks and Masters in I

A bill concerning commissioners of affidavits.

A bill concerning common law. A bill concerning comptroller. A bill concerning constables. A bill concerning coroners.

Mr. Boyd, from the committee on propositions and grievances, reported the bill to compensate the wardens of the poor in Mecklenburg county, with a recommendation that it pass; it was read the second time, passed, and, the rules being suspended, was read the third

time, passed and ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Clarke, from the Committee on Education and the Literary Fund, reported the bill to ncorporate Union Academy in the County of Similar memorials were presented by Messrs. New Hanover, and for other purposes, and re-Cofield, of Cumberland, J. H. Headen, of Chat- commended its rejection, on the ground that

the bill was read the second time, and passed. Mr. Mitchell introduced a bill to provide for the construction and repairs of public roads, which was referred to the Committee on Intern-

al Improvements and ordered to be printed. Mr. Gilmer introduced a bill to charter Temperance Memorial presented by him on a the Fayetteville and Greensbore' Rail Road, Mr. Boyd introduced a bill to incorporate the by him some days since, in favor of John Paine, Dan River and Yadkin Rail Road Company, which was referred to the Committee on Inter-Mr. Rolen moved to refer it to committee on nal Improvements and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bower presented a memorial, which was ments. Mr. Walker introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trustees of committee on Monuments would have to deal Davidson College, passed at the session of 1838-'9, which passed its first reading.

Mr. Eborn offered the following resolution, which was adopted: a Resolved, That the Committee on the Revised Statutes be instructed to inquire into the expe-Mr. J. H. White, of Gaston, presented a me- diency of amending the 26th section of the chapmorial to accompany abillintroduced yesterday, ter entitled "Roads, Ferries and Roads," by adciary, reported favorably on the bill concerning muy impose toll upon persons who are not resi-

Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, introduced a bill to incorporate Gien Anna Female Seminary in the for the ayes and noes. Ayes 85; noes 20. County of Davidson, which was referred to the

Committee on Corporations. Mr. Gilmer introduced a bill to incorporate January, 1855. the Bank of Greensboro', which was referred to

the Committee on Banks. On motion of Mr. Cherry, all the bills for the were referred to the Committee on Banking. Mr. Biggs introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on the Revised Statutes, to frame a law to divide the State into nine judito Administrators, taking from them the right | cial circuits. Laid on the table for the present. The following bills were read the third time

and passed : A bill concerning apprentices. A bill concerning asylums. A bill concerning attachment. A bill concerning Attorney General and S

A bill concerning Attornies at Law. A bill concerning boats and canoes. A bill concerning auctions and auctioneers. A bill concerning book debts. A bill concerning bail:

A bill concerning bastard children. A bill concerning bills, bonds and promissory

A bill to amend an act, of 1\$50, entitled an Mr. Singeltary offered as an amendment to act to incorporate the Fayetteville and Northern Plank Road Company. The bill to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for an agricultural and geological survey of the State was read a second time and

> laid on the table. The bill concerning Sheriff's fees in certain A message was received from the House Commons, transmitting the resignation of II. S.

Clarke, as a trustee of the University. Also, the statement of the Commercial Bank of Wilmington, which was ordered to be printed. Mr. Biggs introduced a resolution that, the House concurring, the General Assembly adjourn over from the 23d to the 30th inst., which, after some discussion, was laid on the table. On motion of Mr. McCleese, the Senate ad

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

SATURDAY, Dec. 9, 1854. Mr. Shepherd, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on a bill for the recovery of damages for injury or loss of life

on reallroads. Mr. Dortch, from the Committee on the Revisal, reported favorably on the revised bill for the geological, mineralogical and botanical survey of the State, which was referred to a select Committee. Also on a bill concerning counterfeit money, and a bill concerning land lord and tenant. And on a bill to amend the Ctatute concerning widows. The same committee report

ed unfavorably on a bill to regulate civil process. Mr. Cansler, from Committee on internal improvements, reported favorably on the following bill: A bill concerning the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail-Road Co., and a bill to incorporate the Wilmington and Charlotte R. R. Co.

Mr. Steele moved to lay that bill on the table

and make it the order of the day for Wednesday next at 11 o'clock A. M. Carried. A bill to incorporate the Shelby R. R. Co., and a bill for the Jacksonville and Trent River R. R. Co., were also reported favorably on. Mr. Phillips, from the Committee on the ju-

diciary, reported favorably on a bill to regulate the pay of tales jurors, and on a bill concerning the duties of turnpike and plank road Compa-Mr. Phillips moved to suspend the rules and put the latter bill on its second reading. Car-

ried. Bill read a second time. It was then moved to a third reading.

