Monday, Feb. 4th, 1861.

The Speaker called the Senate to order, at minutes to eleven o'clack. Journal of Saturday read and approved. Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, from the committee on Internal Improvements, reported back the bil to incorporate the Greenville and Goldsboro Rail road Company; and recommended its passage.

Banks. Placed on file. The Speaker s. appunced. Mess's Turner, Thom as, of Juckson, and Walker, as the Senate branch of the Committee on enrolled bills, for the present

A message was received from the House of Commons announcing their branch of the Committee on enrolled bills for the present week .-Also, transmitting a statement of the Miners and Planters Bank, with a proposition to print the same. On motion of Mr. Outlaw, the proposition to print was laid on the table, and the statement referred to the committee on Banks and

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the Speaker announced the special order, viz: The bill to change the pleadings in the several Superior Courts, and for the relief of the people. The bill was read the second time. Mr. Outlaw offer-

ed several amendments to the same. Mr. Winstead spoke at some length in opposition to the bill, and presented a substitute to the same, which was read for the information of the Senate. Mr. Outlaw opposed the proposed substitute and defended his amendments at some length. Mr. Outlaw's amendments adopted. Mr. Avery speke in opposition to the bill and

Mr. Hall offered an amendment, which was after some discussion between Mesers. Hall and Outlaw, rejected. Mr. Winstead then withdrew his amendment. The bill, at the request of Mr. Speight, as amend-

ed, was then read. Mr. Winstead offered an Mr. Faison demanded the yeas and nays Th amendment rejected. Yeas 13; nays 27. Mr. Faison moved to postpone the special order for 12 o'clock until the hour of 1, and continue the consideration of the bill now before the Sen-

ate, Carried Mr. Street then addressed the Senate in opposition to the bill. Mr. Worth followed Mr Street in opposition to the bill. Mr. Avery then spoke in opposition to the bill.

The discussion was further continued by Messrs. Outlaw, Speight, Sharpe, Bledsoe, and Whita Mr. Speight then offered an amendment to the

6th section of the bill, which was rejected. The question then recurred upon the passage of the bill its second reading. Mr. Simpson de-manded the yeas and nays. The bill passed, yeas 31: navs 8. Mr. Faison moved to suspend the rules and

put the bill on its third reading. Mr. Outlaw demanded the yeas and nays. The rules were not suspended, yeas 25; nays 16. as it requires two thirds to suspend. On motion of Mr. Outlaw, the bill was made

the special order for to morrow at 11 o'clock. The Senate then proceeded to execute the special order, viz: the bill to allow the Western Railroad Company to extend their road to some point on the North Carolina Railroad. The bill was read the second time. The amendments proposed by the committee

on Internal Improvements to whom the bill was referred, were then read. Messrs. Worth, Hall, Thomas, of Jackson, and Barringer, spoke in favor of the passage of the bill. The question recurred upon the amendment recommended by the committee, and the same be-

ing put, was decided in the affirmative. The question then recurring upon the passage of the bill its second reading. Mr. Outlaw de-ma ded the yeas and nays. The bill passed yeas 23; nays 19. The bill to incorporate the Albemarle Steam Packet Company was read the second time, and

passed, in connection with the amendment recommended by the Committee on Corporations. The rules, on motion of Mr. Eure, were suspended, the bill read the third time, and passed. The bill to incorporate the Bank of Thomasville read second time. A message was announced from the House

Commons. Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, moved to amend the 20th section by striking out 4 per cent and insertg at the rates of 4 per cent. per annum. Adopted. Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, moved also to strike

out the 21st section.

Mr. Lane opposed striking out. The motion to strike out did not prevail. Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, moved to amend slightly the 1st section of the bill. Not adopted. Mr. Dockery opposed the passage of the bill at

Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, replied to Mr. D., and in defence of the bill. Mr. Dockery rejoined.

the bill, to authorize the Bank of Thomasville to could be so amended as to apply to his county .establish a branch at the Town of Concord .- He accordingly made that motion, but the House

The question recurring upon the passage of the bill its second reading, as amended, Mr. Outlaw demanded the yeas and nays. The bill passedyeas 24; nays 11. Mr. Hall moved to reconsider the vote by cing it. which was passed the bill, on Saturday last, to

incorporate the Albermarle and other Guards .-Mr. Hall then offered an amendment to include Cape Fear Bifles. Adopted. Mr. Avery, to insert the Burke mounted Rifle-

Adopted. Mr. Bledsoe, to insert the Cleaveland Riflemen. Mr. Barringer moved to make the bill to incorporate the Greensboro' and Dan River Railroad

Company the special order for Wednesday at 11 o'clock. Carried. Mr. Simpson gave notice that on to-morrow he

the Senrte to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., take a. recess at 2 P. M., re-assemble at 31 P. M., and adjourn at the discretion of the Senate. A message from the House announced the pas-

sage of the bill to incorporate the Haywood Male and Female Accademy, and the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Town of Charlotte. On motion of Mr. Slaughter, the Senate, at 10 minutes past 3, adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, Feb. 4, 1861. The House met at 10 o'clock.

The Journal of Saturday was read. Committee on Enrolled Bills for the week-Messrs. Yeates, Peebles, Marsh. Newby and Pear-Mr. Hill presented the proceedings of a public

meeting held in Caswell county.

Mr. Yeates presented the proceedings of a meetticed ing held in Hertford county. REPORTS.

Mr. Person, from the Committee on the Judiciary, a resolution and memorial in favor of Wm. Peace with a total statement connected therewith, recommending the sale of certain lots belonging to the State in the city of Ral-igh, and the pay-ment of \$1,500 to Mr. Peace out of the proceeds of the sale of Burke square.

