SENATE. FRIDAY, Jan. 11, 1861.

The Speaker called the Senate to order at 102

Journal of yesterday read and approved Mr. Watson presented the proceedings of, and a series of resolutions passed at, a mass meeting it Johnston county.; Read and laid on the table. Mr Walkup, Union resolutions from a public meeting in Anson county. Read and laid on the

Mr. Blount, Union resolutions from a public meeting in Pitt county. Read and laid on the

Mr. Whedbee, a memorial from citizens of Pas quotank, relative to the military brigade in that district. Referred to the Committee on Military

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Banks and Currency, reported back the bill to incorporate the Bank of Thomasville, recommending its passage. Placed on the Calendar. Mr. Walkup, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back the memorial from the 1n-

dependent Grays, in Elizabeth City, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.-Discharged accordingly. A message was received from the House of announcing the concurrence of that body in the proposition of the Senate to raise a

joint select committee 2 on the part of leach house upon the report of the Commissioners of the Atlantic and N. C. Railroad, and announcing the House branch of the Committee The Speaker appointed Messrs. Lane and Humphrey as the Senate branch of said Committee. Mr. Humphrey, from the Committee on Corporations, reported back the bill to amend the

charter of the town of Newbern, recommending Grievances. Mr. Eure introduced a bill to incorporate the Albemarle Guards, in the town of Edenton .-Read first time, passed, and referred to the Com-

mittee on Military Affairs. Mr. Erwin, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back the bill to revise and amend the militia system of the State, and moved that

the same be printed. Agreed to. The bill to prevent the felling of timber in certain streams in Hertford county, was read the 3d

Mr. Slaughter offered a slight amendment to the bill, which was accepted. The bill then passed. The bill to prevent the emancipation of slaves by will was read the third time.

Mr. Morehead said he desired to express his views at length upon the bill, and asked to have it passed over informally. Agreed to.

The bill concerning constables in Cherokee and Robeson counties read third time, and passed over

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the bill to call a Convention-Mr. Speight in the Chair. The question being on the substitute offered by

Mr. Bledsoe was in favor of the bill calling Convention, provided it could be carried by a constitutional majority of both branches of the Legislature He thought his constituents desired, and had the right, to be heard in Convention on the cial order for Monday next at 11 o'clock. Consubject of our Federal relations. That while he curred in. vention, he deemed it unwise and highly improper'at this particular time, when the country is actually in a state of revolution, for that Convention to consider any plans for altering the Constitution of the State in any particular whatever .-He knew it was desired, and probably it would be attempted, to lug in the question of ad valorem taxation into this contest; at a time, too, when the only question that should be discussed is union or and opposed to secession for existing causes, de-sired that the sovereign people should settle this of any other issues. Otherwise, it might prove highly disastrous to the great cause which the con-

servative men of the country were now battling for. He thought it very probable that if other is stes were brought up in the canvass to elect dele gates to the Convention that, in some portions of the State, rank secessionists might be sent to the Convention, merely on account of their being in favor of ad-varolem, or of some other popular measure when, in fact, the preservation of our rights in the Union, or out of the Union, is, or ought to be, the all-absorbing question at this time in the minds of the people. He believed that the fact was pretty generally known that he was a warm advocate of ad valorem taxation, and this furnished an additional reason why he did not wish this matter mixed up in Convention, with other matters of more vital importance, for fear that it might not be acted upon with that mature deliberation which, in his opinion, the importance of the subject demanded. Mr. B. expressed himself as not being unwilling to trust the people to decide this, as well as all setts in 1763, offering a negro slave for sale, to table. Yeas 25; nays 17. other important questions, if fairly presented, at show the very great change that had come over a proper time. Nor would be, under any circum- the spirit of their dreams since that time. Mr.

stances, vote for a bill calling a Convention which | H. continued at length. did not contemplate presenting the action of such Mr. Avery replied to Mr. Bledsoe. He said that the Senator from Wake had indulged in a tion. remark during his speech reflecting upon his portion of the State.

Mr. B. disclaimed any intention to reflect upon the gentleman's constituents. His remark was intended as a general one.

Mr. Avery continued: He thought it was very important that the bill should pass. He was not very particular as to the form of it. Its present shape might be attributed to a desire to meet the proceeding in order, he conceived the amendviews of some Senators, whose suggestions he had ment of the gentleman from Wayne, (Mr. adopted. He was sorry to find other Senators Dortch,) in its present form to be out of or objecting. It was due to the country that some | der. A part of it was in the nature of a preamdefinite action on this important subject should be | ble, a part in the nature of an amendment to the taken, and that, too, without further delay. He birl by the addition of a section, and a part in thought that Senators ought to be willing to con- the nature of a resolution. In his opinion the ciliate somewhat their minor differences. And to proper method of proceeding in Committee of the show that he himself was, he introduced an amend- whole was to consider each section of the bill sepment-which the reporter did not hear read.

Mr. Erwin spoke at some length in reply to

ont and out. He did not believe the Senate was mittee. When the various enacting clauses are going to pass the bill for a Convention If Sen- thus perfected, then the preamble is made to conators were willing to submit to Black Republican | form to it. rule, he for one would not, so help him God. If the Legislature did not call a Convention, he did not hesitate to say that he would return to his and a portion would seem to be a separate resolu mountain home and use what influence he might | tion, therefore it is certainly not in order. have in causing his portion of the State to secode from North Carolina and unite itself either to S. gentleman from Beaufort, (Mr. Marsh,) on that Carolina or to Georgia! If this was treason, then | matter his object was to arrive at that action; he wished to be called a traitor; and if any of our people are to be hanged for entertaining such seniments, he hoped that he, himself would be the first man, as, in his opinion, he could not die in a

