

table, and decided in the negative—aye 21, noes 25.

After some remarks by Messrs. Hoke and Lillington, relative to the time of counting the votes for Governor, in which the latter said that would from no obstacle to adjourning on the 1st Monday of December: the question was taken on the resolution of Mr. L. to adjourn on that day, and determined in the affirmative—aye 32, noes 13.

AYES—Messrs. Albright, Albright, Arundell, Berry, Bower, Brogden, Bynum, Connors, Cowper, Cunningham, Gilmer, T. F. Jones, Joyner, Kerr, Lane, Lillington, McLean, McDowell, McMillan, Mitchell, Morehead, Murray, Palmer, Park, Richardson, Shaw, Sledge, Thomas, Thompson, Washington, Wilkins, Wiley, Woodfin—32.

NOES—Messrs. Barrow, Boyd, Bonding, Caldwell, Clarke, Drake, Hargrave, Harding, Hoke, W. Jones, Kelly, Steele, Ward—13.

Mr. Thomas introduced a resolution in favor of the Engineering Clerks, (allowing them to place a bed in their rooms) which was read and passed.

A message was received from the Commission, transmitting the Biennial Message of the Governor, with a proposition that it be printed, ten copies for each member. The message was read and proposition agreed to.

Mr. Bynum introduced the following resolution: Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to prepare and report a bill providing:

1st. For dividing the State into ten Judicial Districts, and assigning to the ten additional Judges of the present three Judges of the Supreme Court.

2nd. For abolishing all the Jurisdiction now possessed and exercised by the present Judges of the Supreme Court, and conferring the same upon the ten Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity—said removal to be styled the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Mr. Bynum did not propose to ask the Senate to agree to this resolution at present. But it was evident there was a determination to produce a change in the Judiciary system of the State, and he desired the resolution be printed and laid before the two Houses. It was in the form of instructions to the Judiciary Committee, to whom every thing relating to the subject would be referred, and after the committee had considered all the various propositions, they could then prepare a bill embracing such as they might deem wise and proper. He moved that the resolution be laid upon the table, and be printed; which was agreed to; and

On motion of Mr. Steele, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 11 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14th, 1852.

Mr. Dobbin presented a memorial concerning a controversy between two Plank Road Companies. Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Saunders, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolutions concerning adjournment, reported that there was no constitutional objection to continuing the session, and offered a resolution that the Legislature proceed to the regular business. Adopted.

Mr. Wynn introduced a bill extending the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in certain cases. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed. [The bill provides that in all cases of debt originating from leases and rents of lands, it may be lawful in collection thereof, to include the right of possession of the premises to the plaintiff in the warrant, and that the justice may award judgment for debt and possession with right of appeal.]

Mr. Carmichael introduced a bill to incorporate Hena Vista Academy in the county of Iredell. Referred to committee on Private Bills.

Mr. D. F. Caldwell offered a resolution authorizing the Speaker to appoint a select committee of five on Corporations. Laid on the table.

Mr. Reid of Duplin, introduced a bill to extend the right of appeal in certain cases. Referred to Committee on the Judiciary. [Provides that if either party to a trial before a Justice of the Peace for forcible entry and detainer under the provisions of the 49th chapter of the Revised Statutes, be dissatisfied, he may appeal to either County or Superior Court, on giving security as now required by law.]

Mr. Dorch introduced a bill to confirm a grant to B. H. Stammer of 640 acres of land in Cherokee County. Referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. S. P. Hill introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Milton Savings Institute. Referred to same committee.

Mr. Dorch introduced a bill to amend the 7th chap. of Revised Statutes, entitled "An Act concerning cattle, horses and hogs." Referred to same committee. [Provides that the killing or maiming of any of these animals by being run over in the day time on any Railroad, shall be *prima facie* evidence of negligence in the conductor, in any suit for damages.]

Mr. Wheeler offered a resolution instructing the committee on Finance to enquire into the expediency of enacting a law for facilitating and encouraging the collection of the public revenue. Adopted.

Mr. Ervin introduced a bill authorizing Mills Higgins, Sheriff of McDowell County, to collect arrears of taxes in his county from 1848 to 1851, both inclusive. Referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Perkins introduced a bill to pay taxes due in the county of Halifax. Referred to committee on Private Bills.

Mr. W. Turner introduced a bill to divide the county of Iredell. Referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The hour of 12 having arrived the Governor's regular Message was sent in by Mr. Jones, Private Secretary, which was read and sent to the Senate with a proposition to print ten copies for each member.

Mr. Williams introduced a bill to amend in sec. of 6th chap. Revised Statutes. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. [The bill provides that in cases of the death of an intestate without children the widow shall have half the estate, instead of one third, as now.]

Mr. Webb offered a resolution authorizing Drury King, keeper of the Capitol, to have a new flag staff constructed, if necessary. A dissent.

Mr. Leach offered a resolution to refer to the committee of the Governor's Message as relates to Free Suffrage and amendments to the Constitution, to a select committee of seven. Laid on the table.

