CONVENTION BILL.

Ma. BEARD, of Rowan, presented the following Bill, to provide for calling a or affirmation; viz. I, A. B. do solemnly Convention to amend the Constitution of swear, (or affirm, as the case may be) NORTH CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of North Carolina, have reason to believe that a large portion, if not a majority, of the freemen of the State are anxious to amend the Constitution thereof, in certain particulars hereinafter specified; and whereas, while the General Assembly disclaim all right and power in themselves to alter the fundamental law, they consider it their duty to adopt measures for ascertaining the will of their constituents, and to provide the means for carrying that will, when ascertained, into effect; there-

Be it enteted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of each and every county in this State, at the first term that shall be held after the first day of January 1835, shall appoint two inspectors to superintend the tion precinct in said counties, for ascertaining, by ballot, the will of the freemen of North Carolina relative to the meeting of a State Convention. And if any court or courts should fail to make such appointments, or if any inspector so appointed should fail to act, it shall be the duty of the sheriff, or the person acting as his deputy on such occasion, with the advice of one justice of the peace, or, if none be present, with the advice of three keeholders, to appoint an inspector, or inspectors in the place of him or them who fail to net, which inspectors, when duly sworn by some justice of the peace, or freeholder, to perform the duties of the place with fidelity, shall have the same authority as if appointed by the court.

II. Be it further enacted, I hat it shall be the duty of the sheriffs of the respeclive counties in this State to open polls at the several election precincts in said counday of

next, when and where all persons qualified by the constitution to vote for members of the House of Commons may vote for, or against a State Convention; those who wish a convention voting with a printed or written ballot 'Convention,' and those who do not want a convention voting, in the same way, " No Convention."

III. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Sheriffs to make duplicate statements of the polls in their respective counties, sworn to before the clerk of the county Court, one copy of which shall be deposited in said clerk's office, and the other copy transmitted to the Governor of the State at Raleigh, immediately after the election.

IV. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Governor, as soon as he shall have received the returns of the theriffs, to compare the number of votes for and against Convention: and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes polled are in favor of it, he shall forthwith publish a proclamation of the fact in such of the newspapers as he may think proper; and shall issue a writ of election to every sheriff of the State, requiring him to open polls for the election of delegates to the Convention at the same places, and under the same rules as are prescribed for holding other State elections, and at such times as the Governor shall designate.

V. Be it further enacted, That the tame persons who were appointed to hold the polls in taking the vote on Convention, shall hold them for the election of delegates; provided that if any of such inspectors shall fail to attend or act, the sheriffs and their deputies shall supply their places in the manner herein before point-

VI. Be it further enacted, That the several County Courts shall allow the sheriffs the same compensation for holding said elections that they usually allow for holding other State elections. And if any sheriff or other officer appointed to hold said elections shall fail to comply with the requisitions of this act, he shall be liable to a fine of one thousand dollars, recoverable before any competent jurisdiction to the use of the county whose officer he is. And it shall be the duty of

the county solicitor to prosecute such suits. VII. Be it further enacted, That all free white men of the age of twenty-one, who shall have been resident in the State six months before the election, shall be entitled to vote for delegates to the Convention. And all free white men of the tige of twenty-one years, who shall have been resident in the State one year previous to, and shall continue to be so resident at the time of, the election, shall be eligi-

lile to a seat in said Convention. VIII. Beit further enacted, That each and every electoral district in the State. shall be entitled to ten delegates to be apportioned among the several counties composing each district, in proportion to their federal population: that is to say, the aggregate federal number of each district shall be divided by (10) ten for the ratio of representation, and each county shall be entitled to elect as many of the ten delegates as will correspond, in number with the quotient of its federal numbers divided by said ratio : Provided, That each county shall have at least one delegate; and provided, moreover, That where there shall be one or more delegates unappropriated, by reason of fractional remainders. the county having the largest remainder shall be entitled to the first unappropriated delegate, the county having the next