Mr. Sharpe spoke against the passage of the bill. His constituents, he said, were nearly all for the Union and the enforcement of the laws. He feared, if a Convention were called, an attempt would be made to alter the present basis of representation. He knew that such an intention had been disclaimed on the part of Western Senators on this floor, and, as far as they were individually the Legislature to restrict a convention. He concerned, he did not wish to impugn their motives, but he well knew the long cherished desire | pose of putting the State out of the Union. He of the West to alter the present basis, so that their representation might be increased. Also, the distribution of the school fund, upon the white basis. presented a tempting bait, which he feared the held in his hand the Western address issued some

Mr. S. spoke at some length in relation present distracted condition of the country. He Polk county man, and went for their interest, tostand be the "stars and stripes." Mr. Burton made a very pointed speech in fa-

vor of the bill; declared himself a disunionist per- jectionable features in it. se, felt a pride in being called such; thought it by far a more honorable title than that of a submissionthe administration of Abraham Lincoln!

the ground that the great question of union or dis- and were committed against it. He was willing, union-was paramount at this time. He did not however, to trust the people, and thought that wish any other issues to be connected with it.— his constituents, as well as himself, would be wil-Therefore, he favored the proposition to restrict ling to go for the white basis, whenever the mathe action of the Convention to the consideration | jority of the white men of the State voted that | Propositions and Grievances. of our Federal affairs alone, and wished the said | they wanted it. action to be submitted to the people for their final

ratification. Messrs, Erwin, Brown and Burton continued day 111 o'clock. Carried. the discussion at some length.

Mr. Burton, in the course of his remarks, stated that the Senator from Rowan had appropriated

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLA- would be unwilling to apply to him. That that Senator had said that he was a white-livered sub-

> Mr. Ramsay explained by saying that he made the remark in an ironical way, as applied to him-self (Mr. R.) and his Union friends by others, not arrogated to themselves. Mr. Burton said he was happy to hear the ex-

lanation of the Senator. Mr. Sharp again addressed the Senate in oppo sition to the bill, and in reply to Mr. Burton and Mr. Barringer moved that the Committee rise,

orrow at 12 o'clock. Agreed to. Mr. Speight, Chairman of the Committee of the Who.e, reported progress, and asked leave of the Senate to sit again for the further consideration On motion of Mr. Avery, the Senate adjourned antil to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

eport progress, and ask leave to sit again on to-

'HOUSE OF COMMONS. FRIDAY, Jan. 11th, 1861.

The House was called to order at half past 10 The Journal of Thursday was read.

MEMORIALS PRESENTED. By Mr. Hall, a memorial from a portion of the citizens of the counties of Iredell, Cabarrus and Rowan, praying for the establishment of a new county, to be called Brevard, out of portions of their counties; referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances. By Mr. Love of Jackson, a memorial from L. C. Hooper and others, asking for a Turnpike road through the valies of Fairfield and Hog Back; referred to the committee on Cherokee lands and Western Turnpike roads. By Mr. Crumpler, two memorials relating to a mill-dam in the county of Ashe; referred to the committee on Propositions and

PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS. By Mr. White, the proceedings of a meeting held in the county of Gaston. Mr. White said, he thought the resolutions expressed the sentiments of the people of his county. By Mr. Williamson, the proceedings of a Union meeting held in the

ecunty of Columbus. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

By Mr. Waugh, from the committee on corporations, reported back a bill to incorporate the Carrollton Copper Mining Company of Baltimore. with amendments, recommending its pas-age; by the same, a bill to incorporate the Chatham rai road company, with amendments, recommending that it do not pass; by Mr. Henry, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported back the following bills, as having been examined and found orrect. A bill to authorize a Court of Over and Terminer, in the county of Caswell, a bill to arm the State, a bill allowing William Pollock, late Sheriff, to collect arrears of taxes in Jones countv. and a resolution in favor of Edward, Yarborough. They were then signed by the Speaker,

and sent to the Senate. Mr. Person, from the committee on Federal Relations, reported back the resolution against coercing a seceding State, and pledging resistance to such an attempt, with a substitute, of like im-

port, recommending its passage. Mr. Merrimon moved the printing of the rereport of the committee, and making it the spe-

Cherokee lands and Western turnpike, reported back a resolution in favor of Jessee McGee, re-

commending its passage.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the House went into committee of the whole on the convention bill-Mr. Hill in the Chair. Mr. Folk being entitled to the floor, addressed the House at considerable length in favor of the bill, and defined his position on the general subdisunion. He, Mr. B., being a friend to the Union jects growing out of the proposition. Having concluded, an amendment was read for information, which required the action of the convention to be question fairly upon its own merits, independent submitted to the people for ratification or rejection the chair having decided that the amendment was at the time out of order. The question recurring on the amendment offer-

ered by Mr. Dortch, the reading was called for. and it was read. Mr. Bowman took the floor, and addressed the committee at some length, taking strong grounds for a preservation of the Union, and the submitting of the action of the convention proposed to be called by the bill to the vote of the people.

Mr. Harris addressed the committee defining his position, taking ground for definite action he was for exhausting all constitutional remedies before precipitating the old, North State into the vortex of disunion He said, however, that he did not have much hope of such an adjustment as would prevent our separation. He did not favor the idea of a central confederacy, provided we had to dissolve our connection with the present government. During his speech he read an advertisement from a paper printed in Massachu-

The question again recurred upon the amend ment offered by Mr. Dortch. Mr. Merrimon called for a division of the ques

Mr. Davis of Rutherford, moved that the comnittee rise, report progress and ask leave to si again on Monday next at half past 11 o'clock. Mr. Hoke opposed the motion; he wanted the ommittee to put the bill in such a shape as to make it acceptable, and if no one else wished t address the committee to proceed to do so.

Mr. Marsh thought the committee not to b arately, amending it as we proceed, and after going through the various sections of the bill in this Mr. Bledsoe. He declared himself a disunionist manner, digesting each, as in an ordinary com-

> The amendment of the gentlemen from Wayn (Mr. Dortch,) applies to various parts of the bill.