Mr. Wiley introduced a bill to incorporate the Guilford County Mining Company. Laid on the table.

A message was received from the Senate asking the concurrence of the House in a resolution to adjourn, *sine die* on the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Reid of Duplin, moved to lay upon the table.

Mr. Sprill called for the Ayes and Noes, and the vote being taken there were 22 Ayes, and 86 Noes.

After some discussion, in which Mr. Ervin

Dobbin, Phillips, McNeill, D. F. Caldwell, Collins and Stubbs participated.

Mr. Dobbin moved to postpone the further consideration of the resolution to the 2nd Monday in November next.

Mr. Sprill again called for the Ayes and Noes, and the resolution was postponed by a vote of 57 to 53.

On motion of Mr. Chesnut the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SENATE.

Friday, Oct. 15, 1852.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Comptroller, in obedience to a resolution calling for information relative to taxes as to which, on motion of Mr. Gilmer, was ordered to be sent to the other House with a proposition that the same be printed.

Mr. Washington introduced a bill to amend the act of 1850-51, to regulate pay of jurors and witnesses in the county of Craven; which passed at its first reading, and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the Commons, stating that they had passed the engrossed bill to amend an act of last session, to incorporate the Cape Fear and Deep River Steamboat Company; in which they asked the concurrence of the Senate. The said bill was thereupon read three times, under a suspension of the rules, passed and ordered to be enrolled.

The engrossed bill to repeal the 25th section of the 52nd chapter of the Revised Statutes, (fixing the biennial meeting of the Legislature on the 3rd Monday in November,) was taken up in order of the day, and read the second time.

The propriety of repealing the said statute fixing the regular time of the meeting of the biennial sessions, was discussed at considerable length by Messrs. Gilmer, Bynum and Caldwell, in which the two former opposed, and the latter advocated the repeal. It was contended, on the one side, that if the law fixing the time for the meeting of the biennial session was repealed, we should have no regular biennial session as required by the Constitution, this being until the 23d of November, an extra session, under the call of the Governor; and on the other side, it was argued that this being a session, unless the law requiring the meeting on the 23d of November, be repealed, at that time, another session would commence, and we should have two sessions; but its repeal would merge this into that, and if continued, would be but one, the regular constitutional biennial session having been long called sooner than usual, by the Governor, under the authority vested in him; and would save the trouble, to avoid difficulties, of re-enacting that which might be done previous to that time if they omitted to repeal the law for the regular meeting.

Mr. Bynum moved that the said bill be laid upon the table until the first Monday in November next, and he made the order of the day for that day; which was carried; and

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 11 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Friday, Oct. 15, 1852.

Mr. Hill introduced series of Resolutions referring Governors message to appropriate Committees; which were adopted.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a resolution to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing militia laws, which was adopted.

Mr. Chesnut of Sampson, a resolution of inquiry, on the expediency of providing for paying Justices who take the list of Taxables; which was adopted.

Mr. Phillips of Orange a Resolution, relating to publishing in this State. Adopted.

Mr. Phillips of Orange, a resolution on the propriety of giving to courts of law Jurisdiction over sales of land for partition. Adopted.

Mr. Hill of Duplin, a Bill to amend the 10th section, 34th chap. Rev. Stat. entitled an act concerning crimes & punishments. Passed first reading and referred to Com. on Judiciary.

Mr. Carmichael of Wilkes, a Bill to attach a portion of the county of Wilkes to the county of Alexander. Passed first reading and referred to Com. on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Cherry of Bertie, a Resolution to appoint a joint committee on swamp lands. Adopted.

Mr. Smith of Halifax, a Bill relating to Enlargement of low grounds. Read, passed and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill to incorporate the Greenboro' Mutual Life Insurance Trust Company. Read, passed first reading laid on table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allertson of Pasquotank, a Bill to facilitate the trial of civil cases in certain cases. Read 1st time, passed & Referred to committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker announced the Committee on Corporations to consist of Messrs. Caldwell of Guilford, Christmas, Perkins, Chesnut and Mat. Shews.

Mr. Perry of Surry, reported in favor of the resolution for the relief of the Sheriff of Lincoln.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wheeler of Lincoln, a Bill to authorize H. Ingold to enact a Gate on the road crossing the Catawba at Oxford. Passed 1st reading.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford, a Bill concerning lands of landing and Inspections. Read 1st time, passed & referred to Com. on Priv. Bills.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned.

SENATE, OCT. 16, 1852.

The Speaker appointed the following Committees on the part of the Senate:

On Congressional Districts—Messrs. Thompson, Caldwell, Thomas, Mitchell, Berry, Lane, McDowell, Drake, and Washington.

On Senatorial Districts, and Apportioning the Commons.—Messrs. Boyd, Joyner, Bower, Bunting, Woodfin, Brogden, Wiley. A message was received from the Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the expediency of amending or abolishing the militia laws.

Mr. Webb of Rutherford, a Bill calling a convention to amend the Constitution of N. C. Read 1st time, passed & ordered to lie on the table.