largest the second, and so on. IX. Be it further enacted, That if any vacancy shall occur in any county delegation by death or otherwise, the Governor shall forthwith issue a writ of election to supply the vacancy. And the delegates shall convene in the city of Raleigh next, and a maon the day of jority of three fourths shall constitute a

quorum to do business. X Be it further enacted, That no de-

legate elect shall be permitted to take his seat in Convention until he shall have taken and subscribed the following oath that I will not, either directly, or indirectly, evade, or disregard the limits fix d to . this Convention by the people of North Carolina, as set forth in the act of the General Assembly passed in 1834, entiled "An act concerning a Convention to amend the constitution of the State of N. Carolina," which act was ratified by the people; so help me God!

XI. Be it further enacted. That the Public Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay, upon the warrant of the Governor, such sums of money as may be necessary for the contingent charges of the Convention; and also to pay each member of Convention two dolars per day during his attendance thereon, and two dollars for every thirty miles travel to and from the Convention.

XII. And be it further enacted, That shall be the duty of the Governor, immediately after the ratification of this act, to transmit a copy to each Sheriff in the State, and to cause it to be published four weeks successively in the newspapers of

XIII. And be it further enacted. That the following propositions shall be submitted to the People for their assent or dissent, viz: That the Convention shall have authority so to amend the Constituion as to provide, 1st. That the Legislature of North-Carolina shall meet, regularly, only once every two years; provided that the Governor shall have authority to call extra meetings on public emergencies. 2d. To change the mode of appointing Justices of the Peace, and electing Militia officers. 3d. To provide, that population or taxation separately, or both combined, shall be the basis of representation in the General Assembly. 4th. To provide for the election of the Governor Wedgesday, Dec. 10, 1834 by the People. 5th. To abolish Borough representation wholly or in part. 6th. To Carolina, by any other power than a State Convention, 7th. To provide that capitation taxes shall not be higher upon slaves than freemen. 8th. To provide have now the pleasure of informing them. Constitution may be made, 9th To prohibit the Legislature from authorizing different municipal regulations in different counties, in order to put a stop to what is called private legislation; and to make it 1835, in any event that can be reasonably obligatory on the Legislature to regulate anticipated. the Courts, the appointment of county officers, and all that pertains to the adininistration of the laws, in such a manmore explicitly what shall disqualify citizens from holding offices or appointments shall be selected within a limited sphere, convenient to the seat of Government .-12th. To provide that in cases where vacancies occur in the Legislature, the Gov of election to fill such vacancies.

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We suggested to our realers, some prohibit the abolition of slavery in North time since, that the size of this paper following Resolution: would probably be reduced at the comcontain rather more matter than at precontinued success of the establishment, in

President's Message ... By the politeness of the Hon. J. J. McKay, we ner that there shall be an uniform system have been favored with the President's throughout the State. 10th. To specify Message, and regret that it is cut of our sum than Five Dollars. Thus amended Mr. Van Buren, the Vice President, took tion of all the States, she would long before this power to publish it this week. We shall the Resolution was agreed to. under the State, and the procedure against present it in our next. The President delinquent public agents. 11th. To pro- shows a "pacific and highly gratifying vide either that the Council of State shall picture of our foreign relations." Trance be abolished or that the members thereof not included. The causes of complaint on our part, and the delay of a quarter of State, acting as the Representatives of the a century on that of France, is fully discussed, and The President recommends, ernor shall have authority to issue writs that Congress authorize reprisals to be made on French citizens, should the XIV. And be it further enacted, That French Chamber, at its next sitting, re- respresents the will of the State upon great according to the rule prescribed in the 8th- fuse to fulfil the obligations of the govern- questions of National policy, or in times State shall be respectively entitled to elect ment. The Message is justly severe nothe number of delegates annexed to each : on the Bank of the United States : represents the finances to be in a prosperous army as in a high state of discipline. Our Indian affairs have undergone no impor-Message, which will be found, like all others that have been delivered by the venerable patriot at the head of the government, to exhibit the highest energy and ability.

