

LEGISLATIVE DEBATES.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

REMARKS OF MR. McDOWELL.

On the bill to establish a new County by the name of...

Mr. McD. said, before the vote is taken upon the passage of this bill upon its second reading, it was due to its constituents that the grounds for making this application, should be fully set forth.

The grievances of which they complain, grow out of their distance from the seat of justice, being some twenty miles from the seat of justice, in the County of Mecklenburg.

The burdens of those residing on the extremes of large Counties, cannot be fully realized by those in the center. How much of their hard earnings is expended in tavern bills; how much time is consumed in riding to the Court House, without being able to see the Judge, and without being able to see the Judge.

Many are opposed to the creation of new Counties, as it multiplies the Courts, proves burdensome to the gentlemen at the bar, throws additional taxation upon the people, and militates against old established interests.

But, Sir, shall not the convenience of the profession, the Bar—standing as the advocates of the people, and the interests of the people, the bones and sinews of the land? I find no serious opposition upon that question.

Such an inference would have been natural, without explanation; and should have done injustice to myself, if I had not made it.

After Mr. Satterthwaite had concluded his remarks, Mr. Farmer moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, which was decided in the affirmative by a vote of 70 to 28.

When the bill to establish a new County, by the name of Watonga, was under consideration on its third reading—Mr. STANLY said he was desirous to vote for this bill, if he could be satisfied that the County had the requisite population.

Mr. STANLY then stated—that this information was altogether satisfactory, and that the statement made by the gentleman from Rockingham, (Mr. Curtis), was not to be relied upon; for the gentleman had even forgotten, that the bill had been reported by himself, from the Committee of which he was Chairman.

The following Letter from Mr. BANCROFT will be read with deep interest by every North Carolinian. It places beyond controversy, the important fact in our history—the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

COMMUNICATIONS.

FOR THE REGISTER.

To the Members of the Legislature of North Carolina.

By a plain citizen of your State, one who has been reared and educated upon your soil, one who has never been involved in public or political life, but one who, for twenty-five years has been engaged in active business, and has always taken a lively interest in the welfare and prosperity of our "good Old North State."

I therefore request and beseech you to receive my earnest and fervent appeal to you, on a subject of the most stupendous importance, and of paramount dignity to all others at this present moment; I mean the subject of Internal Improvement.

Various plans of internal improvement have been suggested to your body, but it does appear to me that no one of them should be adopted, until a general plan should be fixed upon, which, when fully carried out, shall ensure to the sole benefit of our own State and its citizens.

Let us look around at our neighbors, and profit by their experience. Let us look at the State of Virginia, how long and tenaciously Georgia refused to allow the Charleston Rail Road to cross the Savannah river at Augusta.

Let us look at the State of Maryland, and see how long she refused to allow the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road to cross the Potomac river at Washington. Let us look at the State of Pennsylvania, how long she refused to allow the Philadelphia and Lancaster Rail Road to cross the Schuylkill river at Philadelphia.

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PROCEEDINGS OF OUR STATE LEGISLATURE.

TUESDAY, JAN. 14.

SENATE.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a memorial on the subject of a new County to be called Yadin, out of parts of Caldwell, Wilkes, &c. reported adversely.

A considerable discussion took place here, between Messrs. Woodfin, Ashe and Joyner, on one side, and Mr. Rogers on the other. Mr. Rogers repeated, in answer to Col. Joyner, with great emphasis and violence, that the Governor had withheld information called for by the Senate.

The question was then taken on striking out, Ayes 33, Noes 14. When Mr. Thompson, of Wake, was called, he asked leave to make a remark. He did not desire to vote for several reasons.

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A number of enrolled bills were read, which the Speaker proceeded to ratify. Mr. Dancy introduced a bill in relation to the estate of the late Col. Wilson.

Mr. Johnson moved to reconsider the bill supplementary to the bill to improve Deep and Cape Fear Rivers. Carried by a vote of 77 to 39.

