

and prevent the total loss of her six hundred thousand dollars of stock. If it were incumbent on the authors of this connection and its effects to devise a plan of meeting the present exigency, which has grown out of this state of things, then the gentleman from Martin must recall Mr. Haywood, place him in the Legislature, and impose that duty upon him and his coadjutors. If this could not be done, he knew of no one else who ought to be better qualified for the task than the gentleman from Martin. He had declared that he foresaw and predicted this result; and having been blessed with such keensightedness and prophetic vision as to see and foretell the approaching evil, he had surely deeply studied the subject, and must have the sagacity to devise an efficient remedy. Who could be better able to cure a patient than the physician who saw and foretold that the disease would come? The gentleman had discussed the rail road subject before his constituents, and if he had made them promises of reforming the system, he might now have an opportunity of redeeming his pledges. As for himself, he being a stockholder, and having recently been a director in the road, he hoped the House, from the motives of delicacy which induced it at the last session to adopt the rule to prevent those interested from voting on the subject, would excuse him from serving on the committee. The gentleman from Martin had complained bitterly that the company had acted in bad faith towards the State, and were guilty of a dereliction of duty in neglecting to give notice at an earlier day of their inability to meet this demand. If this was a crime, they ought not to be turned over to their friends for chastisement, who might be too blind to their faults to administer justice; and this furnished an additional argument for referring the matter to the gentleman from Martin, who was totally unopposed to all improvements of this description. He and his party had complained loudly before the people about the manner in which the State's interest in the rail roads has been managed; they now have the majority; let them take the matter in hand, and put things to rights.

Several other gentlemen participated in the debate, which was protracted to a late hour, but having been present only a short time, we are unable to furnish any further sketch of it. The motion of Mr. Biggs finally prevailed; and the House adjourned.

IN SENATE.

Thursday, Dec. 30.

Mr. Arrington, from the committee on Finance, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill extending the time for Sheriffs to settle their accounts with the Comptroller; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Joyner, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to common schools and the Literary Fund, reported a bill to amend an act for the establishment and better regulation of common schools, passed in the year 1841; which was read, and on his motion, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howard, from the joint select committee, to whom was referred the memorial relative to the inspection laws, reported a bill to amend the 50th chapter of the Revised Statutes, &c.; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Worth presented a resolution in favor of A. B. Coekran, administrator of John M. Allen, late sheriff of Montgomery county; which passed its first reading and was referred.

Mr. Cooper presented a bill concerning the fisheries in this State; which passed its first reading and was referred.

Mr. Shepard presented a bill for the better regulation of the City of Raleigh, and to amend the act of 1793, &c.; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Wm. P. Williams presented a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the Speakers of the two Houses to inform Wm. H. Haywood, Esq. of his election to the office of U. S. Senator, and that they request his acceptance of the same.

Mr. Shepard presented a resolution, stating that General Beverly Daniel, as commissioner of Mr. Patton, chief architect, agreed to pay Dr. Joseph O. Watson for the use of the quarry to build the capitol five hundred dollars; and directing the Public Treasurer to pay Dr. Watson 250 dollars; which passed its first reading and was referred.

Mr. Edwards laid on the table a resolution to adjourn sine die on the — day of —.

The bill to lay off the State into fifty Senatorial districts, was taken up. Mr. Hodges moved to amend the same, in the 4th district, by striking out Beaufort and Hyde; and inserting Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde, which was negatived, 20 to 15. Mr. Worth moved to amend as to the 23d district, by adding after Montgomery, Stanly; which was negatived, 26 to 19. Mr. Jones moved to amend as follows: The forty-fourth district shall be Surry, Wilkes and Ashe; 45th Burke and Caldwell; 46th Buncombe and Yancey; and the 50th, Henderson, Haywood, Macon and Cherokee. Before the question was taken on this last amendment, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The bill to incorporate the Lincoln county Lovett Beneficiary Fund of the German Reformed Churches, was postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Mills presented a bill to extend an act passed at the last session of the General Assembly, to authorize the laying off and establishing a turnpike road from Laxton Lynch's &c. &c. which passed its first reading, and was referred.