THE LEGISLATURE .- In the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary have been of so amending the law, as to require a less number of magistrates than a majority to take Sheriff's bonds, appoint county trustees, authorize the payment of county claims, &c.

The following Committees were appointed on the 24th in pursuance of resoutions introduced by Mr. Beard:

-10 - On Federal Relations -- Messrs. Edwards, Spaight, Branch, Hawkins and

On a State Convention for amending the Constitution - Messrs Carson, Hogan, Sawyer, Montgomery of Orange, and Lockhart.

On the distribution of the Acts of Assembly :- Messrs. Mann. Keer, Williams, Wyche and Arrington.

A Bill has been introduced to amend the militia laws. The committee on Internal Improvement have been instructed to examine the road laws. A resolution was passed proposing to raise a joint select committee to inquire into the manner in which the moneys appropriated for rebuilding the Capitol have been expended and also the amount of money requi- Communication of a, "Volunteer." It is red to finish and furnish it.

On the 27th, a bill from the House of Commons, authorizing James Mott to es tablish a Ferry on Black River, in New Hanover County, with several other pri dered to be enrolled.

On the 28th, Mr. Cowper, of Gates, presented a resolution, instructing the C'm of changing the present mode of receiving for war." lists of Taxable Property, and amending the Revenue Laws of the State.

order for his funeral.

Mr. Dudley, it was ordered that so much genius, and has passed many humorous of the Governor's Message, as relates to the outrage at Nassau, be referred to a select committee, and Messrs. Dudley, M'Rackan, Mitchell, Long and Manly suppose he would have his language unwere appointed

On motion of Mr. Monk, the committee on education have been instructed to ascertain the amount of the Literary Fund from all sources, exclusive of the lands appropriated to that object; to inquire into the expediency of improving or dispo- North-Carolina. And now this gentleand swamp lands, lying in the Eastern Nullifiers in Raleigh were taken by sursection of this State, appropriated to the prize, in the nomination of Mr Brown so use of common schools; and of submit- early in the session. Did they wish to ting some plan to ascertain the amount try the effect of bank influence on the 21 of latent claims to lands appropriated to the use of such schools.

The committee on the Judiciary have been instructed to inquire if there is any defect in the law providing for the elec- jority of 32 against them. Was it not tion of Sheriffs by the people The same committee were instructed to report a bill to amend the act of 1832, for the election of Clerks, to fill vacancies, &c. A pro-Pedlars.

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mencement of the ensuing year. We nance take into consideration and confer that he approved of the administration "as prudence and ability. with the Bank of Cape Fear, on the expediency of repealing so much of its Charin what manner future amendments to the that the paper will be no smaller, but ter as prohibits the Stockholders residing out of the State, the right of representation no wish to make the strength of the Ad sent; no reduction being necessary to the by proxy, at the meeting of said Stock- ministration party appear greater than it plays great hostility to the Federal Government holders, retaining the prohibition only as regards Stockholders residing without the limits of the United States.

> The Resolution was amended, on Mr. Haywood's motion, by adding that the Committee inquire into the expediency of amending the Charter of said Bank, so as to forbid the issuing of Notes for a less menced its 2d Session on the first inst.

Mr. Potts submitted the following Resolutions, which were read, ordered to be

Thursday next:

people of the State, have a right to instruct dication of the character of our political ing of Congress an occasion for party institutions requires that such instructions contention instead of promoting the good should be given, whenever a Senator misof public emergency.

