

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA. [EXTRA SESSION.] HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY EVENING, May 2nd, 1861. The House was called to order at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Green, of Franklin, offered a resolution that a message be sent to the Senate proposing that the two Houses visit the camp of instruction at the Fair Grounds this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Wright introduced a bill to organize a cavalry corps, to be incorporated under the title of the "Home Legion." Referred to committee on police regulations.

Mr. Moore, from the joint committee to wait on the Hon. J. M. Moore, of South Carolina, reported that gentlemen would visit the Hall immediately.

Mr. Moore then entered, accompanied by the committee, and was introduced by Mr. Meares, and welcomed to the State by Mr. Speaker Ditch.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill authorizing the Governor to call into the service of the State an additional corps of volunteer troops. Laid on the table for the present.

A message was received from the Senate transmitting an engrossed bill to amend the Revised Code concerning oaths, which requires officers of this State to take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, passed the several readings unanimously, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Peebles introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the Northampton Home Guards by striking out the word "Home." Passed the several readings and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Lee moved that when the House adjourn, it do so to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and the motion prevailed.

The House adjourned then proceeded to visit the encampment, pursuant to resolution.

SENATE. FRIDAY, May 3rd, 1861. The Speaker called the Senate to order at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. T. E. Skinner. Journal of yesterday read, amended and approved.

Mr. Street, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a resolution to amend the act of 1859, relating to the construction of a Telegraphic line from Beaufort to Goldsboro, reported a bill authorizing the Governor to have said line constructed, and appropriating \$15,000 or more, if necessary, for the purpose.

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the rules were suspended so as to put the bill on its second and third readings.

Mr. Taylor, on behalf of the committee on amendments providing for the establishment of a line from Wilmington to Smithville, in Brunswick county, and to strike out \$15,000 and insert \$25,000. Adopted.

Mr. Ramsey, an amendment to extend said line to Salisbury, Charlotte and Stateville, and to authorize the Governor to draw upon the Treasury for such sum as may be necessary to defray expenses of the same. Laid on the table.

The Speaker, pursuant to a joint order, appointed Messrs. Walker, Morehead, Avery, Stubbs and Farringer, as select committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Avery offered a resolution to send a message to the House of Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of three on the part of each House, to inquire into the expediency of amending the rules of each House or joint rules if necessary, as to provide for the deliberations of the two Houses being conducted in secret session, and that said committee report immediately.

Mr. Grist introduced a resolution instructing the Governor to raise batteries on Ocracoke and Hatteras Inlets, and fit out steamers for defence of the coast of North Carolina. Passed first reading.

Mr. Grist moved to suspend the rules so as to put the resolution on its second and third readings.

Received a message from the House of Commons proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of each House, and three on the part of the President on Post Offices and Post Roads. Considered.

Another message transmitted resolutions, announced their passage in that body, and asked the concurrence of the Senate therein, viz: That the President be authorized to employ the property of the Government of the State during the present crisis. Read first time and passed.

Rule suspended so as to put the same on its second and third readings. Mr. Turner moved to lay it on the table.

Mr. Blodgett demanded the yeas and nays. Not ordered. Yeas 4, nays 28.

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By the Honorable the General Assembly of North Carolina. I am authorized to inform that divers patriotic and evil disposed persons have issued civil process against sundry persons who are now enlisted in the military service of the United States, and are endeavoring to prevent the property of all our people against our enemy who are blocking out ports and threatening to invade our country.

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Received a message from the House of Commons transmitting a bill to authorize the banks of this State to issue smaller notes. Referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

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In pursuance of both Houses, the Speaker appointed the following committees: Committee on Ways and Means—Messrs. Pritchard, Worth, Blodgett, Arendell and Rogers. Committee on Secret Sessions—Messrs. Snow, Outlaw and Swain.

On motion of Mr. Outlaw, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Huffman.

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RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Donnell, to send a message to the Senate proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of each House, and three on the part of the President on Post Offices and Post Roads. Adopted.

By the same, instructing the joint committee on military affairs to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Military Bureau. Adopted.

By Mr. Green, of Franklin, to appoint a Military Board to be called the Council of War; Road first time and placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Cheek, to sit with closed doors; amended by making it discretionary with the House. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Wright, to print 5,000 copies of the military hand-book for the use of the State. Passed the several readings, and ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

By Mr. Harris, to receive free negro volunteers for the public works, or to allow three magistrates to detail a proportionate number in each county for that purpose in case they do not volunteer. Referred to the committee on police regulations.

By Mr. Crumpler, to send a proposition to the Senate for a joint committee to inspect telegraphic dispatches. Adopted.

BILLS INTRODUCED. By Mr. Person, to provide for the manufacture of military cartridges to the amount of five million. Referred to committee on Military Affairs.

By the same, to arm the State and to raise additional forces, to consist of artillery, cavalry and infantry. Referred to committee on military affairs.