The engrossed resolution requesting C. L. Hinton to discharge certain duties in the Treasury office until his successor is prepared to enter upon his duties, was read three times, passed, and ordered to be enrolled. The several motions of Messrs. P. Taylor, Barnes of Edgecomb, and Street, to amend a bill to require him to give bond for the faithful performance of his duty, having failed.

Mr. Mendenhall, from the committee to

make arrangements for the qualification of the Governor elect, reported a plan of arrangements, which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Biggs, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill to repeal that part of the revenue laws, which requires the Comptroller to furnish the Sheriffs with blank licenses; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Biggs, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill for the equal distribution of the public funds, and for the relief of the people, reported the same to the House, and recommended its rejection. Mr. Patterson moved to amend the bill by striking out all except the enacting clause, and inserting a substitute; which was carried; and the bill was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

[This substitute is nearly the same as the bill presented by Mr. Patterson some days ago, the principal provisions of which were given in our last. It proposes to authorize the Public Treasurer to issue one million of dollars in scrip or certificates engraved like bank notes, to be redeemed on demand at the Treasury, and received in payment of all public dues; and for the redemption of which any of the public funds belonging even to the Literary and Internal Improvement Boards, may be used, &c. if necessary, the bank stock sold for the purpose. This sum of \$1,000,000 to be placed in the hands of loan agents, one of whom shall be appointed in each congressional district, to be loaned out to the people of the counties, according to their federal population, not exceeding \$500 to any one person, at 7 per cent.]

Mr. Brackin presented a memorial and bill to erect out of a portion of Orange a new county by the name of Allamance; which passed its first reading and was referred.

Mr. Candler presented a bill to repair and keep up a Bridge in Henderson county; which passed its first reading and was referred.

Mr. Francis presented a bill to authorize the construction of the Raleigh and Western Turnpike Road; which passed its first reading and was referred. [Provides that the Board of Internal Improvements shall cause to be made a turnpike road from Raleigh to the Georgia State line, in Cherokee county, provided said road shall not exceed one thousand dollars per mile; to commence operations on the two extremes of said road at the same time; and as soon as a section of ten miles shall be completed at either end, shall erect a toll gate, and demand the same tolls per mile as are paid on the Beaufort Turnpike road; but no person shall be liable to pay toll in the county in which he resides. After said road shall have been located, Board cause a survey to be made from Fayetteville to some point on said road at least 75 miles west of Raleigh; also one from said road to Wilkesborough, provided it shall pass to the South of Wilkes county; and report the same to the next General Assembly. Appropriation \$250,000—one half in Cherokee bonds, to be laid out at the Western end, and the other half out of any moneys in the Treasury, to be laid out at the Eastern end of said road.]

Mr. Munroe presented a resolution, that this House shall hold evening sessions from and after Monday next. Mr. Moore moved to amend said resolution by adding that the "morning sessions shall begin at half past 2 o'clock." Pending this question, the House adjourned.

The following was added as an amendment to the Journal of this day's proceedings, by order of the House:

On motion of Mr. Brogden, leave was granted him to make a report from the joint select committee on repairs of the Government house and Expenditures for Furniture. Upon the report being announced as the report from the said joint select committee, Mr. Ashe, one of said committee, objected to its being received as such—a majority of said committee not having authorized said report to be made. Mr. Brogden then offered it as a minority report; but subsequently asked and obtained leave to withdraw it.

IN SENATE.

Friday, Dec. 30.

Mr. Hester presented a resolution, which was adopted, directing that a message be sent to the Commons, proposing to raise two joint select committees, to consist of three members—one of each committee to be selected from the Senate, and two from the House—whose duty it shall be to examine into the condition of the Bank of the State and the Bank of Cape Fear, with instructions to report their books, examine into their proceedings, and make their report as early as a day or two after the examinations during the business hours of their respective Houses.

Mr. Moore presented a resolution, directing that a message be sent to the Commons, proposing to hold evening sessions from and after Monday next, which was laid on the table.

The proposition of the Commons to refer the communication of the Governor, in relation to the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, to a joint select committee, was agreed to; and Messrs. Joyner, Arrington, Morehead, Reid and Spruill appointed to form said committee on the part of the Senate. The committee on the part of the House, are Messrs. Barringer, Biggs, Nash, Bower and McRae.