Mr. Hoke said he did not take issue with th Mr. Batchelor was for going on until the dis cussion was exhausted, and perfecting the bill.

The vote was then taken, and the committee refused to rise. Mr. Yeates enquired of the gentleman from

Wayne, (Mr. Dortch,) if the amendment offered y him had binding and force. Mr. Dortch replied; it did not. He did not be ieve the Legislature had the power to restrict a

Mr. Davis, of Rutherford, spoke against the amendment. He did not believe in the power of would vote for a convention, but not for the purwanted to amend the constitution. He was for Ad Valorem, and there was other amendments that the Western people might not be willing entirely to | years ago, which took ground for the white basis, and a speech on that subject, by the distinguished thought that the Federal Government ought to and said that if the issue was made, the West enforce its laws, and that all conservative men ought | would send a united delegation for an alteration of the basis of representation. He prefered the

substitute to the original bill; but that had ob-Mr. Meares was opposed to the amendment; he too was opposed to a restricted convention; did ist, and declared that he had rather see his wife a not believe in the right of the Legislature to re- able him to finish his reply to Mr. Turner. widow, and his children fatherless, than live under strict one. He understood that during the last Agreed to. canvass that gentlemen in the West had assured Mr. Brown made a-very powerful and eloquent the Ad Yalorem men of the East, that they did further postponed for a few minutes for the introappeal in favor of the passage of the bill, taking not design to alter the basis of representation,

Mr. Bridgers moved that the committee rise. report progress and ask feave to sit again on Mon-

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hill reported progress, &c., which was concurred in. Mr. Foy introduced a resolution, authorizin an epithet to himself (Mr. R.) that he (Mr. B.) M. L. r. Redd to collect arrears of taxes.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED. By Mr Crumpler, a bill to open the South Fork of New River in the county of Ashe, for the

passage of fish ; by the same, a bill to incorporate Jefferson Academy; by Mr. Batchelor, a bill to amend chap, 107 of Revised Code, entitled Slaves and free persons of color.

Mr. Batchelor stated the necessity for the bill and the reasons why he moved, as he did, the sus-

suspension of the rules, that the bill might be passed at once. The motion prevailed, and the bill passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed

and sent to the Senate. By Mr. Bynum, a bill to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors, in the School districts of Chatham county; by Mr. Wright, a bill to incorporate the Tokay Wine company of Fayetteville; by of the bill on to-morrow at 12 o'clock. Agreed to. Mr. Hayes, a bill incorporating the Cherokee Mining and Manufacturing company; also, a bill incorporating the Peach-tree Paint and Mineral Manufacturing company; by Mr. Martin, a bill to authorize the sale of the old Jail in Wilkes county; by Mr. Autery, a bill to exempt goods, wares, and other Merchandise made in the State from taxation; by Mr. Carson, a bill to increase the pay of county surveyors; by Mr. Gorrell, a bill to amend chap. 28, sec. 3 of Revised Code, entitled county revenue and charges.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, the bill to Charter he Chatham Rail Road Company, was taken up and passed its 2nd reading. Mr. Rogers moved a suspension of the rules to put the bill on its passage. During a running discussion on this motion,

Mr. Mart'n moved an adjournment, which was

caaried. SENATE. SATURDAY, Jan. 12th, 1861. The Speaker called the Senate to order at

clock and 25 minutes. Journal of yesterday read and approved. A message from the House of Commons at ounced the concurrence of that body in the proesition of the Senate to amend the joint rules of oth houses, concerning enrolled bills.

The House by message, transmitted to the Sen ate a statement from the Bank of Wadesboro with a proposition to print the same. Concurred in. Statement referred to committee on Banks and Currency.

Another message from the House, transmitted the following enrolled bills and resolutions, announcing their final passage in that body : A bill for the creation of a Court of Over an Terminor in Caswell county; a bill for the purchase of arms and munitions of War. A resolution to authorize the sureties of William Pollock late Sheriff of Jones county, to collect arrears of taxes; and a resolution in favor of Edward Yarborough. The Speaker ratified them in the pre-

ence of the Senate. Mr. Shaw presented a series of resolutions, pas sed at three public meetings in the county of Cumperland. Read and laid on the table. Mr. Walkup, resolutions from a public meeting n Anson county. Read at d laid on the table. Mr. Lane, from the committee on Proposition and Grievances, reported the bill tolay off and es-

tablish a new county, by the name of Clay, with n amendment, recommending its passage. Mr. Turner presented the following resolution: WHEREAS, The Senate of North Carolina has neard with regret and profound astonishment, that | the time necessary for an honorable adjustment Military companies, composed of the citizens of of pending difficulties between the North and

ted States forts at the mouth of the Cape Fear river. Therefore; Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to communicate to the Senate, all the information he may possess relative to the capture of said fort, and if before the capture of said fort, he had been consulted and advised with upon the subject, and by what citizens, their names and

Mr. Turner said, a few days ago he introduced resolution calling on the Governor for similar nformation, but the Senate thought proper to vote it down. He had given notice of his intention to introduce a resolution denunciatory of the acts of certain citizens of the State, in regard to the seizure of Fort Caswell, but withheld his lesign and thought proper to introduce this resoution, before the one, the introduction of which he had given previous notice. He said, more reasons and causes existed now than a week ago for the passage of this resolution, and appealed to the Senate to adopt it. If the Senate did refuse o bass it, he would introduce that resolution of enunciation of which he had given notice. Mr. Taylor of Brunswick, replied to Mr. Tur-

ner, and opposed the passage of the resolution.

Mr. Avery moved to lay the resolution on the Mr. Turner called for the yeas and nays. Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, asked Mr. Avery

withdraw his motion, in order to enable him to make a personal explanation. Mr. Avery declined doing so. The resolution was laid on the Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, moved to reconsider

the resolution on the table, and proceeded to make personal explanation. Mr. Avery arose to a point of order, and said e considered a motion tolreconsider not debatea-

The Speaker stated as his decision, that a motion to reconsider was not debateable. Mr. Morehead said there was no rule in exis ence to sustain the chair in his decision.

Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, moved to take the The Speaker decided the motion out of order, as no business had intervened since the resolution was laid on the table. Mr. Humphray moved to lay the motion to reonsider on the table.

Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, then moved that the anate adjourn. Not agreed to. Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, then moved to take un

Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, then submitted his the resolution introduced by Mr. Turner the other day, on the table, and concluded by saving that he deemed the resolution of little importance. A message from the House of Commons annouaed the passage of certain resolutions, and asked the Senate's concurrence.

Another message proposed to set apart Saturday next for the appointment of Justices of the

Mr Thomas, of Jackson, followed Mr. Thomas, of Davidson: He said that the information sought to be obtained by the resolution, was already in possession of the Senator from Orange, and was as explained by the Senator from David son. Governor Eltis had given no orders to take possession of any of the property of the United States, and it was not probable that steps would be taken to deprive the Federal Government of the use of any Forts in the State unless an attempt was made to send troops to occupy them.

In that event, as it was probable a large portion the citizens would not submit to Lincoln on the 4th of March, it , may be fair to presume that they might not be willing to have the forts fortified in Mr. Buchanan's time, to be used by his successor. And it was quite probable that a reconstruction of the government of the Southern and a part of the Northern States would take place before March. In which event, it was quite probable that Mr. Lincoln's own directions would be carried out, based upon the principle that his right to govern depended upon the consent of the governed. In which event, his government would principles. He argued that Mr Lincoln's to be President on the 4th of March, ought to be repudiated by the American people. Mr. T. con

tinued at some length. The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Speaker announced the special order, viz: the On motion of Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, the spe-

cial order was postponed for a few minutes, to en-By consent of the Senate, the special order was

duction of private bills. Mr. Eure introduced a bill to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within two miles of Rey-oldson Academy in Gates county. Read the 1st time, passed, and referred to the committee on Mr. Humphrey, a bill to authorize and empow-

er Mr. T. Ray, late Sheriff of Onslow county, to

Mesars Bledsoe, Avery and Turner, it prevailed. of certain negroes now in jail in said county, under charge of rape and other crimes.

Mr. Dowd introduced a bill to amend an act passed at the session of 1856 and 7 concerning payment of Jurors. Read the 1st time, passed and referred to the committee on the Judiciary; Mr. Hall, a bill to amend the Charter of the Bank of Wilmington-Passed 1st reading and referred to the committee on Banks and currency; Mr. Sharpe, a bill to construct a public road in the counties of Iredell and Wilkes-Passed 1st reading and referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances; Mr. Worth, a bill to establish the Bank of Alamance-Passed 1st reading, and referred to the committee on Banks and Currency. Mr. Spencer, a bill to authorize and empower Samuel Brooks, late Sheriff of Hyde county, to collect screars of takes-Passed 1st reading, and referred to the committee on Propositions and

Grievances. The engrossed bill from the House of Commons concerning the establishment of a court of Oyer and Terminer in Caswell county, (supplement to the original enrolled bill) was read the 2d time and passed.

On motion, the rules were suspended, and to bill read the 3d time. Messrs. Dockery, Worth and Turner, oppose the immediate passage of the bill, as they consider ed it one of very great importance, and thought the Senate should have time to consider upon, and investigate the merits of the bill, before passing it

through in such a hasty manner. Messrs. Avery, Brown and Morehead advocated the immediate passage of the bill. Mr. Werth offered an amendment, to the effect that the provisions of the bill should apply only

to Caswell county. Not adopted. Mr. Ramsay arose to a point of order, and stated that he was of the opinion that the consideration of the bill to day was totallyout of order, this being the regular day set apart for the consideration of private bills. The Speaker decided the consideration of the bill to be in order, as the Senate had consented to

take it up for the purpose of considering it. Mr. Ramsay acquiesced. Mr. Worth moved to lay the bill on the table. Not agreed to.

The question then recurred upon the passage of the bill its 3d reading. Mr. Turner demanded the yeas and nays.

The bill passed—yeas 30; nays 5. Mr. Avery moved to reconsider the vote by thich the bill passed and moved to lay the motion reconsider on the table. Carried.

By permission of the Senate, Mr. Bledsoe in troduced the following resolutions: Resolved, That this General Assembly, without expressing any opinion upon the right of secessio or the policy heretofore adopted by the General Government appeals to the President to withdraw the Government troops from the Southern Atlantic and Gulf States, and that he use his influence in favor of a suspension of the Revenue Laws, so far as they apply to States which have or may declare themselves out of the Union, for the purpose of preventing a collision between those States and the General Government, and to give

have or may declare themselves out of the Union o exercise, in a spirit of conciliation, all due for carance, consistent with their honor and safety,

Resolved, That the Governor be and is hereby equested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the President and the Governor of those States which have, or may declare themselves out of the

On motion of Mr. Morehead, the Senate adourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. SATURDAY, Jan. 12, 1861. The House met at 104 o'clock.