Mr. Patterson objected to suspending the rules on almost every occasion: it was a bad precedent. He did not oppose the bill in the slightest particular, but objected to having bills rushed through. There might be gentlemen who might not agree in some provisions of the

Mr. Phillips subsequently withdrew his mo-Mr. Settle, from the Committee on Claims, reported unfavorably on a memorial in favor of several persons in Orange county, claiming a

Mr. Phillips moved to lay that report on the table, and proceeded to give his reasons for the motion. Carried. Mr. Settle, from the same Committee, reported favorably on a memorial in favor of Jasper

reward for the capture of a felon.

Mr. Lancaster, from the Committee on Private Bills, reported favorably on a bill concerning Superintendants and Common School fund. Also, on a bill to emancipate Lewis, a slave. Mr. J. M. Leach moved that the resolution from the Senate relative to the N. C. Rail Road. be taken from the table and referred to the

Committee on Internal Improvements. Symptoms of a storm and the motion with-Mr. J. B. Bynum, from the select Committee

on Constitutional Reform, reported favorably on a bill to amend the Constitution, (Free Suffrage.) Mr. Phillips, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on a bill with an

amendment, to define the duties of Turnpike and Plank Road Companies, and moved the rules be suspended and the bill be put on a second reading. Mr. Singeltary offered a resolution, that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to

ballot next Monday at 12 o'clock, on the resolution to adjourn, introduced by him on yester-Mr. Amis opposed the resolution, especially since it proposed balloting. It might be con-

stitutional, but he would oppose it. Mr. Amis went on to show the waste of time that would be caused by an adjournment. Mr. Singeleary thought it would have a directly contrary effect; when gentlemen knew they would adjourn at a certain time, there

would be more expedition in transacting business. They could also consult with their constituents about many important matters, and that alone be considered the chief inducement Mr. Vance moved to smend the resolution,

by offering, as a substitute, a resolution to adourn on the 15th January next, to meet in the town of Asheville on the first Monday in July 1855. Mr. Vance went on to remark upon the constitutional power and the necessity to do so. He alluded in no very flattering terms to the lotel keepers and the high price of board in Raleigh. The session would be an unusually long one, the important business would be done in great haste by members anxious to get home, and the revisal of the Statutes in particular would be badly done, if we were worn out by a long session. From this until the 15th of January would give us time to transact the most pressing business, and, by convening again in Asheville in July, where the most ample accommodations could be had, a pleasant summer session of a month or six weeks would finish all the public business. He was authorised to tender the hospitalities of Asheville to the Legislature, and was anxious that eastern gentle-

men should see the mountain country. Mr. Shepherd said he concurred most cordially in the view of the gentleman fro ville. (Mr. Amis.) The argument of the gentleman from Pitt (Mr. Singeltary,) recommends a policy that does no credit to the independence of legislators. We came hereas representetives, and our coastituents, in electing us, have given us the assurance of their confidence and support. Shall we show ourselves unworthy of that support, by the unmanly and ruinous poliov which the gentleman recommends? Are our public works to be suppressed, our commercial interests to suffer, our bank affairs to rest in their present condition, without our notice? Is costs the County \$3 000 or more, the County and are we to be without that for two years more? He opposed the resolution in every view, and concluded by appealing to the self-respect

Mr. Shipp moved to lay the whole matter on

On that motion, Mr. C. W. Williams called Mr. Mann moved that the Legislature take a recess from the 22d instant, until the 15th of

Mr. Barringer said he thought the House presented a strange spectacle. We have been in

session only three weeks, without having made incorporation of Banks, now before the Senate, a single law, and yet motions are already being made to adjourn. He concluded by moving to lay the resolution on the table. Mr. Mann called for the ayes and noes .-Ayes 94; noes 7.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Whitlock, that the House hold Evening Sessions, from and after Tuesday next, which, under the rules, lies over one day. Mr. Barringer offered a resolution that one hundred copies of the Treasurer's Report be and passed:

printed for the Treasurer's office. Mr. Barringer said that while offering this resolution, he desired to correct an erroneous impression which might possibly be made, though not so intended, against the Public freasurer, by him (Mr. B.) a few days since. Observing that there was some little delay in furnishing the Legislature with this report, be- quity. yond the usual time, he remarked then that it ought to have been on our tables. He saw now, from the increased length and important character of this Report, an ample reason for this delay. He had also understood that the Treasurer had been much indisposed, and therefore unable to give his personal attention to his Report to such a degree asto have it on our tables n the usual time. He felt it due to himself to say this much, and more especially, as an act of cases was read the second time and referred to justice, to a most faithful public officer and estimable gentleman, with whom he had always sustained the most friendly relations, and for whom he entertained the highest regard. Mr. Barringer concluded by moving that the rules be suspended, and the resolution put on its se-

cond reading. Carried. On the motion to suspend the rules for a third reading, some debating arose. Mr. Singeltary observed that this was a viola-

tion of the rules of the House, and supported himself by reading the printed rule.

Mr. Barringer said if the gentleman wished t, he would withdraw his motion. He said his object in having the Report printed was a pub ic one. There had been several demands at the Treasurer's Office for copies of it, and he hought the sooner it was in the hands of the

ublic, the better. Mr. D. F. Caldwell said, if the House was to be annoyed by the interference of rules in every little triffing matter, the House had much better have no rules. When they produced so much disorder and delay, they ought to be abo-

Mr. Singeltary explained. He only wished that everything should be done in a proper manner. He was sorry gentlemen were not better acquainted with the rules; if they were, there would be less confusion.

Mr. Jenkins presented a resolution from the Senate, in favor of W. W. Holden and J. De Carteret, which, on motion of Mr. J. G. Bynum, was referred to the Committee on Claims. Mr. Shepherd introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Fayetteville Bank. Passed first reading and appropriately referred.

Mr. McMillan introduced a bill to increase the capital stock of the Commercial Bank of Wilmington. Passed first reading and referred to committee on Banking. Mr. Garland introduced a bill for a public

road in Yancy Co. Passed first reading and referred to committee on Propositions and Mr. Meares introduced a bill concerning grants of land, powers of attorney, bills of sale, &c. Passed first reading.

Mr. Singeltary handed in the resignation of Henry S. Clark, as Trustee of the University. and moved it be sent to the Senate. Carried Mr. Myers introduced a bill to amend Section 8, Chapter 108, of the Revised Statutes .-Passed first reading and referred to committee

on the Revised Statutes. Mr. Flynt introduced a bill concerning freehold homesteads. Passed first reading, and referred to committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed. A bill to emancipate Jerry, a slave, was ta-

ken up for a third reading. Mr. Jones offered an amendment to the second section of the bill: That Jerry be not suffered to remain more than ten days in any county in the State, except Mecklenburg, and that he shall not trade, peddle, &c.

Mr. Barringer said he did not wish to renew

a debate which had been full and sufficient on the second reading of this bill. He had risen merely to correct the report of his former remarks, as they appeared in the press of this City. These reports, under the present system, must necessarily be very short and imperfect. Under ordinary circumstances, it might be best to let them pass without correction. But when the remarks of a gentleman are entirely misapprehended by the Reporters-of course, without their fault,-it is proper that the error should be corrected. In one paper he (Mr. B.) is represented as having said that the slave Jerry, whom he wished to be emancipated by this bill, had been with him while in Europe. This is incorrect. He said that he had offered to take him with him and had told him he would be free in England, France, Spain, or other countries in Europe, through which they might pass,-and that Jerry preferred to remain here in North Carolina as his slave : and that he had been to him for the last 14 years the most faithful, honest and humble servant he had ever known .-He would further state that the gentlemen named in the bill as the owners of Jerry are mere trustees for him, having simply the legal title, to enable him to obtain his freedom, for which object he (Jerry) had made arrangements with

him (Mr. B) Mr. Smith concurred in the amendment of fered by Mr. Jones. Mr. J. G. Bynum thought the amendment would be in effect to starve Jerry to death.

The amendment was put, and, on motion of Mr. Jones, the ayes and nots were called. Ayes 14. Noes 76. Amendment lost. The question was then put whether the bill should pass. The ayes and noes were again called. Ayes 75. Noes I5. A communication was received from the Pre-

sident of the State Bank, Raleigh, concerning the profits and receipts of the Bank. Mr. Patterson moved it be transmitted to the Senate to be printed. A communication was also received from the President of the Raleigh and Gaston R. R. Co.

transmitting a report from Sept. 1853, to Sept. Mr. Jenkins moved to transmit it with the accompanying documents to the Senate to be printed. Motion laid on the table. A communication was received from the State Treasurer with accompanying documents.

