

were pistols at ten paces. The first fire was ineffectual and Col. Archer proposed, in order to make quick work of it that both parties should have the privilege of advancing at the next fire, within what distance and time they pleased. The word was given and the latter fired without leaving his place hitting Col. Archer's hat, and passing through the comb with which his hair was fastened. Archer advanced until his pistol touched his antagonist's breast exclaiming "Sir your life is in my hands—make acknowledgements or I'll blow you through in an instant." "I'll make no acknowledgements" answered the dauntless Povall, and exposing his bare breast to the instrument of death, taunted Col. Archer to fire, in terms that indicated his unyielding firmness of soul. "I will not kill so brave a man," was the reply of the latter as he fired in the air. Col. Povall apologized, now that the means of intimidation were removed; they both shed tears, shook hands and proved the sincerity of the reconciliation by continuing ever after the best friends.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Tuesday, Nov. 27.

The proposition from the House, on the subject of limited Copartnerships, was read and ordered to lie upon the table.

Mr. Redding presented the memorial of Christopher Vickey. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

The proposition from the other House, on the subject of the appointment of a committee on that part of the Governor's Message relating to the Banks, was read, and on motion of Mr. Edwards, not concurred in.

Mr. McDiarmid, presented a bill concerning Public Roads, Ferries and Bridges. Read first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Reid, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a joint committee on military affairs.

A vote was had, as previously agreed on, for Solicitor of the second Judicial Circuit, which resulted in the choice of William H. Washington, without opposition.

On motion of Mr. Morehead, Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing that a joint select committee of three, on the part of each House, be raised, whose duty it shall be to make a suitable response to the communications from the citizens of Wilmington, and the Directors of the Wilmington and Raleigh Road, but respectfully declining their invitation.

On motion of Mr. Hill, Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the Revenue Laws, as to reduce the amount of Revenue, derived from Land and Poll Tax, to the amount received from same sources, prior to the enactment of the Assessment Law of 1836.

Joint Committee on Public Buildings. Senate—Messrs. Biddle, Whitaker, Spruill, Albright, and Foy of Onslow.

Commons—Messrs. Rand, Hyman, Carson, Wilcox, Killian.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Spier Whitaker, one of the members elect from the county of Halifax, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

Mr. Hoke presented a petition from citizens of Lincoln, praying the erection of a new county, out of parts of Lincoln and Rutherford, and Mr. W. J. T. McNeill a petition on the same subject, from citizens of Rutherford. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Hill, so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the payment of the 4th instalment of the State's subscription to the stock of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road, was referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Hoke, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a branch of the Supreme Court in the western part of the State; and report by bill or otherwise.

On the motions of Messrs. Boyden and Hill, so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Education and to the hindrances which prevent the wholesome exercise of the high prerogative of the Executive in cases of criminal prosecution and conviction, was referred to the appropriate committees.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the bastard law as to render a white woman who shall bring forth a child by a negro slave, an incompetent witness against a white person, and to subject the slave to corporal punishment, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. J. T. Miller, Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a joint select committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate, and six on the part of this House, for the purpose of examining the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road, and that said committee be instructed to report upon the condition and progress thereof.

On motion of Mr. Boyden, Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law in regard to the conveyance of the real estate of lunatics, and to render the same cheaper and more expeditious.

On motion of Mr. Boyden, Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the disposition of infant children in cases of divorce.

The bill to emancipate Tom Hadley was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. J. T. Miller presented the memorial of the commissioners of Wil-

ington, asking to be reimbursed in certain expenditures incurred in erecting a fortification and other works of defence during the last war. Referred.

Bills presented. By Mr. Lane, a bill to extend the time for paying in entry money; by Mr. H. C. Jones, to establish a toll bridge over the South Yakin river, near Hills Mills, in Davie county; and a bill to establish the Salisbury Academy; by Mr. Mills, a bill to extend the time for registering grants, mesne conveyances, powers of attorney, bills of sale and deeds of gift; and a bill to alter, amend, and improve the public road from Rutherford to Ashville, over the Blue Ridge, by the Hickory Nut Gap; by Mr. Trolinger, a bill, founded on petition, to establish the county of Jefferson out of a part of Orange; and by Mr. Pemberton, a bill founded on petition, to erect a county by the name of Stanly out of a portion of the limits of Montgomery. The bills were severally read the first time.

SENATE.

Wednesday, Nov. 28.

On motion of Mr. Arrington, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law relative to lunatics and idiots; and on motion of Mr. McDiarmid, the committee on military affairs were instructed to enquire into the propriety of so amending the law as to exempt all persons from performing military duty until they shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, except in cases of invasion or insurrection.