Mr. Bexter, a bill to lay off and establish a new county by the name of Brevard-not to pass; a bill to lay off a public road in Ashe county-to pass; a bill to authorize the establishment of a ferry over the Catawba river-to pass ; a resolution relating to the Fayetteville and Western Plank road—to pass; a bill to grant certain lands recovered by draining Lake Ellis-discharged, and the bill referred to the Committee on Swamp

Linds. Mr. Yeates, a resclution proposing to the Senate to adjourn sine die on Friday next. Mr. Fagg opposed the resolution, and said that his experience had taught him that propositions of

the kind always were attended with no benefit to ject and recommended its passage with an amendthe State. He thought it was the duty of the Legislature to attend to the public interest, and. after having gotten through with it, to adjourn. Mr. Merrimon said that it was well known that very little business of a public character had been

done thus far, and he hoped, before considering sich propositions, that the Legislature would discharge its duty to the public. Mr. Hill thought the proposition ought to be

Mr. Yeates said he was not surprised that the gentlemen wishing large appropriations made should be for protracting the session. He thought that the revenue bill ought to be considered and acted on, and an adjournment be had at the time proceed by him. The resolution was referred.

Mr. Botth offered a reconstitution proposing to the Sente to take a recess from Toursday next until the second Monday in April Referred to the the second Monday in April. Referred to the

joint committee on the subject. Mr. Farrow introduced a bill to divide the coun y of Hyde into five Wreck districts. The special order, being the consideration of bill to smend the acts creating the sinking fund, was taken up at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Bridgers explained the object of the bill and it passed its second reading, and, on Mr. Batchelor's motion, the bill was put on hird reading and passed. Mr. Person introduced a bill concerning insane persons, &c, which, on his motion, was passed its hree readings.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED. Mr. Person, a bill to lay off and establish a new county by the name of Ellis out of parts of Ca-tawba, Alexander, Burke and Caldwell counties by Mr. Waugh, a bill to improve a public road from Judasville to the top of the Blue Ridge.

BILLS ON THEIR THIRD READING. A bill to incorporate the University Railroad Company-passed; a bill to authorize the re-surey of the county line between the counties o Surry and Wilkes-passed; a bill to extend the time for registration of grants deeds, &c., -passed. A bill to charter the Caswell Railroad Company vas considered.

Mr. Hill proposed an amendment requiring the road to run by the town of Yanceyville. Adopted. Mr. Person proposed to amend so as to require the stock to be taken and have the work commenced within two years, or the charter to be

Mr. Hill opposed the amendment, and complained that unusual restrictions should be placed upon this road. Mr. Person did not think that his proposition

was unusual. The amendment was voted down. The special order being the resolutions of Mr Hill, relating to the position North Carolina should occupy, provided all efforts for an adjustment of the national difficulties should prove abortive, was taken up and passed.

Mr. Merrimon, by consent, introduced a resolution directing the Secretary of State to provide seasoned wood for the use of the House, which was adopted.

Mr. Slade, by consent, introduced a bill to charer the Bank of Wentworth. Referred. The special order for 12 o'clock being the reve-

Mr. Rogers moved to postpone the further conideration until Monday next. Lost. There was quite a number of suggestions as me for postponement.

Mr. Latham moved to make it the special order for Wednesday evening next, and said that he thought that by that time all could examine the bill and understand to thoroughly before voting upon it.

Mr. Meares thought so important a matter as the revenue bill should not be considered hurriedly. H expected to vote for the bill, and he waned sufficient time allowed for a full and fair consideration of the subject. Mr. Merrimon concurred in the views advanced

on the subject by Mr. Mearcs.

Mr. Gaither moved to postpone until Thursday at 12 o'clock. Concurred in road bill its third reading, and it passed. and a substitute recommended by the Committee

passed its third reading. The bill to lay off the State into two districts of four judicial circuits each, was taken up and 7 P. M. considered, but, before any action was had thereon, the hour for adjournment arrived. EVENING SESSION.

MONDAY, Feb. 4. The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill to divide the State into two districts of four judicial circuits eac -the question being on Mr.

Bowman's motion to indefinitely postpone. Messrs. Person, Waters and Batchelor spoke in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Henry, Bowman, Kallum and Yeates against it. The vote was then taken, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Marsh moved to re-consider the vote. Mr. Gather moved to lay the motion on the Mr. Batchelor demanded the ayes and noes, and

the motion prevailed. A bill for arming the State was passed over informally. A bill concerning the levying of taxes for com-

mon school purposes. Mr. Crumpler explained the objects contemplated by the bill. Mr. Latham moved to indefinitely postpone

and the motion prevailed Mr. Crumpler said he had changed his vote in Mr. Barringer offered an additional section to order to move a re-consideration, that the bill

refused to re-consider. A bill to amend the Revised Code, concerning Witnesses, was taken up and considered. Mr. Latham explained the objects of the bill, and the reasons that influenced Lim in introdu-

Mr. Batchelor opposed the bill in reply to Mr Mr. Latham rejoined, and said he was aware

that gentlemen who were on Committees and reported against bills, seemed to feel called upon to insist upon the House concurring in the reports. He, however, in deference to the Committee, thought this bill ought to pass, notwithstanding made the special order for Friday next at 12 of the people, and their heads are cool, and their the report and the speech of the gentleman from Warren (Mr. B.) against it.

The vote was then taken and the bill passed its second reading. Mr. Poindexter, by consent, called up a bill concerning the management of the Forsyth Co. would move to change the rules, so as to require | Passed its second and third readings; also, a bill to prevent the felling of timber in the north prong of Belvin's Creek, in Forsyth countypassed second and third readings.