The Journal of Friday was read. ROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS PRESENTED By Mr. Marsh, the proceedings of a meeting ald in Pantego district, in Beaufort county : by Mr. Greene, of Stanly, the proceedings of a Union meeting he in Stanly county: by Mr. Greene Chathani, the proceedings of a Union meeting eld at Haywood, in Chatham county. Mr. Crumpler presented a memorial relative to free person of color in Ashe county.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES. Mr. Person, from the Committee on the Judiiary, reported pack the bill to diminish the cost | pany n equity suits, with amendments, recommending its passage; also, a bill to amend Revised Code, chap. 64, sec. 1, entitled widows, recommending its rejection; also, a bill to pay talis jurors in Bertie county, recommending that it do not pass : also, the vote by which was passed the motion to lay a bill relating to limited partnerships, recommending it be printed and re-committed-concurred also, a bill relating to slaves and free persons of color, with amendments; also, a bill abolishing freehold qualification for jurors, recommending its passage; also, a bill to abolish jury trials in the provisions of the bill to the county of Jackson, of Surry. county courts of the State, recommending that it do not pass : also, a bill for the relief of sureties, recommending its rejection; also, a bill to amend the Rev. Code, concerning fences, recommend'g its rejection; also, a bill for the relief of the Green. ville and Raleigh Plank Road, recommending its passage; also, a bill to alter the jurisdiction of the courts of the State, &c., recommending that it do | ning Company of Baltimore was read the second not pass; also, a bill to protect the owners of dam- | time and passed. aged stock in certain cases, recommending its reection; also, a bill entitled a bill to prevent horse stealing, recommending its rejection; also, a bill to amend chap. 12, sec. 1, Revised Code, entitled bastardy, recommending its rejection; also, a bill giving the county courts power to appoint commissioners to lay off public toads, recommending xplanation, assigning reasons for voting to lay that it do not pass; also, a bill concerning the revenue of the State, recommending that it do not pass; also, a bill to alter the term of the office of sheriff, recommending its passage.

By Mr. Bridgers, from the same Committee, a bill to prevent cumulative disabilities, recommenling its passage; also, a bill to encourage the improvement of lands, with amendments.

Mr. Stanford, from the Committee on Claims, eported back a resolution in favor of L. N. B. Battle, recommending its passage.

Mr. Fleming, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported back the following bills, with the recommendations indicated A bill to establish a railroad from Dallas, is laston county, to the South Carolina line, with an amendment to strike out S. Carolina line and connect with the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad; also, a bill incorporating the Greensboro and Danville Railroad Company-not to pass; a bill incorporating the Caswell Railroad Company-not to pass; a bill incorporating the New River Canal Company in Onslow county, with amendments; a bill allowing the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company to increase their capital stock-not to pass; a bill authorizing the

North Carolina Railroad Company to construct a branch road to Chapel Hill-to pass. Mr. Williams, of Nash, from the Committee on Claims, reported back a resolution in favor of ____ Tapscott, late Sheriff of Albemarle county, recommending its passage; also, a resolution in favor of Calvin Bishop to pass.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on Proposibe confined to his own section, holding his own | tions and Grievances, reported back the following oills. &c., with the rec mendations indicated: A bill to prevent the adulteration of spirituous and vincous liquors-not to pass; a bill to prevent the felling of timber in the French Broad River, with amendments: a bill to abolish jury trials in the county courts of Polk county-to pass; a resplution to settle with agent for the collection of Cherokee bonds-to pass; a bill for the relief of Wright Locusa, free negro, allowing him to go into voluntary slavery-to pass; a bill altering the Revised Code-not to pass; a bill to prevent the felling of timber in Jacobs and Henry's Fork in Catawba county, with amendments; a resolu-tion in favor of L. M. F. Redd, of Onslow-not

Mr. Bynum, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported back a bill to abolish the office of State Geologist, recommending its passage.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Gorrell, a resolution asking the concurrence of the Senate to set apart Saturday next for receive a communication from His Excellency at some length in favor of calling a Convention; collect arrears of taxes. Passed 1st rending and the appointment of Justices of the Peace. Adopreferred to the committee on Propositions and ted; by Mr. Wishart a resolution in favor of R. Fort, but was greatly astonished at the neglect of tained therein, and, having concluded, the follow-King, sheriff of Robeson county; by Mr. Wil- the Governor to do so; and was more astonished ing gentlemen addressed the Committee in the

tion in favor of Benjamin Justice; by Mr. Davis A message was received from the House of of Mecklenburg, a resolution instructing the Ju-Commons transmitting a supplement to the bill diciary Committee to inquire into the expediency providing for the holding of a court of Over and of and reporting a bill setting forth what shall be Terminer in the county of Caswell, for the trial treason against the State, and fixing the penalty

for the same.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED. By Mr. Poindexter, a bill to prevent the fellng of timber in Blues Creek in the county of Forsyth: by Mr. Crumpler, a bill to permit F. ancis Russell, a free woman of color, to change her residence from Virginia to North Carolina; by Mr. Merrimon, a bill incorporating the Sulphur Springs Hotel Company, in Buncombe county; also, a bill to incorporate the Sulphur Springs Manufacturing Company.

The hour of 111 o'clock having arrived, the spe cial order, being a resolution in favor of Daniel Willis and John L. Lewis, sureties of John S. Willis, late sheriff of Bladen county, was considered After sundry inquiries, and some little discus-

sion, which was participated in by Messrs. Hoke, Wright, Mendenhall and Batchelor, the resolution passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

CONTINUATION OF BILLS, &C. By Mr. Padgett, a bill to alter the county line between the counties of Rutherford and Polk; by Mr. Love, of Jackson, a bill to amend the charter of Tuskaseegee and Keowee Turnpike Company by Mr. Branch, a bill to prevent the felling of imber in the northeast branch of Cape Fear and Goshen river, in Duplin county.