The bill to lay off the State into fifty Senatorial districts, was taken up when the amendments proposed by Mr. Jones were rejected, 28 to 20. Mr. Reid moved to amend the bill by striking out Henderson, in the 42th district, and adding it to the 50th; which was negatived, as was also the motion of Mr. Worth to lay the bill on the table. The bill was then passed its third reading and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to amend an act concerning the mode of choosing Senators and Representatives in Congress, was read the second time. Mr. Cooper moved to amend the bill by striking out Washington and Tyrrell from the 8th district, and adding Martin; and by striking Martin from the 9th, and adding Washington and Tyrrell; which was carried, 33 to 15. Mr. Exam moved to amend the bill by striking out all in the first section, after the words,

"and the said nine districts shall be composed of," and inserting a substitute; which, on his motion, was, with the bill, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following is the amendment proposed by Mr. Exam:

I. Strike out all in the first section, after the words, "and the said nine districts shall be composed of the following counties, to-wit:" and insert the following words: The first district shall be composed of the counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Chowan, Hertford, Northampton, Bertie, Washington and Tyrrell; the second district shall be composed of the counties of Halifax, Nash, Edgecomb, Pitt, Beaufort, Hyde, Martin and Greene; the third district shall be composed of the counties of Sampson, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven, Jones, Onslow, Duplin, Carteret and Johnston; the fourth district shall be composed of the counties of New-Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Robeson, Moore, Cumberland, Chatham and Richmond; the fifth district shall be composed of the counties of Wake, Franklin, Granville, Orange and Warren; the sixth district shall be composed of the counties of Randolph, Davidson, Davie, Rowan, Stanly, Montgomery, Iredell and Wilkes; the seventh district shall be composed of the counties of Caswell, Rockingham, Guilford, Stokes, Surry and Person; the 8th district shall be composed of the counties of Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Cleveland, Cabarrus and Anson; the ninth district shall be composed of the counties of Ashe, Caldwell, Burke, Rutherford, Yancey, Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood, Macon and Cherokee; each of which districts shall be entitled to elect and send one representative to the Congress of the United States.

II. Strike out all in the second section after the words "first district," and insert the following: at Hertford, in the county of Perquimans; in the second district, at Taborough, in Edgecomb; in the third district, at Kinston, in Lenoir; in the fourth district, at Fayetteville, in Cumberland; in the fifth district, at Henderson, in Granville; in the sixth district, at Mount Mourne, in Iredell; in the seventh district, at Rockford, in Surry; in the eighth district, at Lincoln; in the ninth district, at Asheville, in Buncombe.

Mr. Morehead offered a resolution authorizing the committee to whom was referred a resolution relative to the detention of a memorial from Lincoln, to administer an oath to such persons as may be called before them; which was adopted.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

On motion of Mr. J. P. Caldwell, the Clerk was directed to amend the Journal of yesterday, so as to show the proceedings on the presentation and withdrawal of the report, by Mr. Brogden, from the joint select committee on repairs of the Government House, expenditures for Furniture, &c.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, viz. the motion of Mr. Mendenhall to lay upon the table the motion of Mr. Munroe to hold evening sessions, together with the amendment proposed by Mr. Moore; which was negatived. Mr. Moore then withdrew his amendment, and offered as a substitute, striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting "that the House sit till half after 2 o'clock of the despatch of business." Mr. Caldwell called for a division of the question; when, on motion of Mr. Barringer, the whole subject was laid on the table until Monday next.

Mr. Wilson, of Perquimans, from the committee on Claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a resolution directing the Public Treasurer to pay Jno. M. Mason \$202 21, by giving him credit on his note held by the Literary Board; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Wilson, from the same committee, reported a resolution to pay Priscilla Goodwin her usual pension allowed for 1840 and 1841; which passed its first reading.

The bill to establish Graham county, was reported from the committee by Mr. J. P. Caldwell, with a recommendation that it be rejected; whereupon it was read, and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Candler presented a bill to amend an act of 1824, to authorize the making of a turnpike road from the Saluda Gap, &c. to the Tennessee line; which passed its first reading and was referred.