Resolved. That the Hon. Willie P. State in the Congress of the United States, of the United States, the Resolutions de-Constitution and laws, but in derogation

Resolved. That his Excellency, the Governor of this State, be requested to transmit forthwith to the Hon. Willie P. Mancopy each of the foregoing Resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, Resolved, That the Committee on Fi instructed to inquire into the expediency nance take into consideration the expedito issue Stock, bearing an interest not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum, and diseffected at par, to such amount as may be necessary to pay the balance of the subscription of the State to the Bank of the State; or into the expediency of relinquishing the right to take the amount of Stock in said Bank which is unpaid for.

> On the 29th, the Committee on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the amendment of the Constitution, were instructed to inquire into the expediency of submitting to the people certain specific amendments, instead of calling a Conven-The Register says that the indications of an amicable compromise of this question are decidedly favorable.

On the 1st of December, little business was done, in consequence of the death o Mr. Mann, and the House adjourned so soon as apprized thereof.

THE VOLUNTEERS .- We solicit the serious attention of our fellow citizens to the a subject of deep interest to the community. For our part, if any person were to ask us why we had not three times the number of volunteer militia that we now have, we should be at a loss for an answer. The vate bills, was read the 3d time, and or- community by no means lack intelligence or patriotism-and none but the most incorrigible blockhead will deny the absolute necessity for a military force, or the

EPHRAIM MANN, the Senator from Tyr- tion, is less than the election of Benator rel County, was announced, and the Se- indicated; thus, as usual, giving the asnate immediately adjourned, after taking sertions of "a gentleman of respectability" in opposition to facts and figures. This In the House of Commons, on motion of "gentleman of respectability" is a comical jokes upon the public, in the shape of electioneering reports-most of which have turned out contrary to his statements. We derstood as some interpret dreams-by contraries. He missed the figure in a Legislature of 196, by 72—and after the hoax had passed the filthy ordeal of the New-York Bank Presses, it became a matter of grave assertion in the papers of sing of a part or the whole of the marsh man asserts that the Bank party and the scattering votes? If they had obtained them all in this or any other way, (though for which thinks that there is nothing to exceed we do not believe the Bank could buy one unpleasant controversy or to engender political of them) they would have still had a maknown throughout the State that Mr. B. was a candidate, for months before the An act of January last submitted to the people the meeting? Certainly it was-and no small share of abuse did that gentleman receive position was made to increase the tax on in consequence of being held up for the State is therefore abandoned. The Governor de office. All who voted for him must have Mr. Craig, from the Committee of Pri- done so under a firm conviction of his vileges and Elections, to whom was refer- capability and honesty. Whether Judge red the subject matter of the ineligibility Settle were brought out suddenly or after Like the Governors of almost all the other States of James Mann, from Carteret, reported mature deliberation, there is no ground for he complains of a defect in the militia laws. He in favor of the sitting member. Concur- supposing the Administration majority urges the prosecution of internal improvements, would have been less. It is more proba-On the 28th, Mr. Dudley presented the | ble that he was nominated with the hope of obtaining for him some of the Jackson the Stock in Rail Road Companies. The State Resolved. That the Committee on Fi- votes, as he has very recently declared Bank and Branches have been managed with a whole"-whatever else he may have said, or be accused of saying. We have is; but we cannot make the majority less than 32, without rejecting the evidence of

Congress .- A quorum of both Hous es being present, the 23d Congress com the Chair and called the Senate to order, bave had a powerful influence, if not a majority and Mr. Bell, the speaker of the House of the States in her favor. But nullification, s printed and made the order of the day for elected at the close of last session, took the chair in that body. The present ses- lification and the Test Oath, and ere long she Resolved, That the Legislature of a sion terminates on the 3d of March, for will obtain all that she ought to disire; all the which the nation will no doubt be thanktheir Senators in Congress, and a just vin- ful, should the opposition make the meetof the country.