A bill from the Senate to prevent the felling of timber in certain streams in Iredell county was passed its second and third readings.

A resolution in favor of J. S. Harris was in definitely postponed. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Williamson until Monday next.

Mr. White, by consent, introduced a resolution to change the rules of the House relative to hour of adjournment. Laid over. Mr. Fagg, by consent, introduced a bill to

amend the Revised Code concerning the levying of taxes for common school purposes. Placed on Several bills were passed their second readings,

and when they come up on their third will be no A bill to increase the fees of constables in eertain cases was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Booth introduced a resolution to adjourn to Wilmington on account of the existence of small pox in this city. Mr. Clarke, of Craven, moved to amend by

striking out Wilmington and inserting New-Mr. Hayes moved to amend by inserting Cher-

The question was taken and the House refused to strike out. The hour of 10 having arrived, the House adjourned.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, Feb. 5th, 1861. The Senate was called to order by the Speaker at 101 o'clock, Prayer by Rev. Dr. Mason.

Journal of yesterday read and approved Mr. Hall, from the committee on Slaves and Free persons of Color, reported a bill on that sub-

Mr. Avery, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported back sundry bills, which were placed on Calendar. Mr. Lane, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported back sundry bills for the establishment of new counties, recommending their

concurred in, and was of the opinion if the Legislature would go to work, the business could be Mr. Avery, from the Judiciary Committee, to done, and an adjournment be had by the time come slaves, reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, from the committee on Internal Improvements, reported on sundry bills, which were placed on Calendar.

Mr. Pitchford, from the committee on the Insane Asylum, submitted a report recommending sundry appropriations for said Asylum. On motion of Mr. Bladsoe, the same was transmitted to the House of Commons, with a proposition to

Mr. Bledsoe, from the committee on Claims, re ported back sundry bills, recommending their passage. Placed on Calendar. Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, presented a recom-

mendation for Justices: of the Peace, which was Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, submitted a person al explanation, vindicating himself from any intention to impugn the motives of the Senator from Richmond, (Mr. Dockery, in his opposition to the bill to establish the Bank of Thomasville.) in the discussion which took place between himself and that Senator on yesterday. In the course of the remarks of the Senator from R., he understood him as considering his (Mr. T's) remarks in reference to him (Mr. D.,) rather of too personal a character, and under the circumstances he was induced to make this explanation, and wished that Senator to understand that he disclaimed

any such intention. Mr. Dockery submitted an explanation satisfactory to the Senator from Davidson. The hour of 11 o'clock having strived, the spe cial order, viz: the bill to alter the inrisdiction o

&c., was taken up. The bill was read the third Messrs. Walker, Hall and Worth, spoke in or position to the bill.

Mr. Outlaw tollowed in reply, and in suppor Mr. Outlaw moved to postpone the special der for 12 o'clock, until the consideration of this hill shall have been concluded. Agreed to.

Mr. Faison then addressed the Senate in favor f the passage of the bill. Mr. Avery offered an amendment to the bill epeal the 8th section of the 4th chapter of the Revised Code with regard to the pleadings of the Courts. Mr. Avery then spoke in opposition to the bill. Mr. Erwin succeeded Mr. Avery in defence of the bill. Mr. Bledsoe defended the bill.

Mesers, Barringer and Whitaker, opposed it. Mr. Outlaw called for a division of the question ipon striking out. The ayes and noes demanded w Mr. Dickson. The Senate refused to strike out. Yeas 17

Vavs 23. The question recurring upon the passage of the bill its third reading, Mr. Faison demanded the yeas and nays. The bill passed—yeas 25; nays 16. Mr. Burton moved to reconsider the vote by | cal than Democratic. which the bill passed, and to lay that motion on the table. Agreed to. The Senate now proceeded to the consideration

of the special order, viz: the bill to construct a branch of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad to or near the town of Favettville. The bill was put upon its second reading: Mr. Turner moved to amend the bill to the effect that the bonds of said road shall be made

payable in the City of Raleigh, and the question recurring thereon, Mr. Turner demanded the yeas and nays. The amendment was rejected. Teas 12; navs 24. The question recurred upon the passage of the bill its second reading, and Mr. Speight demand-

ed the yeas and nays. The bill passed-yeas 22; navs 16. Mr. Speight presented a resolution to the effect The vote was then taken on the Caswell Rail- A. M., take a recess at 11 P. M., assemble again all respects. The gentleman from Madison had at 3, adjourn at 6 P. M. Mr. Avery moved to said that this manner of selecting the officers had A bill for the benefit of widows was considered strike out 11 and insert 2, instead of 3, insert 31. more of the demagogue about it than that of De-Mr. Speight accepted the amendment.

Mr. Erwin moved to lay the whole matter on

the table. Not agreed to Mr. Waugh withdrew his amendment. Mr. Avery moved to strike out 6 P. M., in Mr. Speight's motion. Agreed to. Mr. Avery's motion to insert 31 instead of 3 Agreed to.

After several suggestions of Senators, the Senate agreed to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., take a recess at 2 uptil 31 o'clock and adjourn at the discretion of the Senate. Mr. Pitchford introduced a bill concerning In-

sane Asylum of North Carolina. Placed on Cal-Mr. Barringer, a bill concerning crossways on certain roads in Cabarrus county. Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances. On motion of Mr. Burton, the bill for the completion of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad was made the special order for tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Taylor, of Brunswick, introduced a bill for the establisment of a Mariner's School in this ommittee on Education On motion of Mr. Bledsoe, the bill concerning

the Chatham Coal-fields Railroad was made the special order for to-morrow at 31 o'clock. bill to amend an act in regard to Western North Carolina Ra'lroad, the special order for to-mor-

row at 1 o'clock. Agreed to. Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, introduced a bill for on the Judiciary.

Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, a resolution instructnto the expediency of amending certain laws relative to certain North Carolina Cherokees, and branch of the Wilmington and Welden Rail government so suddenly for a military despotism Road to or near the Town of Fayetteville was

o'clock. On motion of Mr. Dobson, the Senate, at 15 minutes past 2, adjourned. HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, Feb. 5, 1861. House met at 10 o'clock. Journal of yesterday was read.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, WITH THE RECOM-MENDATIONS INDICATED.

Mr. Person, from the Committee on the Judiciary, a resolution in favor of Jonas Cline, asking to be discharged from its further consideration a bill to provide for limited partnerships—to pass; a bill to increase the pay of witnesses in the county of Columbus, with a substitute; a bill to compensate the owners of slaves that are hung according to law, with an amendment; a bill to amend own blood, planted it upon the highest pinnacle the bill concerning the Western Railroad. the Revised Code, with amendment; a bill from of our country's fame. He has made the Amerithe Senate to release forfeitures incurred by the Lagrange Mining Company—to pass; a bill to permit free negroes to choose masters and enslave themselves-not to pass. By Mr. Hill, from the Committee on Banks,

&c., a bill to incorporate the Bank of Macon, with an amendment; a bill to incorporate the Bank of Wentworth-not to pass; a bill to incorporate the Bank of Hendersonville, with an amendment, and not to pass; a bill to amend the charter of the Bank of Salisbury-not to pass.

By Mr. Waugh, from the Committee on Corporations, a bill for furnishing arms and equipments for the State-not to pass. Mr. Harris announced to the House that Mr. Wiley would deliver an address in the hall this afternoon on Education.

ceedings of a public meeting held in Rutherford county. Mr. Cline, a memorial from citizens of Catawha county, asking for a new county by the name of

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

Mr. Davis, of Rutherford, presented the pro-

By Mr. Waters, " bill to attach Cleveland county to the 6th Judicial circuit; by Mr. Gallowsy, matter. a bill to amend the Revised Code, concerning. The ve On Mr. Galloway's motion this bill passed

several readings.

By Mr. Siler, a bill to amend the charter of Macon Turnpike Company; by Mr. Davis, of Bladen, a bill concerning jurors in Bladen co. The resolution proposing to adjourn over to Wilmington was taken up and, on motion, laid on the table.

BILLS ON THEIR THIRD READING. A bill to amend Revised Code, concerning witnesses—passed; a resolution in favor of J. L. Ward, of Polk county—passed. A bill to increase the pay of witnesses was considered.

Mr. Bowman opposed the bill.

Mr. Person proposed a substitute for the bill.

Mr. Yeates moved the indefinitement postpone ment. Negatived.

Mr. Bowman opposed, and Mr. Person defended the bill. Mr. Bowman offered an amendment to make it apply to civil causes alone, which was voted The vote was then taken, and the substitut passed its third reading.

Special order for 111 o'clock: A bill to amend the charter of the Atlantic. Tennessee and Ohio Railroad Company. The question was upon the passage of the bil

its second reading. The bill was discussed for some time and amen ded in some respects, when The House proceeded to the consideration another special order-a bill offered by the Mili-

tary Committee as a substitute for the Military The bill was considered by sections, and some thirteen amendments to the first section were pro posed, some of which were adopted: when Mr. Martin moved to strike out the first section

of the bill, with the view of offering a substitute

Mr. Davis, of Rutherford, offered a substitute for the first section, which was adopted. The hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, the Hous adjourned

TUESDAY, Feb. 5. A message was read from the Senate transmit Courts of the State and to change the pleadings ling the report of the Committee on the Lunation Asylum, with a proposition to print; also, a list of nominations for Justices of the Peace for Davideon county; also, a bill establishing the county of Transylvania, for the correction of an error in

> engrossing. On motion of Mr. Crumpler, the Statesville and Tennessee Turspike bill was made the special order for 101 o'clock to-morrow. Other special orders wer made.

The House proceeded to the consideration he military bill. Several amendments were offered.

the bill by giving the election of the general officers to the rank and file, instead of leaving the appointing power with the Governor, as proposed by the bill Mr. Davis said that he hoped the amendment would prevail; it was but fair to allow the fighting men to select the officers that did the fancy

Mr. Davis, of Rutherford, proposed to amend

work, and the proposition was Democratic. Mr. Fagg opposed the amendment, and said that if the amendment was adopted he thought that the whole matter ought to be indefinitely postponed; and if no one else made such a motion that he would do so himself, and that he

thought such a proposition was more demagogui-Mr. Davis said that he thought it but just to allow the men that had to do the fighting to select the officers under whose command they would be led into battle. That such was certainly Democratic, and he thought ought not to be objected to. The rank and file were not likely to select a commander that they did not know to be brave, generous and humane. He was aware that some persons were in the habit of citing the army regalation and the mode there adopted for such appointments: and it was true, too, that it was the habit of some to censure Ge i. Scott. who received his appointment in another mode than the one proposed. If gentlemen were sincere in what they sometimes said of this officer and others, they had now an opportunity of showing that they enrolled. were willing to allow the man with his musket on his shoulder an opportunity of selecting a com- and other companies was taken up. mander that they knew and had confidence in in mocracy. He was aware that that gentleman had Mr. Waugh presented an amendment that the so recently left what he now seemed pleased to Senate meet at 10 A. M., take a recess at 2 until | call the demagogue party, that he ought to know about these matters. He, however, was afraid that he had not been long enough in the Democratic ranks to understand exactly what pure Democracy is when he undertook to say that it was Mr. Barringer moved to make the bill to incornot Democratic to allow the rank and file to elect porate the Greensborough and Dan River Railtheir officers rather than permit one man to select for them. He expected to be one of the rank and file, and he preferred to have a voice in selecting the officers to command rather than to allow the Governor to appoint for him, and he thought such