On motion of Mr. McKesson, the House ad-

SENATE,

Monday, Dec. 11th, 1854. Messrs. Ashe, Coleman and Davis were apponited the Committee on enrolled bills for the

Mr. Boyd presented memorials from citizens

of Rockingham and Stokes counties, which

were referred to the Committee on Internal Im-Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, introduced a bill to authorise the County Court of Macon county to levy a tax on land to pay the damages, if any be awarded by the Commissioners, for the and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. right of way for the Blue Ridge and Tennessee Courts of Law jurisdiction over sales of real Rail Road Company; which was referred to the

Committee on Internal Improvements. On motion of Mr. Biggs, the resolution offered by him on Saturday relative to adjournment. | mittee on the Judiciary. was taken up, when he offered a substitute that from the 23d instant to the 4th of January, the journed. Senate would not consider any bills on their second or third readings, except private bills, or bills reported from the Committee on the Revised Statutes, which passed; ayes 26, nors

Mr. Fisher introduced a bill for the comple. to keep from fighting? tion of the North Carolina Railroad Company, which was referred to the Committee on luter. go-fight) race

nal Improvements. [Authorizes the Public Treasurer to subscribe for 10,000 additional shares in the road.]

Mr. Fennel introduced a bill to incorporate a bank at Wilmington, N. C. Mr. Graves introduced a bill to incorporate

the Greensboro' and Martin's Kiln Plank Road Company, which was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements. The hour having arrived for taking up the special order, on motion of Mr. Boyd, it was made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'-

Mr. Wood introduced a bill to authorize the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Craven county to pay the wardens of the poor, which passed its first reading. The following bills were read the second time

A bill concerning burning woods and hunt-

A bill concerning charities. A bill concerning cattle, horses, and hogs. A bill concerning Clerks of the County and Superior Courts. A bill concerning Clerks and Masters in E-

A bill concerning commissioners of affidavits and probate of deeds. A bill concerning common law.

A bill concerning Comptroller.

A bill concerning constables.

the third time and passed.

A bill concerning coroners. Mr. Hoke introduced a bill in reference to the 6th Judicial Circuit, which passed its third

State, with a recommendation that it do not pass. Laid on the table. The bill to incorporate Union Academy in

till Wednesday next at 11 o'clock, by Ayes 21, Bills,-was postponed until to day, (Tuesday,) his kindness and liberality of feeling, urbanity Noes 17. The bill concerning burning woods and hunt-

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

On motion of Mr. Mills, the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, Dec. 11th, 1854.

Mesers. Baxter and Smallwood, being qualified, took their seats. C. W. Wiliam were appointed Committee on a quorum between the specified dates. Mr. Patterson moved that a Communication

from the Public Treasurer be transmitted to the Senate to be printed. Carried. Mr. G. White presented a temperance memoial. Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr J. B. Bynum presented a temperance memorial. Mr. S. A. Williams moved to lay it on the table. Refused, and, on motion of Mr. Bynum, referred to the Committee on Propositions and irievances.

Same reference made. Mr. Lancaster, from the Committee on Private Bills, reported unfavorably on a bill to sons. The intrepid æronaut took his flight, afemancipate Betty, a slave. Mr. McDuffie moved to recommit it. Mr.

Mr. Rolen presented a similar memorial .-

Steele objected, and motion withdrawn, same committee reported unfavorably on a bill to emancipate Abraham, a slave. Mr. Smith's resolution, introduced on Satur lay, relative to not adjourning the House before 12 o'click, P. M, each day, was taken up.