Mr. Mendenhall, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill limiting the right of prosecution for assaults and batteries where no weapons are used, to the persons on whom the assaults and batteries are committed, reported the same and recommended its rejection. After several unimportant motions, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Baxter presented a bill for the more speedy administration of justice; which passed its first reading and was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. McRae, the joint select committee on the Governor's message relative to the bonds of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, were directed to inquire into the expediency of foreclosing the mortgage upon the property of the corporation and selling the same.

Mr. Barringer, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the bill to extend an act of the last session, to authorize the laying off and establishing a turnpike road from Laxton Lynch's, &c. reported the same and recommended its passage; when the bill was read the second time, and it was decided by the House that it should not pass.

The proposition of the Senate, to appoint two joint select committees to investigate the affairs of the banks, was concurred in.

Mr. Biggs, from the committee on Banks, reported a bill regulating the premium on bills of exchange sold by the banks of this State, and for other purposes; and a bill concerning the State directors in the Banks of this State, and for other purposes; which passed their first reading and were ordered to be printed, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Received from His Excellency the Governor, a communication, enclosing the memorial of David Patton, late architect for building the capitol, asking pay for a certain claim. Also a letter from the Mayor of Memphis, and other documents, on the subject of establishing a Western Armory and Naval Depot at Memphis; and also a communication from the widow of the late H. Niles on the subject of Niles' Register. On motion of Mr. Mendenhall these subjects were referred to appropriate committees.

Mr. Brogden, from the joint select committee to whom was referred the communi-

cation from the Governor on the subject of expenditures for repairs and furniture for the Government House, made a report thereon, simply stating the facts that they had found, as stated in the Governor's communication, \$61 54 above the amount appropriated, had been laid out for furniture, accompanied by a resolution directing that that sum be refunded to the Governor; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Brogden made another report on the same subject, on behalf of himself and Wm. P. Dobson, Esq. two of the members of said committee; which was ordered to be laid upon the table.

[This report quotes the report made at the last session, on the subject of repairing the Government House in *extrema*, states the accounts embracing the several items of expenditures for the repairs, and concludes with the following remarks: "We, from a careful examination of the vouchers herewith annexed, find there has been expended for the Governor's House, out houses, enclosures, &c. the sum of one thousand and three hundred and two dollars, and seventy-three cents."

From an examination of the report of the committee appointed for that purpose at the last session of the Legislature (and on whose recommendation the sum of three thousand dollars was appropriated as necessary to accomplish the work) we find that a very important item in the estimate of the committee was the *reversing of the Governor's House, which work His Excellency J. M. Morehead, for reasons best known to himself, has not had done*; which accounts for the small amount expended of the three thousand dollars appropriated.

"We further find included among the above vouchers an expenditure of seventy-five dollars for building an ice house, for which expenditure we are unable to find any authority."

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. H. BROGREN,
WM. P. DOBSON."

Mr. Baxter presented a bill to amend an act of James W. Carson, late Sheriff of —, to collect arrears of taxes, &c., which passed its first reading.

On motion of Mr. Francis, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a joint select committee, to inquire into the best means for removing the Cherokee Indians now within the State of North Carolina, and of hereafter preventing the ingress into this State of any of said tribe.

Adjourned.

IN SENATE.

Saturday, Dec. 31.

Mr. Elliott, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution as to the expediency of defining the time specifically when the term of service of the Public Treasurer shall expire, reported a bill to amend the revised Statutes for that purpose; which passed its first reading. [Provides that the election shall not hereafter take place later than the 10th of December, and that the Treasurer shall enter upon the duties of his office on the 1st January.]

Mr. Joyner reported adversely to repealing the 14th section of the 39th chapter of the Revised Statutes concerning alimony and divorce. Concurred in.

Mr. Worth presented a bill relating to the 14th brigade of North Carolina Militia; which passed its first reading and was referred.

Mr. Wm. P. Williams reported adversely to passing a law granting James Crommie the privilege of clearing out Cypress Creek. Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Moye, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law so as to prevent the delay which sometimes occurs in taking sheriff's bonds.