time and passed. Mr, Fagg, in reply to Mr. Davis, said that al lusion had been made to General Scott. He would say that the time was when that name commanded the respect of every patriot in this country; but the recent position of that gentleman was such as produced a very different feeling. He desired to say, in regard to General Scott, that Judas was at one time among the chief apostles, but he betraved the Saviour of the world; and General Scott occupied, at this time, a position that would seem to portend a betrayal by him of the rights State. Read first time, passed and referred to the of the South, and was no longer entitled to that great respect which has hitherto been paid him. Mr. Yeates said he did not concur with the gentleman from Lincoln (Col. Hoke) that the present malitia system was inefficient because the rank and Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, moved to make the file were allowed to choose their officers. That system was broken down in this State because the Legislature, from time to time, so reduced those who were liable to military duty that the whole system was finally innovated and destroyed. In the protection of the North Carolina Cherokees fact, gentlemen took ground, but a few years ago, in Jackson county. Referred to the Committee that it ought to be abolished. And, sir. in times ot profound peace, when science and commerce. agriculture and education are flourishing and enting the committee on the Judiciary to enquire gaging the minds of the people, no ordinary malitia system will be kept up, and ought not to be rigidly enforced. But, sir, we are now in the that they report by bill or ortherwise. Adopted. | midst of exciting and perilous times, and I am On motion of Mr. Faison, the bill to construct | not willing to change our Democratic form of

All wisdom and virtue are loaged in the bosoms

was the choice of the people generally.

Messrs. Hoke and Bridgers opposed the amend-

hearts patriotic, and I am not willing to place them in any government without their having authority to choose their rulers. But, sir, I should not have arisen from my seat, had it not been for the speech that fell from the gentleman from Madison, (Col. Fagg.) Sir, I have very great respect for that gentleman. I entertain very kind feelings for him, and, it was with mingled astonishment and sorrow, that I heard him make so unjust an attack on General Scott, as he did. His language fell upon my ears like lead upon my heart. He compared the hero of Lundy's Lane to Judas Iscariot. That brave and gallant soldier, fought his way from the ranks to the proudest position in fame's temple. He found our flag in obscurity, but snatching it up from the smoke of battle, and bathing it in his of Mr. Hall to the amendment of Mr. Waugh to can people known, honored and feared in all parts of the world-carried the Stars and Stripes triumphant over the honored battle-fields of our country-received into his body the leaden balls of his country's enemies, and now, when his head is blossomed over for the tomb, and his feet are rembling on the crumbling verge of eternitybecause he love his country, because he still loves that flag that floated victoriously over his head at Vera Cruz and Chepultepec, he is denounced, and compared to the most infamous character that the world ever produced; and, sir, by a gentleman that was a companion in arms with him, and endeavoring with him to beat back our enemies. Mr. Fagg, I beg leave to say to the gentleman, that I did not mean to be understood as comparing Gen. Scott to Judas Iscariot.

Mr. Yeates, I am glad to hear the gentleman disclaim it, and will take my seat. Mr. Crumpler said he hoped this amendment would be adopted. He believed the men who to choose their commanders. If so, they wo more cheerfully obey the orders and follow the lead of their officers. He hoped the House would not refuse to trust the people in this important

The vote was then taken and the amendment prevailed. Other amendments were adopted, and the consideration of the bill was not concluded when the Hodse adjourned.

SENATE. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6, 1861. The Senate assembled at 10 o'clock—the Speaker in the Chair.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Whedbee presented a petition from a free Mr. Avery, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported back the bill to establish an addi-tional Judicial Circuit, and recommended its pas-On motion of Mr Burton, the recolution in fa-not be excelled.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Skinner.

sage, with an amendment; also, the bill to amend vor of Quent Busbee was taken up read the second an act entitled an act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquers to free persons of color, recommen-

Mr. Hall offered a resolution in favor of Judges Howard, Heath and Saunders. Read first time and passed. On motion of Mr. Hall, the rules were suspended, the resolution read the second and third times.

passed, and ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported back the bill concerning the Cape Fear and Deep River improvement, and submitted a report thereon, recommending its passage.

Mr. Pitchferd offered a resolution to send message to the House of Commons, proposing to go into the election of six directors of the Insane Asylum on Friday next, at 12 o'clock. Adopted. Mr. Turner, a resolution recommending a new plan for the election of President and Vice-President of the U. States. Ordered to be printed. A message was received from the House of Commone, transmitting the following resolution on Federal Affairs, announced its passage in that

body, and asked the Senate's concurrence. Resolved, That if all efforts to reconcile the unhappy differences existing between the two sections of the country shall prove abortive, then, in the opinion of this General Assembly, every consideration of honor and interests demand thate Yeas 18, nays 25. North Carolina shall unite her destinies with th other slaveholding States.

Mr. Avery moved to make the resolution the special order for to morrow at 4 o'clock. Mr. Turner moved to refer it to the Committee

on Federal Affairs. Disagreed to Mr. Avery's motion was agreed to. A message from the House of Commons transmitted sundry engrossed bills and resolutions, announced their passage in that body, and asked the concurrence of the Senate. Said bills read and referred to appropriate committees.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the special order, viz: The bill providing for the completion of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad.