After some discussion, the resolution was re-Mr. Whitlock's resolution, relative to Evening Sessions, was next taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Amis, laid on the table

Mr. J. II. Headen moved that a resolution, elative to imprisonment for debt, be taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary. He had intended to abide by become. Every Legislature that had assembled in this State was aware of its importance, but what had been done was worse than nothing.

moved to lay the whole matter on the table,which motion ultimately prevailed. Mr. S. A. Williams offered a resolution that the Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum be required to furnish a statement of the affairs

of that institution to the House. Carried. Mr. Gilliam offered a resolution that all Rail Road, Canal, Turnpike and Plank Road Com panies be requested to keep an account of all produce passing on the several lines. Mr. Phillips amended by inserting and "to report to the Governor of the State," which was

ecepted, and the resolution passed. Mr. J. M. Leach moved that Mr. Baxter be appointed one of the Committee on the Judici-Mr. Whitaker moved to take from the table resolution in favor of W. II. High, Sheriff of

Wake county. Ayes 41, noes 26. Resolution and report of Committee read .-Passed second reading. Mr. A. H. Caldwell introduced a bill relative to the Supreme Court in the western part of the State. Read first time and referred to Committee on Revised Statutes. Mr. Stubbs introduced a bill to amend an

act for the prevention of obstructions to the passage of fish in Blunt's stream. Passed first rending. Mr. Stubbs asked a suspension of the rules, in order that the bill, which was a short one, might go to a second reading, but Mr. S. A. Williams objected. Mr. Myers introduced a bill to amend the

red to the Committee on Internal Improve-Mr. Baxter introduced a bill to incorporate the East Fork Turnpike company, from Hen

reading and referred to committee on corpora-Mr. Baxter introduced a bill to incorporate first reading and referred to committee on cor-

porations. Mr. Phillips moved that the general bill on the duties of Turnpike and Plank road companies be taken from the tuble for a third read. ent Administration. If ever there was a great ed to the Editors, which contains some of the Bill passed third and last reading. Mr. Lyon moved that the bill to increase the pay of jurors be taken from the table and re

ferred to the Committee on the Judiciary .-Reference made. On motion of Mr. Shepherd, the Bill relative to Usury was taken from the table and referred

quested to call on the Principal, W. D. Cooke. and make inquiries with regard to the number of pupils, expenses, &c. Resolution passed. Mr. McDuffie introduced a bill relative to the exemption of Mexican volunteers from military few days, that the rules of order in the House | ment, I have assumed the value of labor at what duty. Passed first reading, and referred to the

Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Walser offered a resolution that the com-

Mr. J. M. Leach introduced a bill to continue mittee on Internal Improvements. Mr. Phillips introduced a bill relative to sealed and other contracts. Passed first reading, Mr. Phillips introduced a bill to give the

and personal property belonging to wards .-

Passed first reading and referred to the Com-

FOR THE REGISTER. Another Conundrum on a worn-out subject :

On motion of Mr. Singeltary, the House ad-

Why is it impossible for the Czar of Russia Because he belongs to the Mus co vite, (must-

'Ours' are the plans of fair, delightful peace; Unwarped by party rage, to live like brothers."

RALEIGH, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 13, 1854.

THE LEGISLATURE. Under the circumstances, it is preposterous to

talk of adjourning at any fixed period-and

and Saturday last.

characterize its deliberations. In the Senate, on Monday, the regular order | progress of St. Mary's. the county of New Hanover, and for other pur- of the day,-being the Convention (Gov. GRA poses, was read the third time and postponed HAM's,) and the Free Suffrage (Mr. Boyo's)

at 11 o'clock. A proposition, introduced by Mr. Biggs, of ing was, under a suspension of the rules, read Martin, to the effect that between the 23rd inst. and 4th prox., no bills shall be put upon their second or third reading, other than private bills and bills reported from the Committee on the Revisal, has been adopted by the Senate. What

Mr. FISHER, of Rowan and Davie, it will

THE BALLOON ASCENSION. Professor Elliott, according to previous notice, made his 110th .Erial ascension, from the Fair Grounds near this City, on Monday last, in the presence of a very large number of perter an experimental trip by a lady, about halfpast two o'clock,-the wind bearing his Arial car in a direction slightly East of South. The spectacle,-a great novelty in our midst,-was witnessed with much gratification by the crowd assembled upon the occasion.

