

Wednesday, Nov. 19. SENATE.

The Speaker laid before the Senate certain papers, communicated to him from the county of Carteret, contesting the seat of Otway Burns, the Senator elect from that county, which were read, and, on motion of Mr. Martin, laid on the table.

The proposition of the other House to have the Governor's Message printed, one copy for each member of the Legislature, was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Commons, proposing that the two Houses proceed on to-morrow to ballot for Comptroller, and stating that James R. Dodge, Louis H. Marsteller, Nathan A. Sledman, Robert Perry, Ichabod Wetmore, Edmund B. Freeman, Wm. P. Williams and John B. Muse are in nomination; which proposition was agreed to; and the name of Benjamin S. King was added to the nomination.

Mr. Beard, from the joint select committee on the subject, reported Joint Rules of Order for the government of the two Houses; which were adopted.

A message from the other House, proposing to raise a joint select committee on Military Affairs; which proposition was agreed to, and Messrs. Moore, Mays of Greene, Kerr, Lowry and Brittain were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Beard, from the select committee appointed for the purpose, reported Rules of Order for the government of the Senate, which were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hogan, a message was sent to the House of Commons, proposing that four additional copies of the Governor's Message be printed for each member of the Legislature.

The proposition of the other House, that the Report of the Public Treasurer be printed, one copy for each member of the General Assembly, was concurred in.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Speaker presented to the House a letter from Jonathan H. Haughton, the member elect from the town of Edenton, resigning his seat in this House. On motion of Mr. Outlaw, ordered that a writ issue, directing an election to be held on the 27th instant, to supply the vacancy.

On motion of Mr. Craig, so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of a Convention, was referred to a select committee.

The following standing committees were appointed:

On Claims—Messrs. Blithford, Daniel, Byrd, Jones, M'Cracken, Meekins, M'Neil, Mitchell, Irwin, Cotten, Jacob Williams, Weaver, Jonathan Doxson.

Professions and Grievances—Messrs. Willey, Crump, Swamer, Hartley, Mitchell, Pottery, Dockery, Wesley Jones, Ziglar, Braumell, Hutcheson, Guinn, Loudermilk.

Education—Messrs. Matthews, Pugh, Potts, Manly, Monk, Boddie, Wadsworth, Graham, Gray, Gathers, Hyde, Ketchum, Wadsworth, Sandell, Whitefield, Hill, Battle, Locke, Allison, Adams, Hawkins, Casler, Bedford, Wm. Horton.

Internal Improvement—Messrs. M'Pherson, Oatsy, M'Gee, Manney, Dudley, Harris, Sewell, Haywood, Brown, Clement, Harringer, Deyton, King.

Privileges and Elections—Messrs. Tillet, Outlaw, Clarke, Bell, Kennan, Jenkins, Kittrell, Whitman, Lindsay, Craig, Hoke, John, L. Eggle, Henderson.

Mr. Waugh, from the committee appointed for the purpose, reported Rules of Order for the government of the House; which were adopted.

Thursday, Nov. 20. SENATE.

The Speaker announced to the Senate the appointment of the following standing committees:

On Finance—Messrs. Beard, Branch, Dowd, Edwards, Fairly, Lockhart, Wyche and Wellborn.

On the Judiciary—Messrs. Hogan, Holmes, Little, M'Queen, Sawyer, Shipp, Spaight and Wilson.

On Internal Improvement—Messrs. Burns, Carson, Guinn, Hawkins, Holmes, Phelps, Shipp and M'Queen.

On Education of the Literary Fund—Messrs. Arrington, M'Queen, M'Millan, M'Coghlin, Mann, Martin, Moore and Spencer.

On Privileges and Elections—Messrs. Caldwell, Dutton, Harrison, Howell, Lindsay, Montgomery of Hertford, Montgomery of Orange, and Whitlock.

On Propositions and Grievances—Messrs. Burns, Durham, Edmonston, Hussey, Kendall, M'Leary, M'Williams and Mays of Pitt.

On Claims—Messrs. Cooper of Martin, Cooper of Gates, Klutta, Ennett, Martin, Parker, Staley and Wilder.

On Enrolled Bills—Messrs. Mays of Greene, and Sawyer.

On the Library—Messrs. Carson, Edwards and Sawyer.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, a message was sent to the other House, proposing to ballot on Monday next, for Governor, and nominating David L. Swain for the appointment.

Mr. Carson presented the petition of Susan Durham, of Burke, praying to be divorced from her husband, Archibald Durham. Referred.