Mr. Elliott moved that the vote by which was passed the amendment to the 8th and 9th districts proposed by Mr. Cooper to the bill to amend an act concerning the mode of choosing Senators and Representatives in Congress of the U. States, be reconsidered; which motion, on motion of Mr. Joyner, was laid on the table.

The proposition of the Commons to raise a joint select committee relative to the removal of Cherokee Indians, was agreed to.

Received from the House of Commons a message stating their readiness to receive the Senate into their Hall to witness the inauguration of the Governor. Whereupon the Senate repaired to the Hall of the House of Commons for that purpose. After the close of the ceremony, they returned to their Chamber; when the bill to incorporate the town of Weldon passed its second reading; and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The bill concerning election returns, and read the third time, amended, passed and read the fourth time.

Mr. Francis, from the committee on Public Buildings, reported a resolution directing the Public Treasurer to pay to the Literary Board the sum of six hundred and nine dollars and ninety cents, the sum borrowed by Geo. E. Badger and D. W. Stone, Esquires, from said Board, to pay a debt due the contractors for furnishing the public buildings, the same not having been provided for on account of a clerical error in summing up said accounts at the last session; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Caldwell moved that the vote of this House on yesterday concurring in the proposition of the Senate to raise joint select committees for the purpose of investigating the situation, condition and proceedings of the Banks of this State, be reconsidered. Mr. Halsey moved to lay said motion upon the table. Mr. Walker called for the yeas and nays thereon. Mr. Halsey thereupon withdrew his motion to lay upon the table.

At this stage of the business, the Speaker arrested all further proceedings, and informed the House that the hour had arrived for proceeding to the installation of the Governor elect; when a message was sent to the Senate, inviting that body into this Hall for the purpose of witnessing the ceremony. The House received the Senators standing and uncovered. The Speaker of the Senate took his seat with the Speaker of the Commons and the Senators were seated on the right of the Speak-

er's chair. The hour of 12 having arrived, John M. Morehead, Esq. the Governor elect, attended by the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Committee of Arrangements, waited upon the General Assembly and took and subscribed the oaths of office, which were administered by Chief Justice Ruffin; after which the Governor addressed the two Houses in a brief but neat and appropriate speech.

The Senators then retired to their chamber, and the House proceeded to business, being the consideration of Mr. Carwell's motion to reconsider the vote by which a resolution was adopted, appointing committees to investigate the Banks—Mr. Leach being entitled to the floor. The motion to reconsider was carried by the following yeas:

Yeas—Messrs. Avery, E. Barnes, J. Barnes, Baxter, Birge, Bower, Brackin, Bragg, Brogden, A. Bryan, Byrd, Bannerman, Caldwell, Conrad, Dashi, Dewey, Dickson, Erwin, Pitts, Gava, McRae, Marshall, Massey, Mitchell, Nelson, Norcum, Patterson, Rand, Rayner, Regan, Richardson, Ross, Satterfield, Seales, Shanklin, Shultz, Stockton, Stone, Stowe, Harrington, Haskins, Hauser, Hawkins, Herring, Holloway, C. Jones, Kelly, Kirk, Lee, McIntyre, McNairst, Street, Skinner, Taliferro, F. Taylor, Walker, Watson, White, Wilder, J. W. Williams, Williamson, N. Wilson, Young, Sherpe, J. B. Jones, Wilkey.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Ashe, Barringer, Brandon, Brewer, J. J. Bryan, Brumwell, Biggs, J. P. Caldwell, T. R. Caldwell, Cadell, Coleson, Dashi, Leach, Ery, Ehringhaus, Francis, Iamb, Isalter, Leach, Locke, Lord, McLenn, McClaph, Mar, in, Mendall, Mills, McCollum, Moon, Nash, Neal, Pope, Steed, Geo. Guthrie, Hale, Hitt, Jackson, Jefferson, Koonce, J. W. Taylor, Thomas, Walker, Whitaker, F. Williams, T. Wilson, Young—44.