TREASURY ESTIMATES. Treasury. To comply with these estimates of increasing the revenue." the decision of the Committee, but the more he | will require new appropriations to the amount reflected on it, the more important it seemed to of nearly forty-two millions of dollars, in addition to appropriations of a definite and perma nent character, amounting to upwards of nine-Our citizens, are, in fact, more harrassed than | teen millions of dollars, which are already applicable to the service of that year. The en-After some slight debate, Mr. Singeltary tire estimate of expenditures for the year is therefore but little short of sixty-one millions

> Masonic .- At the late communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, the following grand officers

> were elected for the ensuing year: C. H. Jordan, M. D., Grand Master. William K. Blake, do Senior Warden. do Junior Warden, Joseph Green, C. W. D. Hutchings, do Treasurer. do Secretary. William T. Bain,

The Grand Master made the following ap-Rev. James Reid, Grand Chaplain. Wm. P. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master. E. R. Stanly, do Sr. Deacon Jr. do E. J. Lutterloh, do R. W. Green, Sword Bearer do A. M. Noble, Marshall do J. A. Houston, Pursuivant do

James S. Terrell,

The most important incident, in the Rail Road Co. Passed first reading, and refer- This bill, it will be recollected, passed the veto, but it obtained only 90 votes to 85; not mere name of "Democracy?"—Gr. Patriot. two thirds. The bill is lost, and with no hope of a resurrection, we presume, during the presprinciple on which the will of the people has estimates entering into the Report of Col. Gwynn ever been clearly on one side, when the Execuitself, and the object which induced us to apply tive veto has been on the other, it is this ques- to Col. Gwynn for the information contained tion of harbor and river improvement ; yet the | therein .- Beaufort Atlantic. Executive will has always prevailed over the public will-an anomaly in our system, and an evil which seems beyond the reach of any mittee on the Deaf and Dumb Asylum be re- present remedy!

It would seem, judging from the proceedings of the House of Commons, for the past | In affixing a price for excavation and embankof Commons produce nothing but disorder, -an it now is. The superintendence of the road is effect, certainly, the direct reverse of that inthe charter to the Yadkin Navigation Company.

Passed first reading and referred to the Comwas suggested by a member on Saturday, the houses at the termini of the road are estimated was suggested by a member on Saturday, the houses at the termini of the road are estimated House had not better abolish all rules, in the hope that rules of confusion might work equally as well as those of order, and produce a contrary effect,-thus obtaining a result as wonderful as the most extraordinary chemical phenomena !

> McKENZIE'S VAUDEVILLE TROUPE .- This talented corps will visit this City, we are requested to state, during the present week, and will give three of their brilliant Entertainmentson Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Ex Gov. REID left this City, on Friday than a deficiency in the completion of the road. last, to take his seat in the United States Senate.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL. We cannot permit this flourishing Female Institution to commence its twenty-fifth session, without at least saying, what we most sincerely believe, that its superior cannot be found in the United States. This is strong language, but it will be endorsed by all, we think, who have any personal knowledge of the manner in which this Institution is conducted. It is not necessary, we know, to say a word in its favor with a view to invoke public patronage, for that has been extended to it with a degree of liberality that leaves nothing to be desired. But it The Legislature has entered upon the fourth is proper that Mr. SMEDES, the Rector, should week of its session, without having accomplish- know that his indefatigable efforts to advance ed much in the despatch of the public business. the cause of Female Education are duly ap-

preciated and honored throughout the State. The faculty of communicating knowledge to particularly at so early a day as either of those youth, in the more effectual manner of exciting mentioned in the House of Commons on Friday | the powers of their minds, so that they may always be ready and eager for its reception-the It will be seen, that the applications of the ability to create in the Pupils a strong interest Banks of the State and Cape Fear for re chat- in studies, let them have in themselves an in. ters, of some others for an increase of capital trinsic interest or not-and, above all, the powstock, and yet other applications for the creater of commanding and regulating a large School, tion of new Banks, have been made since our so as to preserve order and discipline without last. The discussion and consideration of our scolding or violence, is a peculiar and extraor-Banking system may therefore be expected to dinary talent, or, as some would express it, a come up before the two Houses very shortly .- | gift, that falls to the share of few men. These Mr. Hoke, from the Committee on the Ju- Few subjects are destined to perplex the Legis- qualifications, so rare and so valuable, are posdiciary, reported the bill to provide for the lature so much. In the present condition of sessed by Mr. Suedes in a most remarkable deelection of select men in each county of the monetary affairs, the utmost prudence should gree, and are, we are sure, one of the main elements of that success which has marked the