The bill was read the second time. The passage of the bill was advocated by Messrs. Stowe, Walkup and Burton and opposed by Mr. Turner. The question recurring upon the passage of the

bill its second reading,
Mr. Turner demanded the ayes and noes The bill passed. Yeas 22, navs 18. On motion of Mr. Dockery, the rules were sus-

ended, and the bill read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Dockery moved to re-consider the vote by which the bill passed, and to lay that motion on the table. Carried.

Mr. Hall introduced a bill to incorporate the Wilmington Horse Artillery troops. Read first time, passed, and, On motion of Mr. Hall, the rules were suspended, the bill read second and third times, passed

and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Barringer, a bill to increase the salary of ne Judges of the Supreme Court to \$3,000, and of Superior Courts to \$2,500. Referred to the Con.mittee on the Judiciary. On motion of Mr. Waugh, the rules were suspended, and the engrossed hill from the House of Commons to prevent the felling of timber in certain streams in Forsyth county, was read the sec-

ond and third times, passed, and ordered to be The bill to incorporate the Independent Grays

Mr. Whedbee, to insert the State Guards. Mr. Hall, to insert the Wild Cat Riflemen. Mr. Barringer, the Cabarrus Guards and Black-

Mr. Arendell, the Old Topsail Riflemen Mr. Rogers, the Home Guards. In the absence of certain Senators, the bill was

road Company the special order for Monday next at 12 o'clock. Agreed to. On motion of Mr. Taylor, of Granville, the bill to allow the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company to increase their capital stock was taken up The bill was read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, the bill to enable the Western Railroad Company to extend their road from the Coal-fields to some point on the North Carolina Railroad, was taken up. The bill was read the third time. Mr. Waugh moved to amend the bill to the ef-

Point, in the county of Guilford. Messrs. Hall and Sharpe opposed the amend-Mr. Turner favored it Mr. Avery moved to defer the special order for 10 o'clock until the subject now before the Senate shall have been disposed of. Agreed to.

The discussion was farther continued by Messrs

Furner, Pitchford and Thomes, of D. A message from the Senate, with an engrossed Mr. Watson moved to amend the amendment oill to amend the charter of the Wilmington, of Mr. Waugh by inserting "at some point between Morrisville and Raleigh, or not more than eight miles from the latter place. The question being on the amendment of Mr Watson, Mr. Lane demanded the yeas and nays.

The amendment was rejected. Yeas 9, nays 32 Mr. Hall offered an amendment to the amendment to the effect that the terminus of the road an argument in favor of the same, and had not shall be at some point on the North Carolina Railroad between Lexington and Company Shops. Mr. Waugh demanded the yeas and nays. The amendment was rejected. Yeas 18, nays 20.

Mr. Avery moved to re-consider the voice by which the amendment was rejected. Mr. Waugh moved to lay the motion on the Mr. Avery demanded the yeas and nays.

The motion to lay on the table rejected.

ment of Mr. Hall.

nays 34. Mr. Avery's motion was adopted. Yeas 25, navs 14. Mr. Bledsoe demanded the yeas and nays. The question then recurred upon the amend

Pending the vote on said motion, the hour of having arrived, the Senate took a recess until The Senate was called to order at 31 o'clock. The consideration of the unfinished business of

this morning was resumed, viz: the amendment | the Legislature. Mr. P. spoke at length. The question recurring upon the amendment of Mr. Hall, Mr. Bledsoe demanded the yeas and nays, and the amendment was rejected. Yeas 7, nays 28.

The question then recurred upon the amendment of Mr. Waugh, and this was also rejected. Yeas 7, nays 26. Mr. Waugh presented an amendment to the effect that the road shall be stopped at the east bank of Deep river. Rejected—Yeas 13, nays 19 at length. The question was then put upon the passage of

the bill its third reading and decided in the affirmative. Yeas 18, nays 15. Mr. Avery moved to re-consider the vote by which this bill passed, and to lay that motion on the table, which was agreed to. Yeas 21, nays 18. be benefitted, and no injury result to the interest The Senate now proceeded to the consideration of the State in any other quarter. of the special order for 4 o'clock, viz: The bill to amend the charter of the Western North Car-

olina Railroad Company. The bill was read its third time, and the question recurring upon the passage of the same, Mr. Lane demanded the yeas and nays. The bill passed—yeas 28, nays 13.

which the bill passed, and to lay that motion on

the table. Carried. The bill to incorporate the Chatham Coal-fields Railroad was put upon its second reading and On motion of Mr. Bledsoe, the rules were suspended, the bill read the third time, passed, and

ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Bledsoe moved to re-consider the vote by which the bill passed, and lay that motion on the table. Carried. Certain engrossed bills which were received from the House of Commons were read the first time and placed on the Calendar.

Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, move to take up for consideration the bill concerning the Albemarle DEALERS IN FOREIGN AND DO-and Chesapeake Canal Company. Adopted. DEALERS IN FOREIGN AND DOperson of color to become a slave. Laid on the and Chesapeake Canal Company. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, the bill was passed over informally, as it was in the hands

time and passed.

The rules were suspended, and the resolution read the third time. Mr. Bledsoe moved to amend the same by adding, that the Public Treasurer pay to B. F. Moore \$300 for services rendered in suits of law

for the State; which, after discussion, was adop- to wit: ted. The resolution, as amended, was then adop-The bill concerning the Albemarle and Chesa-

peake Canal Company was now taken up and read the second time. The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom the bill was referred, reported a substitute as an amendment to the same, which was adopted. The question being upon the original bill as

amanded Mr. Lane demanded the yeas and nays. Mr. Turner addressed the Senate in opposition Messrs. Simmons and Whedbee advocated it.