Rtors.- The most scandalous riots have occurred recently on the Washington Rail Road, and several murders have been committed. So great Mangum, one of the Senators from this was the turbulence among the Irish laborers, that several companies of State troops were ordered condition; the progress of the gold coin- be and he is hereby instructed to vote for to capture the delinquents. A company of Volage as creditable to the Mint; and the expanging from the records of the Senate unteers from Baltimore, returned to that City on the 26th ult. bringing with them THREE HUNDRED claring that The President in his late Ex- laborers; some of whom were implicated in the ecutive proceedings, in relation to the Pub- outrages, and others detained as witnesses. The ant change. These are the principal lie Revenue, had assumed upon himself following is part of the Report of Col. Williams subjects which occupy the President's authority and power not conferred by the of Arundel County, Virginia, who was commissioned to quell the disturbance :

> As soon as practicable after the order was received, I despatched expresses in different directions, and although late in the day, I obtained a volunteer force of active and willing citizens, to the number of about thirty, and by 7 o'clock at gum and to the Hon. Bedford Brown, one night had them posted at the point threatened. On the morning of the 24th, I received an additional force of about 70 men, through the activity of Maj. Capron; but the whole force being but indifferently armed, with no supply of ammunition, I concluded to defer attempting any arrest, lest the ency of authorizing the Public Treasurer suspected might be enabled to make their escape, until further reinforced; but in the meantime proceeded to those sections on the rail road, against which rested the strongest suspicions, for the purpose of the same at the best possible price, pose of searching the shantees and grounds, in in or out of the State, provided it can be order to secure such arms as were known to be in their possession. After a diligent search through the day, in which we partially succeeded, the detachment under Major Capron being obliged to

son's) in its route, for a similar purpose. No resistance was made to these examinations, with but one exception. One of the men of this detachment, belonging to a small party, not hav-ing been aware of their having departed from a shantee behind which he was searching for arms, tute a suit against Virginia, in the Supreme Cours several Irishmen, taking advantage of the circum- of the U. States, for the purpose of obtaining by stance, suddenly knocked him down and beat him severely-where he lay until some time in the night, when having somewhat recovered, he crawled off, and was taken up by a cart in the morning and brought to Waterloo. Some hands of Mr. contested premises desire to go, let them go; Merrill, a German and two boys, were driven from their work on the rail road after the departure of the troops, and the man considerably bruis- divide us, while we have any means to give ef ed. On the morning of the 25th, having received information that a considerable reinforcement was on the way from Baltimore, to aid the civil authorities of the County, further proceedings were suspended until their arrival. On being joined by of its own existence to any Judicature whatever. the detachment under Lieut. Col. Campbell, it was determined to make a simultaneous move-ment upon the 8th (Jessop's) and 4th, (Watson's) Sections, in order to prevent either escape, or the junction of the two parties, if so disposed. Accordingly the troops under Lieut. Col. Campbell, about one o'clock, P.M. were despatched to the 8th Section, where the principal body of laborers were employed, and at the same time, a detach- dulges an essay on government, and descants ment of volunteers, under the command of Maj. Capron, were ordered to the 4th Section, with orders to arrest, in the first instance, every man-and by 6 o'clock the whole body, amounting to upwards of 300 men, were in our custody.

A large and respectable meeting of inhabitants of Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, adjacent to the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road, was held on the 26th ult. Various resolutions were adopted, suited to the occasion. They say that the present class of Irish laborers employon Finance to inquire into the expediency wisdom of the maxim, " in peace prepare ed on the Rail Road, are a gang of ruffians and murderers, combined together under the most soleran ties, to carry into effect such hellish designs ba, a seaport on the south side of Cuba, and car-The opposition papers are striving as their prejudices or passions may prompt them ries of from 48 to 50 per day, in a population of to make it appear that the majority in our to commit; and the President and Directors of the 10,000.