On motion of Mr. S. J. Person, of Moore, the bill was laid on the table. Mr. Sanders moved to reconsider the vote on the bill to establish a Medical Board in and for the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Farmer introduced a Resolution to send a message to the Senate, proposing to adjourn on the 25th. Mr. Martin moved to amend by saying the 26th. Mr. H. C. Jones moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.

Mr. Hayman moved to amend by saying 29th.—Rejected. Pending the question on the amendment, the Speaker announced the hour for taking up the special order of the day—the bill to increase the Revenue of the State.

Mr. Caldwell, of Burke, offered an amendment to the 5th section of the bill, to tax weapons. Adopted. Mr. Stanley offered an amendment to the 5th Section, that the tax on all slaves Mechanics shall be one dollar, instead of 20 cts.

Mr. Stevens offered an amendment, that the tax of \$1 shall be imposed on Slave Mechanics whose services yield a certain amount. On these amendments, there was a short discussion, between Messrs. Stanley, Paine, Smith, Satterthwaite, Williams & Jones, McLean, and Stevenson. The amendment of Mr. Stevens was rejected.

Mr. S. J. Person moved to strike out the words, "negro slaves." Carried. Mr. Stanley then moved to insert before the word "Mechanics," the word "colored." On this amendment, Mr. Smith raised a point of order. The Chair decided that the amendment was in order; whereupon, Mr. Paine appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the House reversed the decision.

The question was then taken on the amendment as amended, and decided in the negative, 114 to 0. Mr. Mebane offered to open the route from the Tennessee line to Burnsville. Carried. Mr. McDowell then moved to make the bill the order for to-morrow 3 o'clock. Carried.

The engraved bill to incorporate the Charlotte and South Carolina Rail Road was read the first time. Mr. Dancy moved to take up and consider the bill to lay off and establish a new County by the name of Wilson.

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Mr. Hayman offered a resolution to send a message to the Senate, proposing to elect a Trustee for the University of North Carolina. Adopted. Mr. Farmer moved to suspend the rules of the House to take up the Resolution in favor of Joseph Livingston. Carried. The Resolution passed its 2d and 3d readings.

Mr. Paine moved to take up the resolution in favor of Horace L. Roberts. Carried. The Resolution passed its 2d and 3d readings. Mr. Thigpen moved to take up the bill to lay off and establish a new county by the name of Wilson.

The order of the evening, the bill to open the road from the Tennessee line to Burnsville, was next taken up, but on motion of Mr. Stanley was laid on the table until to-morrow. Mr. Udell moved to lay the unfinished business of this morning on the table, and take up the bill to incorporate the N. C. Railroad Company.

The question before the House then, was on its amendment offered yesterday by Mr. Wadsworth, which was adopted. The question was then taken on the passage of the bill on its second reading, and decided in the negative, 50 to 49.

Mr. Stanley then moved to amend the bill, in order to have a desirable vote on the bill to incorporate the N. C. Railroad Company. Carried. The Clerk then proceeded to call the roll, when the following gentlemen were absent: Messrs. Mebane, Thigpen, and Stovall.

Mr. White moved that Mr. Stovall be indispensed and moved that he be excused attending the House. Carried. Mr. Love stated that Mr. Rayner was much indisposed, and moved that he be excused likewise. But Mr. Love, on Mr. Stanley's saying that he thought Mr. Rayner would be as a favor to be sent for, withdrew his motion.

Then, on motion of Mr. Stanley, the Doorkeeper was directed to go after the absentees, and request their attendance. After the lapse of fifteen or twenty minutes, all of the absentees having made their appearance, on motion of Mr. Jones, the further proceedings of the roll were dispensed with. Mr. Stevenson moved to take up the motion to reconsider. Carried. The vote was then taken on reconsideration and carried by 85 to 5.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the following gentlemen spoke, Messrs. S. J. Person, Miller, Williams, and Jones. Mr. Stanley moved that the bill be passed in favor of the bill. Mr. Rayner explained why he thought he ought to be excused.

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Mr. Gilmer remarked, that the Committee on the other side had transgressed their authority under the resolution. They were instructed to report the facts of the case, but they have gone farther, and made a decision, when their simple duty was to report the evidence.

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