Mr. Clark, of Craven, called up the bill for the relief of Daniel Doherty and his wife Jane L. Mr. Clark explained the objects aimed at in the bill, and the circumstances connected with the same to the entire satisfaction of the House, and on his motion, the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings and was ordered to

be engrossed. By Mr. Shaw, a bill to establish a public landing on Great Swamp Creek in Robeson county. On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the bill to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish up Salmon Creek, in Bertie county, was taken up, considered and, after some discussion, passed its third read-

Mr. Merrimon introduced a bill to extend the time for perfecting the titles to land grants heretolore entered Mr. M. explained the necessity for the imme-

diate passage of the bill, and it was passed its final reading in the House, and ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate. A resolution in favor of Jonas Cline, late sheriff of Catawba county, was taken up-allowing him to collect arrears of taxes-when there were a large number of propositions to amend by extending the provisions of the resolution to other

sheriffs and ex-sheriffs. Mr. Fagg moved to amend by making it general in its application, with a view, he said, of defeating the whole matter. The amendment was

After some discussion, the resolution and amendments were referred to the Committee on the Ju-On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill for the proection of the Haywood Male and Female Acad-

emy was taken up and passed its second and third Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the resolution in tavor of W.

xamined and found correct Mr. Wishart introduced a bill to amend the charter of the town of Lumberton. Mr. Logan, bill to allow the Justices of the Peace of Cleveland county to abolish or continue jury trials in said county. By Mr. Wright, a bill incorporating the Florence and Favetteville Railroad Company. This bill was ordered to be printed and referred. By Mr. Barrow, a bill concerning the pod of the county of Forsyth; by Mr. Stanford, a bill to incorporate Warren Lodge A. Y. M's .referred; by Mr. Marsh, a bill to authorize a vol

Mr. Yeates gave notice that he should call up the resolution introduced by him, relative to the public lands, on Friday next. Mr. Poebles called up his bill to alter the place of meeting of the Warden's Court of Northampton county. Passed its second and third readings Mr. Potts called up the bill to incorporate the

inteer force in the town of Washington-referred

Chatham Mining Company. Amended and passed its second and third readings. Mr. Person gave notice that he should object taking up any other bill out of the regular course, unless it was shown there was some urgent

eason for so doing. A bill to incorporate Killwennie Lodge A Y M .- passed its second reading : a bill to amend

the charter of Jonathan's Creek Turnpike Comby the bill to be to extend the provisions of the

charter to the county of Henderson that it had done to the county of Haywood. Mr. Hayes propose | an amendment, when the consideration of the bill was decided to be out of order, being a public bill, and the day was set apart for the consideration of private bills. A bill to abolish jury trials in the county Watauga was read and amended by extending the and passed its second reading.

second reading. Mr. Clark, of Craven, moved an adjournment. The ayes and noes were taken, and the House refused to adjourn. A bill incorporating the Carrollton Copper Mi

Mr. Bynum defended the bill, and it passed its

A bill for the relief of the sureties of John Willis, late sheriff of Bladen county. Passed its second reading. A bill allowing Ellen Ransome, a free negress to enslave herself. Passed its second, reading. A bill incorporating the Gibson Hill Mining Company was amended, and passed its second

reading. Mr. Gaither moved an adjournment. Upon a call of the ayes and noes, the motion was negatived.

A bill to amend the Revised Code, chapter 52 section 7, to include Tyrrell county. Passed its second reading. Mr. McCleese said that as it was a short bill, and only effected his county, he hoped that there would be no objection to its being put upon its third

Mr. Person objected. A resolution in favor of D. C. McCanlis, sheriff of Watauga county, was road the second time, amended and passe On motion of Mr. Waugh, the House ad-

SENATE. Monday, Jan. 14th, 1861. The Speaker called the Senate to order at 20 minutes to 11 o'clock.

Journal of Saturday read and approved. Mr. Ramsay introduced a bill to ascertain the voice of the people upon the propriety of calling a Convention of this State upon Federal Affairs. Read 1st time and ordered to be printed. Mr. Turner introduced the following resolu-

WHEREAS, Fort Caswell, situated near the mouth of the Cape Fear river, and belonging to possession, has, without the consent of said Governaction carry with it a moral influence that will now before us shows that I was then right in the solution of the ball in the shows that ment, been seized upon and occupied by certain have effect upon our General Government. citizens of North Carolina (said to be members of a Vigilance Committee): and whereas, such seizure ordered to be printed and made the special order and possession of said Fort, endangers the peace for to-morrow at 11 o'clock. of the State, and may precipitate it in war, with out consultation or preparation for such a dire calamity: therefore. Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring,

That this General Assembly do hereby declare the said act of seizure and occupancy of the said Fort, illegal and wrong, and as such, they not only repudiate the act in behalf of their constituents, but do condemn it in the most unqualified vialation of law and encroachments upon the rights of property, cannot be tolerated without jeopardizing the peace and safety of our people. Mr. Turner said he had introduced two resolutions calling upon the Governor for information

relative to the seizure of the Fort, and they had Committee of the Whole on the Convention bill refused. Mr. Worth moved to postpone the considera- liamson, a resolution in favor of Lewis William- at Senators in putting themselves between the order they are named: Messrs. Love, of Haywood, Mr. Worth moved to postpone the consideration in lavoi of Lewis Trimanity at Separation of the special order until Monday morning. Son, sheriff of Columbus county—allows him to Governor and his resolutions of enquiry. He Bullock, Wright, Stanford, Faison, Russ and Wa- ing and passed After some discussion on the motion between collect arrears of taxes; by Mr. Logan, a resoluthought it the duty of the Senate either to express ters.

its approval or disapproval of the capture of said Fort, but in his opinion it ought to be condemn- a motion for the Committee to rise and ask ed by the Senate, as it was a matter calculated to to sit again to worrow at 12 o'clock, which

in volve the State into war. Mr. Turner, proceeded further, but gave way, the hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the time Hill reported the progress of the Committ set apart for the consideration of the Convention | the Whole House, &c., and asked leave bill. The Senate then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, (Mr. Speight in the chair to The following resolutions) resume the consideration of said bill.

The question recurred upon the amendment of Mr. Avery to the substitute, "proposing to submit to the people for their ratification, the ordinance of the Convention declaring North Carolina sembly, in behalf of the State of North Carolina separated from the Federal Union." Mr. Outlaw asked to have read the substi-

Mr. Morehead suggested as an amendment to the amendment of Mr. Avery, by inserting the ances in response hereto to the General A words "or any ordinance which the Convention bly of North Carolina, now in session; that is

might be adopted." Mr. Barringer, spoke at some length upon the general merits of the substitute, and in reply to of the nation, shall, on either hand, he strict speeches of Messrs. Sharpe and Brown, delivered maintained for the present, except to reput n Friday last.