By Mr. Clark, of Craven, a bill to amend the Revised Code concerning the Militia. Referred to committee on military affairs.

By Mr. Morehead, to allow the banknote issue bills of the denominations of one and two dollars, to the amount of 12 per cent on their capital; on suspension of the rules passed its several readings, and ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

By Mr. Latham, to remove restrictions concerning the fisheries on Albemarle Sound, Roanoke, Cashie, and Chowan rivers—passed the several readings, and ordered to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Merrimon, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported as correct, the following, which were signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate, viz: The bill to amend the act of 1859, relating to the resolution authorizing the Governor to use certain money for arming, equipping and sustaining troops; and the act repealing that portion of the Revised Code relating to the appointment of a clerk to support the Constitution of the United States.

A message was received from the Senate, conveying information of the arrest of certain volunteers for debt, and recommending a suspension of the execution laws against such, and also a general law on the subject, which was sent to the House.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS RESUMED. By Mr. Polk, to repeal the act of the late session, relating to the lighting of the Capitol. Passed the several readings, and ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

By Mr. Crumpler, to confer extraordinary powers on Justices of the Peace, for arresting and trying suspicious persons. To committee on police regulations.

By Mr. Fleming, to exempt sewing machines from execution for debt; except the several readings, and ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Newby appeared in his seat, and asked that he might be recorded as voting for the Convention bill, and the request was granted unanimously.

Mr. Yates moved to take up Mr. Ransom's resolution, allowing the Governor to use the civil and military powers of the State for the protection of persons and property. The motion prevailed, and the bill was read the first time, and passed, ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

By Mr. Wright, a bill to exempt persons from the military service of the State from arrest under civil process. Referred to committee on military affairs.

By Mr. Fagg, a bill granting the franking privilege to members of the General Assembly for the first time. Read first time and passed.

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the payment of any debt incurred by the said Government since the 4th day of March last; Now, therefore, to the end that there may be no misapprehension on the part of those who may invest their money in the security of said Government; it is therefore

Resolved, That North Carolina will honor in any event any portion of the debt incurred by what is called the United States Government since the fourth day of March last, or any portion of any debt or liability which may be incurred hereafter.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Abraham Lincoln and the Governors of the several States by the Governor of North Carolina. Referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Received a message from the House stating that they were now in secret session.

Mr. Barringer introduced a bill to provide for the education of State Cadets at the North Carolina Military Institute, and for other purposes. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The bill to exempt Sewing Machines from Execution taken up, read the first time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Avery, from the joint select committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the militia law and the military department, reported a bill to establish a select militia in this State.

The resolution from the House of Commons to provide for the printing of the Volunteer's Hand Book, and the resolution authorizing and requesting the Governor to commission such officers of North Carolina as have resigned or may hereafter resign their commission in the navy and army of the United States, were taken up, read the first time and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The bill to repeal restrictions upon fisheries passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules, and ordered to be engrossed.

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Mr. Avery moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of putting the same on its second and third readings. Pending further consideration of the bill, on motion of Mr. Stowe the Senate went into secret session.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The engrossed bill from the House of Commons, to authorize the State Courts to levy taxes for the support of volunteers and Police forces, was taken up, read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Dockery, referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Speight, the Senate, at 5 o'clock and 10 minutes, adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

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By Mr. Crumpler, to suspend civil process for the collection of debts for the space of two years. Referred to the Judiciary committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Galloway, to abolish the office of State Geologist. To the committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTIONS. By Mr. Bridges, to instruct the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Court of Admiralty, and to report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

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A resolution to repeal a resolution, passed at the recent session of the Legislature, concerning the abolition of Colonial records.

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The engrossed bill from the House, to amend the Charter of Northampton County, was taken up, and under a suspension of the rules, passed its several readings, and ordered to be engrossed.

The following engrossed bills and resolutions from the House taken up, read 2d and 3d times, passed and ordered to be engrossed:

For Patrol: a bill to repeal an act passed at the late session of the Legislature, appropriating \$2,500 for heating and lighting the Capitol.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Blodgett, Dowd and Waugh as the Senate branch of the committee on enrolled bills for the present week.

A message from the House announced its branch of the committee on enrolled bills for this week.

Mr. Arendell introduced a resolution in favor of Col. LeCraw and Wm. C. King, appropriating certain sums to said persons, being amount paid by them for the support of troops at Fort Macon. Read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

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We have a mighty work in hand. We must not undertake it, else we will not be prepared for it. We have a mighty enemy to meet; in numbers greatly, but in no other respect our superior; and in some respects not our equal. If prepared, we cannot be conquered. If unprepared, the result may be disastrous. Nor must we come up to the work with any such sentiment as "our country right or wrong." If the conscience is on one side while the hands "plight" on the other, we can do but half work. There must be no such sentiment as that "this State is wrong." When a question is under discussion it is the privilege and duty of a citizen to advise freely; but when the State takes position the question is decided; and as between the State and the citizen the State is right, and the citizen is wrong