We might say much, with truth, of the Rector's uniformly amiable and cheerful temper, of of manners, untiring industry, and of that piety and purity which characterize his every action, and we would do so, were it possible to secure this notice from his eye.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM WASHINGTON -6th Dec., 1854 .- "The President's Message may be its fate in the House we are unable to has disappointed the Fillibusters and War say. The probable effect of the proposition, if Hawks very much. They had reason to be-Messrs. Patterson, Lyon, Daniel, Turner and successful, will be to leave both Houses without lieve that it was to have been a bullying echo of boasting "Young America"-that the gauntlet would have been thrown down to England, perceived, has introduced resolutions authoriz. France and Spain; and that immediate prepaing an additional subscription, on the part of rations for war with the trio would have been the State, to the stock of the North Carolina recommended as the only means of securing us Railroad Company, of 10,000 shares-or \$100, | from the insults of foreign Despots. When, behold, by the touch of some Ithuriel, or Ariel, it has been suddenly converted into a mere rechauffee of the dishes which the newspapers have been serving up to us for the last three months-a modest, simple exhibition of the state of the country, its present and prospective wealth, &c., &c., and, with the exception of the Greytown affair-the introduction of which was ridiculous, and in horribly bad tastereally a creditable state paper to issue from a ocofoco source. There is one recommendation in it, at which I have no doubt you have smiled as I did. It is that as the revenue from importations is fifteen millions per annum more than we can find use for, that amount should be deducted from the Tariff, as the only means of diminishing the revenue to the necessary ex-The Estimates of Appropriations proposed to penditures of the government. You will recolbe made for the fiscal year ending the 30th lect that Mr. Walker, when Secretary of the of June, 1856, have been laid before the House | Treasury, in like manner strongly recommendof Representatives by the Secretary of the ed a reduction of the Tariff as the surest means

> The political truth declared in a recent debate in the House of Representatives, on a resolution introduced by Mr. Sollers, of Maryland, that our ministers to foreign courts should be native born citizens, no one ought to gaineay or dispute. If ever there was an office to which the native born alone should be called, it is that of a minister at the European courts. We want there the real, genuine, unadulterated articlenone of your Soules, O sons, Belmonts, &c., &c.

We invite attention to the Card of Mr. MARKENS, Optician. Mr. M. sustains a high reputation in his profession.

SENATOR BIGGS AGAINST THE PEOPLE. Mr. Biggs' onslaught upon Gov. Graham's hill for a convention to reform the Constitution of the State, done in such hot and indecent haste, places the gentleman in a position of inconsistency not very creditable to a statesmen fit for United States Senator, a democrat to boot. (See his remarks in the Sketches of Debates.) We thought the gentleman had been one of those who peculiarly recognized the doctrine and declaration that "all political power is vested in and derived from the people;" and that recognizing this power, the representatives of the people were bound to obey their will. This doctrine, respecting the source and enjoyment of political power, we had been taught to hold sacred, as having its origin far prior to our written constitutions. But it would seem not to be the modern democratic doctrine, according to the views of this unfledged Senator of the U proceedings of Congress last week, was the giving nited States. Dues the gentleman eeriously charter of the Charlotte and South Carolina the coup de grace to the River and Harbor bill. pretend that our present constitution deprives the people of the privileges recognized by this venerated maxim? If so, it is certainly high House last session by a vote of 69 to 76, but time that the People take this omnipotent Creathe President returned it with his objections. ture of theirs in hand, and try which is stron-His message with the veto, not being acted on gest ! But, if it is the purpose of this Demoderson to the South Carolina line. Passed first last session, of course came up as the first busreading and referred to committee on corporainess for attention at this session. On Thursday test against being lorded over by such Demothe President's veto message was taken up, and | cracy any longer. - Is it so, that just anything the Little River Turnpike company. Passed the strength of the bill was tried against the at all, no matter how absurd, foolish or wicked,

> Annexed will be found a letter address-RALEIGH, Nov. 22nd. 1854.

DEAR SIR :- In reply to your enquiries in re-

lation to my estimate of the cost of the Atlan-

tic and North Carolina Railroad-at the large

amount of which you express your surprise,-I have to say that I have endeavoyed to make an estimate that will certainly build and equip at \$120,000-the engineering and general administration at \$600 per, mile, and the abutments

and piers of the principal bridges to be stone or brick-and to these several items I have added ten per cent for contingencies. I am of opinion that the road could be built for less than my estimate, but having fallen short, (for reasons which, I think, I can satisfactorily explain,) in the estimate for the North Carolina Rail Road, for the first time in all the estimates I have made, I am desirous that it shall be the last time. I have therefore not cut as close as the friends of the Atlantic and North Carolina Rail Road might desire. You will find it much more convenient and better for the interests of the company to have a surplus

Yours, very respectfully, WALTER GWYNN