Messrs. Brown and Sharpe, replied to Mr. Barringer in lengthly speeches. Mr. Barringer The discussion was further continued by Messrs, Dockery and Bledsoe. Mr. Sharpe, at 15 minutes to 3 o'clock, moved

that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again on to-morrow at 11 o'clock. Agreed to. Mr. Speight, then, in behalf of the committee of the whole, reported progress and asked leave to to my remarks by the House a few days are sit again on to-morrow at 11 o'clock. Granted. Commons transmitting some resolutions passed with the issues of disunion and envil war, have by that body, asking the immediate concurrence

Mr. Brown, supported the immediate passage of the resolutions Mr Eure said he heartily concurred in the tenor of the resolutions, but greatly preferred those

introduced by Mr. Bledsoe on yesterday, and

moved that they be submitted in the place of the nes now before the Senate. Mr. Brown hoped no delay would be caused in passing the resolutions, and he thought some deay would be the consequence of rejecting them, and submitting those of Mr. Bledsoe.

Mr. Avery was of the opinion that the - resolutions of Mr. Bledsoe could not be substituted for those from the House, as they had already been tice from the North. But, sir, it must be existent placed on the calendar. Mr. A expressed him- every one that if the blood of Southern men self in opposition to the resolutions from the House shed in this collision between the Government of Commons. Mr. Eure withdrew his resolution.

Mr. Turner then offered the following as an amendment to the second resolution: Resolved, That the Honorables Thomas Ruffin and William A. Graham, be and they are hereby

General Assembly as expressed in these resolu-Mr. Turner supported his substitute at some as you are. That, in case of civil war, on

appear in our next.] W. Ward, late sheriff of Martin county, had been favoring and Messrs. Erwin and Worth, opposing and dauntless breast," would form an improve Mr. Humphrey moved to lay the resolutions

> on the table, but pending the vote on said motion, on motion of Mr. Outlaw the Senate at 25 minutes

HOUSE OF COMMONS. MONDAY, Jan. 14, 1861.

The House met at 101 o'clock. The Journal of Saturday was read The Committee on Enrolled bills for the week were announced as follows: Messrs. Greene, of Stanty, Watson, Potts, Winslow and Clark, of

Mr. Clark, of Craven, asked, and obtained the unanimous consent of the House, to introduce a bill to call a Convention of the people of the State. Mr. Clark said that he did so believing that the bill would harmonize the conflicting opinions in both branches of the General Assembly. The bill was read, ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee of the whole House.

The bill requires the Governor to issue his procamation requiring the sheriffs to open poll-books, that the people of the State may vote for a Concention or against it; and, at the same time, to open polls for the election of delegates to a Convention. If a majority should vote for a Convention, then the Governor shall issue a proclamation convening the same; if a majority should vote against a Convention, the Governor is to issue a thorizing the Governor to engage the services proclamation stating the fact, then the election of elegates shall be null and void. The bill requires the action of the Convention to be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection; and re-

stricts as to any alteration of the present basis of tion upon the ground that there was a countrirepresentation, and not otherwise. PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS PRESENTED. By Mr. Blue, the preceedings of two meetings held in the county of Richmond; by Mr. Waugh, the proceedings of a meeting held in the county

The special order, being the resolution denying the right to coerce a Southern seceding State, was taken un Mr. Marsh offered a substitute for the resolutions recommended by the Committee'r an amend-

ment to the resolution offered by Mr. Love, of Jackson Mr. Person raised a point of order, upon the round that the substitute was the same as the riginal resolution.

Mr. Marsh said that the substitute was not the Mr. Person asked that the gentleman from Beaufort (Mr. Marsh) would state in what respects it differed

Mr. Marsh replied by saying that he could not say exactly, not having the resolutions before him, out that there was a difference-some words had een added, and others left out. Mr. Ferebee was of opinion that there had been an order to print both the resolutions originally ntroduced, and the amendments proposed by the Committee, but he had not seen them, and consequently he had not had an opportunity of giving the matter sufficient investigation to vote under-

standingly. He hoped, therefore, that the matter would be postponed for a short time, at least, to allow of the printing. Mr. Merrimon said he had views upon this subject which, he thought, were in accordance with the constitutional rights guaranteed to the States : but, while he did not wish to delay this matter, he wanted us to act in such a manner as to give our action a moral power; and he hoped that the matter would be postponed until 11 o'clock tomorrow, to allow of the printing, making an effort to put the matter in such shape as to bring about

unanimity of action, if possible. Mr. Rogers hoped that the motion to postpone would prevail. There was a difference of opinion as to the right of a State to peaceably secode from the Union, and a consequent difference of opinion as to the right of the General Government, but, as a matter of policy, we all agree, and he did not think that this was a time to be foreing differences of opinion upon an abstract right. He wanted us to act upon this question by putting the Government of the United States, and in its it in a shape we could all support it, and let our protest was unheeded then, and the resolution

> Mr. Marsh presented the proceedings of a Union meeting held in Goose Creek, Insland district, in Beaufort county.

Mr. Marsh stated that these resolutions came

from the Gibraltar of Democracy in his county. The following are reports of Committees, with he recommendations indicated: Mr. Waugh, from the Committee on Corporations, reported back a bill incorporating the Laterms, and declare it as their opinion that such fayette Light Infantry, at Fayetteville; by Mr. Williams, of Nash, from the Committee on Claims, reported back a memorial from A. J. Tarwaterdischarged from its further consideration; also, a resolution in favor of J. L. Ward-to pass.

The hour having arrived, the House went into

Mr. Flemme took the floor, but gave

The Speaker having resumed the Chair.

The following resolutions were introduce By Mr. Folk-Residved by the General 4 bly of North Carolina, That it view of the minest danger of civil war, and to the peace may yet be preserved, it possible that ask respectfully, on the on shand, of the P. dent of the United States, and, on the other the authorities of each of the Southern Star that they will reciprocally communicate status quo of all movements tending to occasion collision, and concerning the forts and arser active aggressive attempt.