A message from the other House, proposing to ballot immediately for Senator in Congress, and nominating for the appointment Bedford Brown. Mr. Wellborn moved that the message lie on the table. Mr. Mann moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning; which motion was negatived by a vote of 37 to 23. The question on the motion to lay the message on the table was also decided in the negative—ayes 28, noes 33. The proposition of the House of Commons was then concurred in—ayes 33, noes 28. Mr. Klutta now renewed the motion to adjourn; which was not agreed to—ayes 27, noes 34. A motion for adjournment was then moved by Mr. Sawyer; which was also negatived—ayes 27, noes 33. Superintendents of the balloting were then appointed.

A message from the other House, stating that the name of Thomas Settle is added to the nomination for Senator.

Mr. Edwards, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for Senator in Congress, reported that Bedford Brown is duly elected.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. The Speaker laid before the House sundry documents, relating to the ineligibility of James Seawell, James Manney and Robert Potter to their seats in this House. The reading of these papers was dispensed with, and, on motion of Mr. Outlaw, they were referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. R. H. Alexander presented a petition from sundry citizens of Rowan county, praying the emancipation of a slave named Daniel. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, ordered that so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the outrage committed on the persons and property of American citizens by certain inhabitants of Nassau, be referred to a select committee. Said committee consists of Messrs. Dudley, M'Racken, Mitchell, Long and Manly.

On motion of Mr. Waugh, so much of said message as relates to internal improvement and to the revenue system of this State, was referred to appropriate committees.

The following gentlemen were appointed to compose the committee on the Judiciary: Messrs. Barringer, Bragg, Graham, Poindexter, Haywood, Battle, R. H. Alexander, Outlaw and Manly.

The proposition of the Senate, that four additional copies of the Governor's message be printed for each member of the Legislature, was agreed to.

The joint select committee on Military Affairs consists, on the part of this House, of Messrs. Waugh, Mars-teller, Ziglar, Welch and Wm. Horton.

Mr. Bragg moved that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing that the two Houses proceed to ballot immediately for a Senator in Congress, to serve six years from and after the 4th of March next. Mr. Outlaw moved that this motion be laid on the table. The question on Mr. Outlaw's motion was decided in the negative—ayes 50, noes 76. Mr. Craig now moved that the House adjourn; which was not agreed to—ayes 48, noes 79. The question now recurring on Mr. Bragg's motion, it was decided in the affirmative—ayes 73, noes 54. Bedford Brown was thereupon nominated for the appointment. Mr. Long now moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow morning; which motion was negatived—ayes 43, noes 85. Debate having arisen on the merits of the gentleman in nomination, Mr. Haywood here rose to a question of order, whether such debate could be allowed, the House having received and acted upon messages from the Senate since the nomination was made. The Chair decided that the debate was out of order. From this decision Mr. Craig appealed to the House; which sustained the Chair by a vote of 86 to 59. The name of Thomas Settle was then added to the nomination for Senator. A balloting then took place; which resulted in the election of Bedford Brown.

On motion of Mr. Wyche, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of defining, by law, with more precision, the punishment for the crime of Bigamy, so as to take away or lessen the discretion of the court in ascertaining such punishment.

Mr. Sawyer moved that the Senate do now proceed to consider the communication, laid before the Senate by the Speaker, on the 19th instant, relative to the seats of the Senator and one of the Commoners elect from Carteret county; which motion was agreed to. Whereupon Mr. Sawyer further moved that the communication in relation to the seat of one of the Commoners from Carteret county be transmitted to the House of Commons, with a request that that House would transmit to the Senate any communications or papers in its possession, relative to the seat of the Senator elect from said county. Mr.

Beard moved that the communication relative to the seat of one of the Commoners from Carteret, lie on the table; which motion was agreed to. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wyche, the paper relative to the seat of the Senator elect from Carteret was referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Haywood, McNeill, Dudley, Lilly, Smallwood, Henry, Boddie and Mullen, to constitute, on the part of this House, the joint select committee of Finance; Messrs. Harrison, G. H. Alexander, Harper, Bell, Dusby, Judkins, W. Jones, Allison, Cotton, Rush, Williams of Richmond, and Dockery, the joint select committee on Private Bills; Messrs. King, Battle and Jordan, the joint select committee on the Library; and Messrs. Graham, Hutchison, Hoke and Perkins, the joint select committee on Enrolled Bills.

Messrs. Craig, Barringer, Haywood, Outlaw and Clarke were appointed the select committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the subject of a Convention.