The bill then passed its second reading amended Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, moved a suspension of the rules to put the bill on its third reading. Agreed to, and the bill accordingly read the third

Mr. Turner presented an amendment to the bill which, after some discussion, was rejected .-The question recurring upon the passage of the ill its third reading, it was rejected. Yeas 21

navs 22. Mr. Bledsoe moved to re-consider the vote by which the bill was defeated, and, pending the vote on said motion,

The Senate, at 15 minutes to 6, adjourned. HOUSE OF COMMONS. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6th, 1861 Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Skinner. Journal of vesterday was read.

Mr. Russ presented a memorial from citizens of Wake against the proposed new County of Dobin. Referred. Mr. Jordan introduced a bill to amend the Rev. Code concerning distempered stock. Put on the

Nominations for Justices of the Peace were

made for Cherokee, Northampton, Granville and

Wake

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES WITH THE RECOM-MENDATIONS. Mr. Batchelor, from the Joint Committee on the nstitution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind. made a report, and recommended the passage of a bill drawn in accordance with the instruction of the committee to suthorize the completion of the buildings necessary for the comfortable accommodation of the pupils, and to afford all necessary

facilities for their instruction, &c. By Mr. Baxter, from the committee on Propo sitions and Grievances, a bill relating to magistrates in Lincoln county, to pass; a bill concerning a Public Road in Madison county, to pass: a memorial from citizens of Madison county concerning Stay Law Referred to the Judiciary Com-

free negroes-to pass; a bill concerning free negroes-to pass; a bill to prevent free negroes from hiring and having control of slaves-to pass; a as aforesaid, to convene in Raleigh, on such day bill to require the registration of free negroes, as he may designate in his said proclamation : Prowith an amendment, and to pass. BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

the denomination of \$1 and \$2; by Mr. Baxter, a bill to amend the Pilot Laws, and to increase the revenue of the State. The House proceeded to the consideration o the Military bill. Amendments of great variety and quantity were proposed, many of which were

adopted, and the bill finally passed its second and third readings. Mr. White called up his resolution to amend the standing rule of the House relative to the shall occur by the death, resignation or removal from hour for adjournment of the morning session .- the State, or by the refusal to serve, of any person The vote was taken and the House negatived the elected delegate as aforesaid, the presiding officer of A message was received from the Senate pro

sing to go into an election on Friday next, at 2 o'clock, for six Directors of the Insane Asylum. and informing the House that Dr. Pride Jones. of Hillsboro'; Dr. P. T. Henry, of Bertie; J. The rules were suspended, the bill read the third W. B. Watson, of Johnston; Hon. S. H. Rogers, of Raleigh; Laurens Hinton, of Wake; and Dr. J. E. Williamson, of Caswell, were in nomination. Concurred in. Also a message transmitting an engrossed bill to appoint a tax collector and per diem pay of the delegates to said convention in certain counties. Also, a resolution to refund tax improperly collected from the Greene Monumental Association. Also an engrossed bill to feet that the terminus of the road shall be High

incorporate the Piney Woods Cavalry. A message was received from the Governor announcing three vacancies in the Board of Trustees of University. Also, a message concerning the University sent to the Senate. Also, a message transmitting resolutions passed by the Legislatures of Kentucky, Tennessee, New Jersey, Maine and Pennsylvania: also, of the Alabama Convention. Ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company, The House proceeded to the consideration of the special order being the Greensboro' and Danville Railroad bill. Mr. Galloway offered an amendment, changing the terminus from to Leaksville, and entered into

concluded when the hour for adjournment arrived. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6th.

The House proceeded with the consideration of he Danville Railroad bill. Mr. Galloway resumed his remarks in favor of his amendment, and the bill generally. Mr. Shober spoke for the bill, and thought that the proposed amendment ought to disarm the opposition of those who seemed to be alarmed on account of an immediate Danville connection. Mr. Kallum spoke in opposition to the whole project as being unwise to pursue a line of policy

calculated to build up roads and cities out of the

State, at the expense of our own roads and towns. The question was then taken and the amendment was adopted. Mr. Person then took the floor in opposition to the bill, taking the ground that the passage of this charter would be attended with great injury to the internal improvement system of the State and be a breach of implied faith on the part of

that under the existing tariff for freight and travel, that no loss could accrue to the State from the building of this road. Mr. Bridgers addressed the House in opposition to the bill and in reply to Mr. Mendenhall, and stated that the objections raised to the discrminations in tariff of freights was common to all the roads in the State, and that they were much more objectionable on the Richmond and Danville road

Mr. Mendenhall defended the bill, and argued

Mr. Slade spoke for the bill, contending that it was but a matter of justice to his section of the State to pass this bill. He replied to the gentlemen who had opposed the bill, and went into the subject generally to show that his section would Mr. Bullock addressed the House in reply to

the gentleman from Caswell, stating that experi ence had proved that the calculations made by them relative to the transportation of tobacco was defective. He argued, that if was it true that the building of this road would have a tendency to attract the frieght to the North Carolina roads, Mr. Avery moved to re-corsider the vote by that the State of Virginia would not be so anxious to have the road constructed. Mr. Poindexter said that it was always regret that he had to oppose any measure that any

gentleman would like to have passed, but in this instance, his obligations to those whom he had the honor to represent, required him to oppose this bill. It militated against their interest, and was in opposition to their wishes, and would be injurious to the State's interest in other great works in which she had invested. Mr. P. argued against the bill for some time, and had not concluded before the hour for adjournment arrived.

