

CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Tuesday, March 27.—The bill to exempt merchandize imported into the United States, under certain circumstances, from the operations of the tariff law of 1828, was taken up on motion of Mr. Clay, and after an animated discussion, and the adoption of several amendments, was laid on the table.—The motion to reconsider the vote on the apportionment bill was next taken up, and the Senate determined to reconsider, by a vote of yeas 26, nays 20. After a discussion, a motion of Mr. Clayton to commit the bill to a select committee of five members was adopted. The committee were then chosen by ballot as follows: Messrs. Webster, Clayton, Forsyth, Mangum, and Hayne.

Wednesday, 28th.—Mr. Clay presented a memorial, signed by a number of citizens of Kentucky, inviting the attention of Congress to the subject of colonizing the free blacks on the coast of Africa, and praying that suitable appropriations may be made towards that object; and after some remarks from Messrs. Clay, Hayne, & Chambers, the memorial, without reading, was laid on the table.—The bill for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States, and other bills from the House of Representatives, was read the first and second time and referred.—The bill supplementary to the act for the relief of the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line and navy, and of the continental army, approved 30th May, 1830, and the bill for the relief of Jefferson College, Mississippi, were severally read the third time and passed.—On motion of Mr. Smith, the Senate took up and considered the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year 1832. The discussion of the various amendments, proposed by the committee on finance and by Senators, several of which passed in committee of the whole, occupied the Senate to a late hour; when, on motion of Mr. Webster, the bill was laid on the table, and the amendments were ordered to be printed, to give an opportunity of examining more fully into their merits. After having been engaged a short time in Executive session, the Senate adjourned.

Thursday, 29th.—The bill which had been recommitted to, and reported as amended by, the committee on finance, exempting merchandize imported into the United States, under certain circumstances, from the operations of the tariff law of 1828, was discussed, and finally, after adopting the amendment of the committee, ordered to the third reading.—The bill supplementary to the several acts for the sale of the public lands, together with the amendments of the House of Representatives, were taken up on motion of Mr. King, who moved that the Senate concur with the House in the amendment. The first amendment was adopted, and the second was opposed; when the bill was laid on the table, and the amendment ordered to be printed.

Friday, 30th.—The Senate was occupied nearly the whole day, by an interesting and animated debate, growing out of a report from the committee on manufactures, handed in by Mr. Dickerson, their chairman, ac-

companied by a bill repealing the duties on certain articles not protected by the present tariff. The report, in reference to the several propositions which had been referred to them, declares that the committee cannot decide on the subject of the public lands, without receiving further information, which has been called for by a resolution of the Senate; speaks of the propositions of Messrs. Poin-dexter and Hayne as highly inexpedient—the former difficult and impracticable, and the latter as interfering with the policy heretofore pursued, of affording incidental protection to domestic industry; and also speaks of other reductions of duties which may hereafter be safely made. On the reading of the report and bill, Mr. Forsyth moved to recommit the latter, on the ground that the report being in part as stated by the committee, did not comply with the implied instructions of the Senate, by presenting, in one view, all the subjects that had been referred to them. The amount of reduction proposed by the bill is estimated by the committee at \$5,660,000. Messrs. Forsyth, Hayne, Clay, Dickerson, Miller, Foot, Holmes, Benton, Smith, King, Mangum, Sprague, Dallas, Marcy, Brown, and Tazewell, took part in the debate; at the conclusion of which the bill was laid on the table, yeas 27, nays 19.

Monday, April 2.—Mr. Poin-dexter laid a resolution on the table, proposing to discharge the committee on manufactures from the further consideration of the several subjects referred to them on the 22d ult. and on which they had not reported, and to refer the same to a select committee.—The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1832; the question being on the amendment proposed by the committee on finance, to increase the appropriations of the House for the judicial expenses of the United States from \$190,000 to \$150,000. The amendment was adopted, yeas 20, nays 19. The next amendment considered, was to increase the appropriations providing for the diplomatic intercourse of the United States, by adding an appropriation of \$4,500 for the return of the Ministers from France and England. On this amendment a debate ensued, but before any question was taken the Senate adjourned.

H. OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, March 27.—Mr. Davis, of S. C. from the committee on the judiciary, made a report on the resolution recently introduced by Mr. Evans, of Maine, on the subject of alleged official misconduct on the part of the collector of the customs at Wiscasset, Maine. The committee desired to be discharged from the consideration of the subject, and proposed to refer it to the Secretary of the Treasury. A debate arose, which was arrested by a successful motion for the order of the day.—The bill for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States, and the bill supplementary to the several laws relative to the sale of the public lands, were severally read a third time and passed.

Wednesday, 28th.—The report of the committee on the charges brought against the collector of the port of Wiscasset, was discussed until the ex-

piration of the hour allotted for the consideration of reports and resolutions. The House, after the transaction of some further business, went into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and took up the Revolutionary pension bill. Mr. Ellsworth addressed the committee in favor of the measure, and, at 4 o'clock, the committee rose, and the House adjourned.

Thursday, 29th.—Mr. Mercer, from the committee on internal improvement, reported a bill for the improvement of certain harbors and the navigation of certain rivers; and a bill giving the assent of Congress to an act of the North Carolina Legislature, incorporating the Roanoke Inlet Company. They were severally read a first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on the state of the Union.—The House afterwards resumed the consideration of the Revolutionary pensions bill, in the discussion of which it was engaged till half past 4 o'clock.

Friday, 30th.—Mr. Mercer, from the committee on internal improvements, introduced a bill authorising a subscription for 250 shares of the stock of the Alexandria Canal Company, which was read a first and second time and committed to the same committee of the whole as the bill for the construction of a bridge and aqueduct across the Potomac river at Georgetown.—The House then resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the judiciary on the subject of the charges against the collector of the port of Wiscasset; and Mr. Evans, of Maine, went into an argument in support of the inquiry by the House.—The military appropriation bill, and the bill making appropriations in conformity with the stipulations of certain treaties, were afterwards taken up in a committee of the whole on the state of the Union. The two former bills were considered and reported, and at 4 o'clock the committee rose and the House adjourned.

Saturday, 31st.—Mr. Ingersoll, from the committee of ways and means, presented the report of the minority of that committee on the subject of the tariff, and on the motion of Mr. Briggs, of Massachusetts, 5,000 copies of it were ordered to be printed.—The House resumed the consideration of the report of the judiciary committee, on the subject of the charge against the Wiscasset collector, & Messrs. Speight, Stanberry, Allan, of Kentucky, and Felder, of S. C. severally spoke upon the question.—On the expiration of the hour, the Indian and internal improvement appropriation bills were taken up in committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and an interesting discussion sprung up from an item in the latter bill granting \$4000 for certain repairs already made in the Cumberland road. The debate had not concluded when the House adjourned.

Monday, April 2.—Leave of absence, until the 1st of May, was granted to Mr. Branch, on the motion of Mr. Carson.—Numerous petitions were presented, and among them one by Mr. Mercer, from certain British subjects, resident in the kingdom of Great Britain, on the subject of slavery, suggesting or recommending, as far as we could gather from the debate, (the paper not being read,) the appropriation of funds for the colonization of free blacks,

through the medium of the Colonization Society. Upon this memorial a warm and animated debate ensued, in which Messrs. Polk, Mercer, Drayton, Burges, Arnold, Semmes, Ingersoll, Blair, of S. C. Dickson, Patton, and Briggs, participated. The subject was ultimately disposed of, after a discussion of three hours, by the withdrawal of the petition.—After the transaction of some further business, the House adjourned.



TARBOROUGH.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1832.

COMMUNICATED.

To the Freemen of the County of Edgecombe.—As there is an election to take place for WARDENS OF THE POOR, on Easter Monday, the 23d inst. and seeing no person nominated, we take the liberty of recommending the following persons: John Mercer, Turner Bynum, William Barnes, John W. Barnes, Henry Shirley, Willis Knight and James George, as suitable persons for Wardens of said county the ensuing three years.

On Monday of last week Joseph R. Lloyd, Esq. was elected Magistrate of Police—and Spencer D. Cotten, Ely Porter, James W. Clark, Ephraim Dicken, and D. Richards, Commissioners, of the town of Tarborough, for the ensuing year.