Mr. Dockery presented a bill to incorporate a light infantry company in the city of Raleigh; and Mr. McDiarmid a bill to amend the 16th section of an act in the Revised Statutes, entitled an act concerning the General Assembly; which were read the first time and referred.

Mr. Whitaker presented the memorial of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company, requesting that their capital stock be increased to \$1,500,000, and also asking the aid of the State in completing the work. Mr. Moore, the memorial of the Roanoke Navigation Company. Mr. Taylor, the memorial of Joel Strong, relative to the dividing line between Virginia and N. Carolina. These memorials were read, the two first referred, and the latter laid on the table.

The proposition of the Commons, to raise a joint select committee for the purpose of visiting and examining the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road, &c. was rejected 13 to 11.

A vote was had, as was previously agreed on, for Solicitor of the 4th Judicial Circuit; which resulted in the election of John F. Poindexter, without opposition.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, a message was sent to the House of Commons, proposing to refer to the appropriate committees so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the several subjects of the currency and deposits of the General Government; the public arms and a compilation of military tactics; reports from the institutions of the State, in which the State has a pecuniary interest to the Executive; Internal Improvements; a topographical, geological and mineralogical examination and survey; common schools; a report of cases of conviction in criminal prosecutions; and limited copartnerships.

On motion of Mr. Moore, so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the several subjects of an agricultural survey, a uniform set of weights, and to securing to every family a certain portion of land in proportion to their number, was referred to appropriate committees.

On motion of Mr. Baker, Mr. Jones was added to the committee on Cherokee lands.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Bills presented—By Mr. Crawford, to incorporate the Yadin Manufacturing Company; by Mr. Gwyn, to circumscribe the corporate limits of the town of Milton; by Mr. Keener, to make valid certain surveys of the Deputy Surveyor of Haywood county; by Mr. Petty, to authorize Robt. Walker, of Wilkes county, to build a Mill on Roaring River. These bills were severally read the first time and passed, and the two last referred to appropriate Committees.

Mr. Farrow presented the Report of Commissioners appointed to superintend the draining of Mattamuskeet Lake, which was read, and ordered to be sent to the Senate, with a proposition that it be printed for the use of the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Winston, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the Resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency of giving a legislative construction to the 8th section of the Constitution, relating to the qualification of voters for the House of Commons.

The message from the Senate, transmitting the Report of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the rebuilding of the State Capitol, and proposing that it be printed and referred to the Joint Committee on Public Buildings, was received and concurred in, after an ineffectual motion to amend.

THE PUBLIC LANDS. Mr. Hill submitted the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That each of the United States, being a party to the national compact, possesses an interest in the public land proportioned to

to the federal population of each, or, in the terms of the compact, according to the respective proportions of the general charge and expenditure.

Resolved, That those States in whose favor Congress has not made appropriations of the public domain for the purposes of education, are entitled to such appropriations as will correspond, in a just proportion, with those heretofore made in behalf of other States.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States be requested to urge the claims of the State of North Carolina to her portion of the public lands; and that the same, when obtained, be applied to the establishment and support of common schools and the promotion and diffusion of education throughout the State.

These Resolutions were ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

The proposition from the Senate to raise a Joint Select Committee on Military Affairs was concurred in, and Messrs. Brittain, Trolinger, Peden, Whitaker and J. T. Miller appointed to compose the committee on the part of the House.

The bill from the Senate to alter the time of holding the County Courts of Wilkes, was read three times and ordered to be enrolled.

Received from His Excellency, Gov. Dudley, a communication transmitting the Report of Wm. H. Haywood, Jr. Esq., Commissioner to settle the Military claims of this State on the General Government; which was read and sent to the Senate with a proposition to refer the subject to a Joint Select Committee.

SENATE.

Thursday, Nov. 29.

Mr. Morehead, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act concerning the public roads, &c. reported the bill with an amendment, proposing to strike out all but the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof provisions making it the official duty of county attorneys to prosecute all suits brought by the overseers of roads for fines; and authorizing the courts, when any such suit shall not be prosecuted with effect, to determine on what grounds it was brought, and to direct whether the plaintiff or county shall pay the costs; which was read, and on motion of Mr. Wilson, ordered to be laid on the table and be printed.