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AN ACT CONCERNING A CONVENTION

OF THE PEOPLE. WHEREAS, The present perilous condition of the country demands, in the judgment of this General Assembly, that the sovereign people of this State should assemble in Convention to effect an honorable adjustment of existing difficulties whereby the Federal Union is endangered, or otherwise to determine what action will best preserve the honor and promote the interests of North Carolina; and whereas, this General Assembly, on matters of such grave import, involving the relation of North Carolina to her sisters in the confederacy, is reluctant to adopt any settled policy without the sense of the people, in whom, under our government, all sovereignty resides, being first ascertained.

SEC. 1. Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, two thirds of all the members of each house concurring, That upon the passage of this act the Governor of the State be, and he is hereby required, to issue a proclamation, commanding the Sheriffs of the respective counties in the State to open polls at the several election precincts, in said counties, on the 28th day of Februrary, A. D., 1861, when and where all persons qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly may vote for or against " State Convention: those who wish a convention voting with a printed or written ticket, "Convention," and those who do not wish a convention voting in the same way, "No Convention;" also to open separate polls at the said time and places for the election of delegates to the convention, to be assembled on such times as are hereinafter provided : said polls to be superintended by inspectors. appointed by the sheriffs, with the advice of three justices of the peace, of the respective counties, who shall be sworn according to the provisions of sec.

6, chap. 52, of Revised Code. SEC. 2. Be it further enacted. That it shall be the duty of the sheriffs to make out duplicate statements of their polls, in their respective counties, on the question of "Convention" and "No Convention," sworn to before the clerk of the county court, one copy of which shall be deposited in said clerk's office, and the other copy transmitted to the Governor of the State, at Raleigh. under the same rules and regulations, and under the same penalties, as are prescribed in the case of the returns of the vote for electors of President and Vice President, as now prescribed by law. immediately after said election

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted. That it shall be the duty of the Governor, as soon as he shall have received the returns of sheriffs, in the presence of the Secretary of the State, Public Treasurer and Comptroller, to compare the number of votes for and against a convention; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes polled are in favor of a convention, he shall forthwith issue a proclamation in such manner as he may think proper, summoning the delegates elected to said convention. rided, the day designated be not earlier than the eleventh of March; and if a majority of the vote-By Mr. Baxter, a bill to continue improvement | polled are against a convention, the Governor and to provide for the equipment of Albemarle shall, in like manner issue a proclamation of that and Chesapeake Canal; by Mr. Rogers, a bill to fact; and in that case the assembling of the said authorize the banks of the State to issue bills of de'egates, elected as aforesaid, under the provisions of this act, is hereby declared to be illegal and no effect.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That the election for delegates as aforesaid, shall be held and conducted in the same manner as election for members of the Gen eral Assembly, and the vote shall be counted and the scrolls compared, and certificates issued in the same manner as prescribed by law for members of the House of Commons. SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That if a vacance

the Convention shall issue his writ to the Sheriff the county in which uch vacancy may have occurred. after such notice as the convention may order, wo open a poll to fill such vacancy, under the same rules and regulations as hereinbefore prescribed for the election of delegates. SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, That the said convention shall consist of one hundred and twenty delegates, and each county shall be entitled to the same umber of delegates, as members of the House Commons under the last apportionment. SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, That the mileage

shall be the same as that of members of the General Assembly, to be paid in the same manner; and said convention shall have power to fix the pay of all its officers, and of any representative to any convention or State, and shall provide for other expenses, to be paid out of the treasury as it may direct. SEC. S. Be it further enacted, That the said conention shall have power to elect its officers and pre-

scribe qualifications for its members, not inconsiste with the true intent of this act. SEC. 9. Be it further enacted. That the said con vention shall have power to consider all grievances affecting North Carolina, as a member of the Confederacy, according to the true intent and meaning of taiact; the assent or dissent of the people to the propo sitions herein contained, being respectively expressed by the votes, "Convention" or "No Convention" at the time and in the mode hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 10. Be it further engeted, That no ordinance

of said Convention shall have any force or validity un-

til it shall have been ratified by a majority of the

qualified voters for members of the General Assembly to whom it shall be submitted according to the modprescribed for elections of members to the house of of Commons, the assent or dissent of the people hereto being expressed as in preceeding sections of this SEC. 11. Be it further enacted. That no delegate elected shall be permitted to take his seat in said convention until he shall have taken and subscribed to the following oath, before any judge of the Supreme or Superior Courts, or all justice of the peace of Wake county, to wit: I, A. B., do solemnly swear or affirm (as the case may be) that I will not do any act contrary to the act of the General Assembly, under

which this convention is called; and that I will duly and faithfully discharge my duties as a member of this convention according to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me God! SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification." Read three times and ratified in General Assembly

the 1st day of February, A. D., 1861. W. T. DORTCH, S. H. C. H. T. CLARK, S. S. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE. I, RUPUS H. PAGE, Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file is this Office. Given under my hand this 1st day of February, 1861 RUFUS H. PAGE, Secretary of State.

Now, therefore, this is to command the Sheriffs of he respective counties of the State, to cause an election to be held in the manner prescribed by said Act, on the 28th day of February, A. D., 1861, when all persons qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly may vote for or against a State Convention, and for delegates thereto; and they are furthermore enjoined to conform, in in all respects, to the require nents of said Act. [SEAL] Given under my hand and attested by the Great Seal of the State.

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