The said vote being reconsidered, and the question of concurring with the proposition of the Senate being again open, Mr. Carwell moved to lay the subject on the table, and that it be made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Barringer gave notice that if the motion to lay on the table prevailed, he should move an amendment to said proposition. Mr. Moore called for a division of the question, and the first branch of the question, to lay upon the table, was decided in the affirmative, 60 yeas. The second branch, to be made the order of the day for Monday next, was carried 101 to 6. The House then adjourned till 3 o'clock; when the two Houses met, agreeably to a joint order, for the purpose of recommending suitable persons for the appointment of justices of the peace.

IN SENATE.

Monday, January 2, 1843.

Mr. Thomas presented a memorial, from citizens of Clemmons and its vicinity, praying the Legislature to cause to be made a turnpike road from Raleigh to some point in the West. Referred.

Mr. Shepard, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution of inquiry as to the expediency of compelling rail road companies to keep their bridges in repair, reported a bill to amend the charter of the several rail road companies in the State; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Dobson presented a memorial accompanied by a resolution, asking the Legislature to cause a turnpike to be made from Fayetteville to Wilkesborough. Referred.

Mr. Joyner offered a bill to amend an act for the relief of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Morehead, from committee on the subject of the taking of the Post Office in Raleigh and detention of the memorial from Lincoln, made a report thereon, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject; which was carried and the clerk directed to furnish a copy of said report, if he desire.

The resolution to admit sine die on —, was taken up; the blank filled with "on the 16th Jan'y," on the motion of Mr. Morehead; and the resolution as amended was adopted.

The bill and amendments to lay off the State into Congressional districts, was taken up. The motion of Mr. Elliott, to reconsider the vote on the bill in the 8th and 9th districts, was carried, 24 to 21. The amendments of Mr. Cooper were negatived, 24 to 23. The amendments heretofore offered by Mr. Exam, were also negatived, 33 to 19. The bill was then read the second time. Mr. Howard moved to amend the sixth district, by striking out Jones, and attaching it to the 8th district which was negatived, 36 to 19. The bill then passed 27 to 7.

Mr. Leach presented a bill to repeal the act of the previous session, establishing a first warranty of Cowba; which passed its first reading.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Barringer, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to authorize the construction of the Raleigh and Western Turnpike Road, reported that, on the present state of the Treasury, was inexpedient to pass said bill at this time, and recommended its rejection. So bill was thereupon read the second time and rejected.

Mr. Nash presented a bill to increase the pay of jurors of the county of Orange, and for other purposes; also a bill to amend the 33rd chapter of the Revised Statutes, which passed their first reading.

Mr. Ngm presented a bill to incorporate the Good Lodge of North Carolina of the Independent order of Odd Fellows; which passed its first reading.

The bill to amend an act of 1824, to authorize the making of a turnpike road from the Saluda Gap, &c. was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Fry presented a bill supplemental to an act of this session, establishing the County of McDowell; Mr. Brumwell, a bill to amend the 4th section of the Revised Statutes concerning Constables; Mr. Barnes of Edgecomb, a bill to incorporate the traces of New Hope Academy, in the county of Edgecomb; Mr. McNair, a bill

to amend an act for the better regulation of the town of Turboton; Mr. Byrd, a bill extending the jurisdiction of justices of peace in certain cases; each of which read the first time and passed.

Mr. Byrd presented a bill to extend and complete a road from the Tenn line at the Indian Grave Gap, to Barn in Yancy county; which passed its first reading and was referred.

Mr. Ashe made a report for himself Alfred Moye, Esq. two of the joint committee raised to inquire into the state of the Government House, &c., which read, and on motion of Mr. Street, ordered to be laid on the table.