On the 1st of December, the death of Legislature, in favor of the Administra- Rail Road are requested to discharge these per-The citizens of the meeting have pledged themselves to expel from their counties, forcibly if they must, all such characters as described

This melancholy state of things originated in the murder of three of the Deputy Superintendants of Works, and a most ruffianly attack and cruel treatment of one of the Contractors, several of the Superintendants, and the wife of the former, all of whom were severely injured, and some of the m for a time in a critical situation. The Baltimore American says:-

Various causes have been assigned for this un. paralleled outrage, but we forbear at present to mention them. A robbery was committed a few days ago on Mr. Gorman, (the Contractor) and suspicion fell upon certain individuals, who very probably are connected with this bloody transac-

ALABAMA. - The Legislature of Alabama convened on the 17th ult. The Governor's Message was received by the two Houses on the 18th. He says the current year has yielded an unexampled redundancy of provisions, and that the staple crop is abundant; that the unsettled part of the State rapidly filling up with a respectable population from other States, adding greatly to the growing wealth and prosperity of Alabama. The Gover strife, and consequently the présent is a period fo wholesome legislation. He complains that Geor gia will not accede to reasonable propositions to establish the boundary line between the States. expediency of establishing a Penitentiary, and appears that a large majority are against it; the project of improving the Criminal Code of the rects the attention of the Legislature to the con mon practice of wearing secret weapons, which has already led to the destruction of many valua ble lives, and is growing into a frightful evil and exhibits plans and estimates calculated to en ighten the public mind on that important subject -it is recommended to the State to take a part of

SOUTH CAROLINA .- Comments on the Messag of Governor HAYNE will be found on our firs page, from the Charleston Courier. He dis and the present administration, and has very handsomely condensed the party slang against the latter. He says that the true remedy is t Convention of the States. We are glad he has given up the false remedy of Nullification. A reform of the Constitution is undoubtedly neces sary, and if this had been the object sought and pressed by South Carolina, through a Conven obviously tending to a bloody revolution, was to scandalous to propose. Let her now abjure Nul can be granted consistent with the preservation of the Union. If this country is ever cars with a consolidated government, we shall be debted for it to the madmen who have controll the councils of South Carolina.

VINGINIA -- The Legislature of Virginia a imb ed on the 1st inst. In the election of Speak er which was taken up on party grounds, the all mininistration candidate, Mr. Banks, and 60 and Parker, opposition, 60-this is said not to be the exact state of parties, and the Petersburg Constellation says no rery satisfactory informs tion can be given respecting the Senatorial Like tion. "The impression is decidedly in favor of judiciously chosen Administration candidate" -The Governor's Message is very long-quite long enough for a Pasidential Expose. Got TAZEWELL gives a short commentary on the constitutional powers of the Pederal and State gov. ernments, suggested by a requisition of the Var ginia Constitution on the Governor either in person, or in such manner as shall! prescribed by law, all intercourse with other an foreign States"-he concludes this head as fol

"Then, in reference to the relations between this Commonwealth and any foreign State wha ver, I have nothing, I ought not to have an red faith to support, Virginia never has had, and y, never will have intercourse with any such except under the authority-of the Government the United States. In due season you will fearn presume, from another and a better source what our foreign relations are; and to such intelli-

gistatur of Mary land, on the subject of the wester boundary of that State, and of a determination which one of these resolutions announces, to instru compulsary process of that tribunal, a partition of her sovereignty, Jurisdiction, and Territory contested premises desire to go, let them go; but if they desire to remain, "no earthly power will fect to their pious wish." The Governor will not admit the decision of the Supreme Court, because it "befits not Sovereignty to submit the question The governor says that dectrines the most date gerous to our free institutions have been asserted by the head of the Federal Government, and have been met, controverted and disproved, by the faithful representatives of the States in the Senste of the United States." His Excellency then inpretty fully on the wickedness and corruption the present administration. He recommends opportunity to redress themselves in the regular orderly and accustomed mode. He makes long comments on the currency, Banks, and expenditures of the State Government-but the Message contains but little of general interest. We should suppose the Message to be written by man of talents, who is fond of a display of words

The cholera is raging in Trinidad de Cu-