Resalved, That His Excellency, the Governor of this State, be requested to common broatethese resolutions by telegraph and written communications cations to the President of the United State State to each of the Governors of the Southern South Mr. Yeates moved a suspension of the same to allow the resolution to be put on his serious reading. Carried by vote. The resolutions was here read second time.

Mr. Folk: After the respectful attention had not expected so soon to tres; assion its just A message was received from the House of But, sir, the rapidity of passing events, travels duced me to offer these resolutions, with the horse of the Senate therein. [See resolutions offered by that they may prove a measure of peace and con-Mr. Folk, reported in the House proceedings of ciliation. I know, sir, that the Union of these States owes its past success to the recognition in fact and in theory of the principles of the equal rights of its members, and to the sentimentfraternal good will out of which it sprung, and that it cannot and ought not to survive the And while I have proven, on a former occusion that our rights and equality under the national compact have been trampled under foot by the Northern people, I still think, by all the memries of the past, by all the garnered fruits of pow er, liberty and glory we now enjoy as a people, by our duties to ourselves, our fathers and our children, we ought not to cast it off without making or a more bold, united and desperate effort to extor the Southern States, that all hopes of pavilination are gone, and that civil war will settle like a mil dew over the land. It seems to me that ar ... tempt to arrest such an awful calamity comepeculiar propriety from Virginia and N.C. We can say to the Federal Government the appointed commissioners to visit the President of devotion to the Union, so long as its lawthe United States and the Governor of South couted with a just regard to every section Carolina, and communicate the sentiments of this never been questioned. To our sister So. States we can say we are as deeply, as vital must be the flanders of the fight that it is to The report of Mr. T's remarks came to hand the ashes of our bonnes that an invading or a too late for this issue of our paper. They shall must tread to reach you. Sir, they cannot they will not, disregard the appeals of the one barrely The discussion was continued by Mr. Sharpe thousand fighting men who, with " links to arrest civil war, to stay the hand that, w strike and the wave that wou'd engulph. interests of North Carolina, endeavor to pour upon the troubled waters : to step forward the olive-branch of peace between the coffice parties, until we shall have time to demand: of the North which may enable us to remai waters of bitterness of which all must drink feel confident that our brothers in interest and destiny will not disregard this appeal. If the Federal Government will not been then we will have placed them in the wiend be fore the world; we will have united our never we have done all in our power to arrest the steps. The resolutions were then passed their so one

reading and, on motion, were put on their thes-Mr. Batcherlor moved an adjournment and the manded the ayes and noes, which were take and the House refused to adjourn.

Mr. Felk's resolutions were then passed the feading, and ordered to be ougrossed and and By Mr. Henry, a resolution that it was the pedient for the General Government to concreseceeding State; by Mr. Hoke, a resolution a one or more persons of experience and skill, assist in the purchase of arms for the State, unde-

the bill passed for that purpose. Mr. Davis, of Rutherford, opposed the sion provided for in the bill for that purpose, a he understood at the time it was before the Hous-Mr. Henry suggested an amendment, while

was accepted by Mr. Hoke. Mr. Meares favored the amendment : Le that the gentlemen appointed under the prosions of the bill were qualified to discharge to duty for which they were appointed, that deal to select the kind and quantities of each kind. arms bought; but the object contemplated in ; Resolution was to appoint a commissioner to: the quality of the guns bought with powder to strength and liability to burst, &c. He state while up that there would be parties here in a da or so proposing to furnish the arms, to be matricely

tured in the state. Mr. Hoke replied to the remarks of Mr. Davi and explained the object contemplated by the resolution, and said it was offered upon the sug gestion of the gentlemen composing the comm sion under the bill.

Mr. Batchelor proposed an amendment r ing the section in the bill passed for arming the State appointing the commission to superintend the purchase, and addressed the House subject. Mr. Peebles addressed the House, and explain

ed the difference between, the qualification necessary to select the kind of arms best to be beagn and the testing their quality as to strongth, & Mr. Davis, of Rutherford, said that he had posed the resolution in good faith. He dowlar the other day, that if the bill was put in a propshape he would yote for it. But he te was the order of the day, and because he and others could not vote for the bill in its imperfect shape, they had been hell up by certain papers as inframen-That while that was the case, the friends of the bill come here now, and by the propositions de clare that the bill was imperfect. He wanted to know from them how many more amendmentthey wanted to make to it, and why the gentlemen appointed to attend to this matter were appointed; if they were not qualified. He was for perfecting bills before pasing them, and thought

that this case showed the importance of such a Mr. Merrimon said, Mr. Speaker, It will be remembered by the gentleman, that I protested the other day against passing the bill to arm the take time to mature the bill, and amend it in these respects; that it ought to be amended. But my was forced to vote for the bill in the shorter The vote was taken, and the resolutions were passed as the best I could do. I believed the State ought to be armed, and I was forced to vote for the bill, or be placed in the attitude of votice against a measure, properly shaped, that I believe ed right. I now learn that the commission provided for in the bill is incompetent to test the arms when purchased. This ought to have been attended to in the outset, but inasmuch as the State may lose largely if we fail to pass the roof lution, I shall vote for it. If other gentleme. do wrong, in forcing measures through this body without consideration, this cannot, and shalf not

govern my action. Mr. Ransom addressed the House in supperof the resolution, and replied to Mr. Days Rutherford, by whom he was interrupted for any

planation. Mr. Liles move the House adjourn, which was Mr. Crumpler said that he had voted against

the bill to arm the State; but he thought fire at me purchased should be well tested. The bell had passed, and he wanted to protect the interest as The resolution then passed its 2nd w ading, and

on motion of Mr. Hoke, it was put on its id read-

On motion of Mr. Henry, the Horr endjourned