Public meetings of the friends of Gen. Jackson have recently been held in this State, at Elizabeth City, Windsor, Nashville, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Wadesborough, Rockingham, Kenansville, &c. at which resolutions were adopted approving the measures of the Administration, recommending the re-election of the President, approving the Convention to be held in Baltimore in May next, for the purpose of selecting a suitable person as a candidate for the Vice Presidency, &c.

A meeting was held at Halifax, on the 31st ult. at which resolutions were adopted approving the enlightened policy which has governed the administration of Andrew Jackson, recommending him for re-election, and recommending "to the people of this State to convene a State Convention in the city of Raleigh on Monday the 18th of June next, for the purpose of appointing Electors favorable to the re-election of Andrew Jackson to the Presidency, and some individual for the Vice Presidency who is an advocate for Free Trade and opposed to the usurpations of the General Government."

A State Convention was recently held in Albany, (New-York,) at which thirty-six delegates were appointed to attend the Baltimore Convention in May next, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the Vice Presidency.

A meeting of the citizens of Davidson and of other counties in Tennessee, was held at Nashville on the 10th ult. at which forty-four persons, selected from different counties in the State, were appointed delegates to the Baltimore Convention.

Tarborough and Roanoke Rail Road.—An adjourned meeting of citizens of Norfolk was held at the Exchange on Saturday evening, (31st ult.) when the Report of the Committee appointed at a former meeting to collect information relative to the construction of a rail road from Tarborough, N. C. to some point on the Roanoke, was submitted, read, and adopted. We shall publish the Report, with the several accompanying letters in relation to the subject, from gentlemen in Tarborough, in our next.—The Books for the subscription of stock were then opened, and a respectable number of shares

subscribed by the gentlemen present.—*Norfolk Her.*

We find the following correspondence in the last Raleigh Star.
Washington City,
Feb. 20th, 1832.

Sir—I have this moment received a letter from Messrs. Lawrence & Lemay, Editors of the N. Carolina Star, informing me that you are the author of a publication which appeared in that paper of the 10th inst. under the signature of A. B. Under an impression that you may have been misled by the remarks of Gov. Forsyth in the Senate of the U. States on the nomination of Martin Van Buren, I cannot doubt for a moment but that you will, on a perusal of the correspondence which has passed between that gentleman and myself, promptly repair the injury which your publication is so well calculated to inflict on my character. I therefore confidently call on you for a retraction of those charges.

With respect, yours, etc.

JNO. BRANCH.

To Gen. R. M. Saunders, }
Raleigh, N. C. }

P. S. I have enclosed this letter to my friend Gov. Iredell, through whom I hope to receive your answer. JNO. B.

Nashville, March 20th, 1832.

Sir,—Your letter of the 20th ult. was duly forwarded to me by your friend. My answer to which has been delayed from causes not important to state.

At the time of writing the communication for the Star of which you complain, I had not seen "the remarks of Gov. Forsyth in the Senate of the U. States on the nomination of Martin Van Buren;" but my impressions were produced by the printed speech of Gov. Poin-dexter.

From the conversation as detailed by him, and the relation in which you then stood to the President, (supposing you to have been the person referred to,) I did consider the conversation of that character which forbid its disclosure for the purpose for which it was afterwards used. It was under this impression that I penned the article in the Star, and in this point of view that I intended to reprehend your conduct. I am now satisfied that the conversation, tho' private, was not confidential, and I am free to say that I consider you above disclosing that which you might deem in any way secret, or of giving information in a matter which you would not be willing to avow to the world.

I have the honor to be, etc.

R. M. SAUNDERS.

Hon. John Branch, Wash- }
ington City. }

Not having seen Gov. Iredell, I forwarded this to the care of my friend, Mr. Mangum. I delivered this to Gov. Branch 24th of March, 1832.

W. P. MANGUM.

Washington City,
March 28th, 1832.

Sir,—I have received your letter from Nashville, N. Carolina, dated the 20th instant. You have retracted the offensive charge, which you had tho't proper to make against me in the Raleigh Star, of a breach of confidence, and of course your explanation is so far satisfactory as to relieve me from the necessity of resorting to another mode of redress, which might otherwise have been imposed