This report says: "We find upon an examination of the vouchers on file in the Comptroller's office at the last session of the Legislature, repairs of the Governor's House, out houses, enclosures, only the sum of thirteen hundred and eighty dollars and seventy-three cents has been expended, leaving a balance of said appropriation—equal to the amount of sixteen hundred and ninety dollars, and twenty-nine cents. We deem it our duty to set forth the various bills for work, &c. as we concur in the exhibit made in this report of the only matters contained in it, which we do concur in. We protest against just imputation upon the Governor, which is only conveyed in the following language of the report: 'A very important item in the estimate of the committee was the reversing of the Governor's House, which work His Excellency J. M. Morehead, for reasons best known to himself, has not had done; which accounts for the small amount expended of the three thousand dollars appropriated.' We are of opinion there is no necessity for the passing from the plain path of enquiry direct to the resolution, which was simply to inquire if money appropriated had been disposed of, as why so small amount of it was expended. But since we have seen proper to go into an inquiry, we will more fully state our conclusions, if they had taken the committee of the power vested in them by the Legislature of State, Treasurer and Comptroller, they have done so, they would have found the aforesaid reasons best known to himself, not a matter of so much consequence as they are, as they seem disposed to make appear. We have this important matter, which to them is inexplicable, and to render public those results which they consider as private, we have been forth, as a part of this report, the following communication from His Excellency, accompanied by a certificate from the Secretary of State, Treasurer and Comptroller."

[The letter of the Governor for answers certain queries on the subject of the expenditures, authority, and states in answer to that relative to the same reasons which operated in the minds of the members appointed to superintend these repairs, and upon the report of the same, and the judgment very competent architect. The House does not now need re-covering. The Government goes on to show what the real needs are, and he repair was effected, without incurring the expense of re-covering. The certificate of the Secretary, with the Governor, under the resolution, that the repairs, and gave their sanction to the work.]

Messrs. Ashe and Moye, in the report, next proceed to show that the repairs necessary, was touching the repairs that were to superintend the work, but was merely an in directed the appropriation; and that the resolution directing the Comptroller to be applied under the Treasurer and Comptroller, Secretary of State, a discussion in the year—clearly giving them as means. Messrs. Ashe and Moye conclude their report by saying: "And believing, as we do, that it was the intention of the Legislature, by the resolution of application, to render the Governor in a manner, merely habitable, but to impair and discomfort, would conduce to the comfort, and of his successors, we can see nothing to object to of seventy-five of an new notes at the pit."

PHOS. L. ASHE,
ALFRED MOYE.

Mr. Lamb presented a bill, and passed its first reading and was referred.

Mr. Candler presented a resolution, which was adopted, directing that a message be sent to the Commons, proposing to raise two joint select committees, to consist of three members—one of each committee to be selected from the Senate, and two from the House—whose duty it shall be to examine into the condition of the Bank of the State and the Bank of Cape Fear, with instructions to report their books, examine into their proceedings, and make their report as early as a day or two after the examinations during the business hours of their respective Houses.

The special order was taken up, and being the proposition of the Commons, to raise two joint select committees for the purpose of examining into the affairs of the State. Mr. Barringer moved to amend the same, by giving to the committees power to send for persons and papers, and, if necessary, recess of the Legislature, the proposition of Mr. McRae moved to lay on the table and proposed amendment—a party vote which was carried 63 to 19.

Mr. Jones of Orange presented the following resolutions:

Whereas the State of North Carolina is largely interested as a stockholder in the Bank of the State and Cape Fear, and a due regard to said interest requires that the condition and affairs of said banks shall be thoroughly investigated, and a report made thereon to the Legislature, during the session of the said banks and their branches, ought to be in a form that any General Assembly, to the public mind; and whereas the said report of the condition and affairs of said banks, in both of said banks, shall be accessible and made known to the people:

Therefore resolved, That three commissioners shall be appointed by the joint vote of the two Houses of this General Assembly, to make a thorough investigation and inquiry into the condition of the Bank of the State of North Carolina and branches; and likewise into the condition of the Bank of Cape Fear and its branches; and into all matters of doing business; and to inquire into, investigate all or any abuses practiced by the banks or either of them, if any; and into all matters of their charters, if any; and to inquire into, investigate all or any matters connected with the management of said banks, that may be of any nature or kind, and to report the result of their investigation to the Legislature, at the next session of the same.

Resolved further, That the commissioners appointed under the foregoing resolution, or a copy, shall have power to examine witnesses, to take evidence on the matters under their consideration; and for that purpose to administer oaths, and they shall, at an early day as possible, a full and satisfactory discharge of their duty, a written report shall be communicated to the General Assembly; and, in the mean time, published by the Governor in newspapers at as early a day as possible. And the Governor shall cause the same to be published in pamphlet form, and two copies thereof to each member of this General Assembly.