On motion of Mr. Henry, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing to ballot, on to-morrow, for Public Printer, and informing that Joseph Gale & Son and Lawrence & Lemay are in nomination.

On motion of Mr. R. H. Alexander, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law relative to deeds of trust, so as to afford a greater publicity to their execution and registration; and whether it be not expedient to designate when the trust shall be executed.

On motion of Mr. Barringer, so much of the Governor's message as relates to the claims of this State on the General Government, was referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a joint select committee on the subject of the Cherokee Lands.

Mr. Mitchell presented the petition of Peter Ambrose, of Onslow, praying to be divorced from his wife. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, so much of the Governor's message as relates to the interest of this State in the public lands, was referred to a select committee; which consists of Messrs. Henderson, Potts, A. C. Smith, Poindexter and Powell.

On motion of Mr. Haywood, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire whether there is any thing in the Constitution of the State which prohibits the passage of a law by the General Assembly, which shall empower the Executive authorities of the State to issue writs of election to supply the vacancies in the Legislature that occur between the time of election by the people and the meeting of the Assembly; and, if they shall ascertain that it may be done consistently with our State Constitution, to report a bill for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Monk, the committee on Education were 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 disposing of a part or the whole of the marsh and swamp lands, lying in the Eastern section of this State, appropriated to the use of common schools; and of submitting some plan to ascertain the amount of latent claims to lands appropriated to the use of such schools.

Mr. Rush presented the petition of Robert Walker, of Randolph, praying to have liberated his negro slave, named James. Referred.

Saturday, Nov. 22. SENATE. The proposition of the House of Commons, to ballot this day for Public Printer, was taken up and concurred in.

Mr. Montgomery, of Hertford, presented the petition of Richard G. Cooper, executor of Dr. Thomas O'Dwyer, late of said county, praying the passage of an act to emancipate certain slaves belonging to the estate of his testator. Referred.

Mr. Martin presented the following resolution, which was read, and, on his motion, laid on the table: Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the existing laws on the subject, so as to authorize a less number of magistrates than a majority to take Sheriff's bonds, appoint county trustees, authorize the payment of county claims, &c. and that they report by bill or otherwise. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Spaight, the resolutions submitted by Mr. Beard on the 20th instant, referring the various subjects embraced in the Governor's message to appropriate committees, were taken up, amended, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Carson, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the law which requires sheriffs, collecting money upon executions from different counties than that in which they act, and to make the money payable by the sheriffs to the clerks of the courts of their respective counties, or to allow sufficient compensation for travelling expenses, &c. to and from such counties.

A message from the House of Commons, transmitting certain documents relating to the ineligibility of the Senator from Carteret county to his

seat, the same having been erroneously addressed to the Speaker of that House. The said documents were referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of Mr. Beard, the papers relative to the ineligibility of James Manney, a member of the House of Commons from Carteret county, were transmitted to that House.

Mr. Sherard, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for Public Printer, reported that Philo White is duly elected.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. Mr. Haywood was, at his own request, excused from serving on the committee raised on the subject of Convention, and Mr. Graham substituted in his place.

Mr. Haywood presented the petition of John Williams, of Wake, praying that a military land warrant may issue to him for his revolutionary services. Referred.

Mr. Guinn presented the petition of Elizabeth Starnes, wife of John Starnes, of Macon county, praying to be divorced. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing to raise to joint select committee, to take under consideration the late outrage, by the authorities of one of the British West India Islands, upon the persons and property of certain American citizens; and the select committee heretofore raised on that subject in this House be regarded as one branch of said joint committee.

On motion of Mr. Haywood, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire whether there is any defect in the existing law providing for the election of Sheriffs by the people, and to report a bill for curing such defects, if they are found to exist.

On motion of Mr. Haywood, the same committee were instructed to report a bill to amend the act of 1852, for the election of Clerks by the people, so as to provide for a second election of said officers after the expiration of the term of office of such as are now elected under said act; for the election of said officers when vacancies occur; and designate the mode of resigning.

Mr. Martin presented the petition of sundry citizens of Wilkes county, praying the passage of a law to prohibit obstructions to the passage of fish in Roaring river. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Outlaw, the committee on Finance were instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the tax on Pedlars; and also, if any additional enactments are necessary more effectually to secure the collection of said tax.

Mr. R. H. Alexander presented a bill to authorize Michael Brown, of Rowan, to erect a gate across a certain road; and Mr. Harris, a bill to abolish the office of county trustee in Granville county; which passed their first reading.

Mr. Hawkins presented the petition of sundry citizens of Randolph county, praying the emancipation of a slave, named Edith, the property of Abraham Hammer. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Craig, the following Rule of Order, reported on the 19th instant by the committee appointed to prepare Rules, was struck out, viz. "In all cases of nominations to this House, they shall be briefly made, unaccompanied with any comment by the member making the same, or any others, unless on leave first obtained of the House. Mr. Haywood, in pursuance of notice heretofore given, now moved a reconsideration of that vote. The House agreed to reconsider, and the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Craig to strike out said rule, was decided in the negative—ayes 31, noes 85. So the Rule was adopted by the House.

Monday, Nov. 24. SENATE. The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committees, made in pursuance of the resolutions introduced by Mr. Beard, referring the various subjects embraced in the Governor's message:

On Federal relations—Messrs. Spaight, Branch, Hawkins, Little and Edwards.

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. Wyche, Arrington, Kerr, Mann and Wilson.

Mr. Sherard presented the petition of Teresa Brownrigg, of Wayne, praying that such property as she may hereafter acquire be secured to her. Referred.

Mr. Klutta moved that Thomas Baker, the Senator from Yancey, who had voted through mistake for Comptroller instead of Governor, should be permitted to change his vote; which motion was not agreed to—ayes 29, noes 31.

Mr. Caldwell presented the petition of sundry citizens of Iradell county, praying that Andy Baggary be restored to the privileges of citizenship. Referred.

Mr. Shipp, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for Governor, reported that David L. Swain is duly elected.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. Mr. Frink presented a bill to restore to credit William Sibbett, of Columbus county; which was read the first time and referred.

On motion of Mr. Hutchison, the

Senate was informed that the name of William D. Mosley is added to the nomination for Governor.

Mr. Jordan presented certain papers relating to the contested election of the member from the town of Fayetteville; which were referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Monk presented a bill supplemental to the act of 1802, respecting patrols; Mr. Haywood, a bill to incorporate Wake Forest Lodge, No. 97; Mr. Byrum, a bill making compensation to the jurors of Chowan county; Mr. Guinn, a bill granting to persons therein named certain lands for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Franklin; and Mr. Williams, of Richmond, a bill to authorize Henry

Haley, of said county, to erect a gate across a public road; which were read the first time and passed.

A message from the Senate, agreeing to the proposition to raise a joint select committee on the subject of the outrage at Nassau, and informing that Messrs. Beard, Holmes, Moore, Sawyer and Spaight compose said committee on their part. Also to the proposition to raise a like committee on the Cherokee lands, and stating that Messrs. Wellborn, Edmonston and Brittain form their branch of said committee. Ordered that Messrs. Guinn, Henry and Hawkins compose this committee on the part of the Commons.

On motion of Mr. Waugh, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law investing the County Courts with power to authorize the erection of gates across the public highways.

Mr. Outlaw was, at his request, excused from serving on the select committee on the subject of a Convention, and Mr. Potts substituted in his place.

Tuesday, Nov. 25. SENATE. Mr. Edmonston presented the petition of Barbara Cabe, of Haywood county, praying to be divorced from her husband, Joseph Cabe; and Mr. Carson, the petition of John Sudderth and Patrick Hennessee, of Burke county, praying authority to erect gates on their own land across the public road leading from Wilkesborough to Morganton; which were referred.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law, that executors or administrators may be garnished in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. Cowper, of Gates, the same committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws, as to compel constables to return warrants in the district in which the defendant lives.

Mr. Caldwell presented a bill to amend the Militia laws; which was read the first time and referred.

Received from the House of Commons a message, proposing that a joint select committee be raised to ascertain whether the Presbyterian Church and Session House can be procured for the use of the Legislature; and, if so, that said committee be instructed to make such arrangements at said Church and Session House as may be necessary for the comfortable accommodation of this body. On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Orange, the proposition was amended by striking out the clause which authorises the committee to make arrangements for the accommodation of the Legislature, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and that said committee be instructed to report to this Legislature." It was then concurred in.

Mr. Cooper, of Martin, moved that a message be sent to the other House, proposing that Saturday week next be set apart for the appointment of Field Officers and Justices of the Peace; which motion was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. M'Queen, the committee on Internal Improvement were instructed to examine the general system of Road laws now in operation within this State, and to report whether or not it be expedient so to amend them as will secure a more equitable distribution of the labour of preserving them, repair among the different classes of the people. Also to inquire whether or not it be practicable to improve ordinary roads in such a manner as to adapt them to the use of locomotives for the transportation of travellers and produce; and, if practicable, whether the introduction of such improvement would probably be attended with a comparative saving of expenditure, and with the production of a benefit to the people of the State.

Mr. M'Queen moved that the Senate do now take up and consider the resolution, submitted by him, proposing to raise a joint select committee; to inquire into the manner in which the moneys appropriated for rebuilding the capitol have been expended; which motion was agreed to. The question pending being on the amendment, proposed by Mr. Wyche, to strike out the latter clause of the resolution, in the following words: "and the reasons which led to the dismissal of Wm. S. Drummond, Superintendent of Public Buildings," it was taken and decided in the negative. On motion of Mr. Hogan, the resolution was amended by adding the following as an additional one, and adopted: "Resolved further, that the committee report the probable amount of money

that will be required to finish and finish the Capitol, and when it is ready for the reception of the Legislature."

HOUSE OF COMMONS. Mr. Cotten presented a resolution in favor of George R. Griffith, Manly, the petition of Sally Flowers, wife of Christopher Flowers, of Craven, praying to be divorced; and Mr. Weaver, the petition of sundry citizens of Buncombe county, praying that Joseph Wilson may be restored to the rights of citizenship; which were referred.

The bill to authorize Henry Haley of Richmond county, to erect a gate across a public road, was read the second time.

Mr. Jordan presented the certificate of the County Court of Cumberland in favor of Martha Spears, a State pensioner; which was ordered to be countersigned by the Speaker of the House, and transmitted to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Bragg, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing the appointment of a joint select committee, to ascertain whether the Presbyterian Church and Session House can be procured for the use of the Legislature; and, if so, that said committee be instructed to make such arrangements at said Church and Session House as may be necessary for the comfortable accommodation of this body.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire whether it be not expedient to provide by law for the temporary appointment of registers when vacancies in that office shall occur during the recess of the County Courts.

Mr. Blalock presented the petition of sundry citizens of Yancey county, praying that John Masters may be restored to the privileges of a citizen. Referred.

Mr. Register presented a bill to authorize James Mott to establish a ferry on Black river, in New Hanover county; and Mr. McClure, a bill to repeal, in part, the act of 1853, concerning retailers of spirituous liquors in the counties of Hyde and Tyrrell, which passed their three several readings, and were ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. J. L. Smith, Resolved, That the joint select committee raised on the subject of Cherokee Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to John Bokannan a lease to work for Gold in a certain piece or parcel of land, being part of the Cherokee lands now owned by the State, lying in the county of Haywood; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Seawell presented the annual report of the Cape Fear, Yadkin and Pedee Rail Road Company; which was referred.

On motion of Mr. Harris, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the practicability of amending the insolvent laws of this State, as to compel the plaintiff to officer, when a ca. sa. has been served, to return the same on or before the first day of the term at which the defendant is bound to appear.

Mr. Hawkins presented a resolution in favor of the heirs at law of Joseph Hale, deceased; and Mr. Willson, a bill to alter the name of Isaac Blackard, of Gates county, and to legitimate him; which were read the first time and referred.

FOREIGN. Good tidings for the Farmers.—Great Fire in London &c.—The ship Caledonia, just arrived at New York from Liverpool, brings London dates to the 20th and Liverpool to the 21st of October, ten days later than previous advices. The item of most interest to us on this side of the Atlantic, is the cheering intelligence brought to the American Agriculturist. It will be perceived by our statistics under the Commercial head, that Cotton, one of the great staples of the Southern States, is in demand at advanced prices. The sales in Liverpool on the 18th and 19th of October, amounted to fourteen thousand bales. On the 20th, an advance of 1-4 per lb. had taken place on the sales of the preceding day. The next item of prominent intelligence, more important and interesting to the citizens of Great Britain than those of the United States, is the total destruction by fire on the evening of the 16th of October, of the Houses in which were held the meetings of the British Parliament, and other edifices connected with, and in their neighborhood. The principal building destroyed, was the general Chapel of St. Stephen, founded by the English King of that name, in honor of the first Christian Martyr, who for propagating the doctrines of "peace and good will to all mankind," was stoned to death. The total value of property destroyed, estimated intrinsically, amounts to about twenty-five millions of dollars. The political news is rather unimportant.

Petersburg Constellation.

A duel took place on Wednesday, which was attended by singular circumstances. One of the combatants having had the fire placed himself in a position to receive that of his adversary, who took a long and deliberate aim, the ball passed through his skull and he died instantly. A few circumstances towards his adversary also fell out.