The engrossed bill from the Commons, fixing the time for perfecting the titles to land heretofore entered and paid for, was read the first time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Morehead, it was referred to the members representing the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Judicial Circuits to inquire into the expediency of altering the time of holding the Superior Courts of said Circuits.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the existing laws, so as to allow witnesses residing in a different county from that in the court of which they may be summoned, a compensation for each day's travel to and from court in addition to that already allowed; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

A vote was had for Solicitor of the fifth Judicial Circuit, which resulted in the election of Alexander Troy.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the memorial of Joel Strong, on the subject of the dividing line between the States of N. Carolina and Virginia, was ordered to be sent to the Commons, with a proposition to refer it to a joint select committee to consist of the members representing the counties adjacent to the Virginia line.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Rand presented the memorial of the president and directors of the Raleigh and Gaston R. R. Company, asking the aid of the State in completing their Road—which was read and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. E. J. Erwin presented a Resolution proposing to the Senate to raise a Joint Select Committee of both Houses to enquire into the expediency of erecting a Penitentiary in this State—which was read and adopted.

Mr. Carson presented a bill, founded on the petition of many citizens of Burke and Rutherford, to lay off and establish a new county by the name of McDowell. Referred to a committee composed of the delegates from Burke & Rutherford.

On motion of Mr. Robards, the Library Committee were instructed to enquire into the expediency of re-publishing Lawson's History of N. Carolina.

Mr. Nye presented a Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, authorizing the Public Treasurer to receive the notes of specie-paying Banks either in S. Carolina or Virginia, for all entries of lands.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Blount, a message was sent to the Senate proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the securing to the citizens of this State homesteads or freeholds.

Mr. Reid introduced a bill to incorporate the Cape Fear and Western Steam Boat Company, which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Massey introduced a Resolution, which was passed, proposing to the Senate to raise a Joint Select Committee of both Houses, for the purpose of inquiring into the cost of the Public Printing, and whether the law making provision for that purpose does not need amendment.

Messrs. Hollaud, Mills, Massey, H. C. Jones and Puryear were appointed to compose said Committee on the part of this House.

The bill for the better regulation of the town of Greenville; the bill to extend the time for registering grants, mesne conveyances, powers of attorney

bills of sale and deeds of gift; and the Resolution for printing the Comptroller's Report, were each read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee of both Houses on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the request made by the State of Louisiana, to hold a Southern Convention to adopt means against the machinations of Northern Fanatics.

On motion of Mr. Robards, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing to refer so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Vermont Abolition Resolutions, to a Joint Select Committee.

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the existing laws, so as to exempt growing crops from execution.

Mr. McWilliams introduced a bill to emancipate Henry, a slave, which was indefinitely postponed.

Also, a bill to emancipate Napoleon, a slave, which was rejected.

Also, a bill concerning certain Fisheries in this State, which was read the first time and passed.

SENATE.

Friday, Nov. 30.

Mr. Dockery, from the committee on Claims, reported adversely to petitions of Christopher Vicky, of Randolph, and Robert Brown of Lincoln. Concurred in.

Mr. Whitaker presented a resolution in favor of Wm. Ashley, which was read and referred.

The engrossed bill from the Commons, to incorporate Junto Academy, was read the first time and referred.

The Speaker announced to the Senate the appointment of the following committees, on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Reid and Montgomery on enrolled Bills; Messrs. Morehead, Spruill, Bunting, Arrington and Speed, on the Governor's Message, transmitting a communication from Wm. H. Haywood, Jr.; Messrs. Wilson, Dockery, Harper, Hill and Cooper, on Military Affairs; Messrs. Edwards, Carson, Kerr, Biddle and Ribelin, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to weights and measures; and Messrs. Moody, Holt, Reinhardt, Montgomery and Reid, on Agriculture.

Bills presented. By Mr. Cooper, a bill to alter the mode of electing constables in this State, so far as relates to the county of Martin. [Veys the power in the County Court.] By Mr. Albright, a bill to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes. [Authorizes the issuing of \$200,000 in notes of from 5 to 75 cents, to answer the demand for change.] By Mr. Davidson, a bill concerning the County Court of Iredell. These bills were read, the first laid on the table, the second referred to the committee on Finance, and the last passed three times and ordered to be engrossed.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

A. G. Proctor, the member elect for the county of Pasquotank, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

Proceedings relating to Abolition. On motion, the vote of yesterday, by which the Senate was requested to cooperate in raising a committee on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Vermont resolutions, was re-considered. The original resolution, introduced by Mr. Robards, being now before the House, Mr. Patton moved that it lie on the table, which was rejected—yeas 7, nays 105. On motion of Mr. Amis, the resolution was then indefinitely postponed—yeas 92, nays 21.

Subsequently, Mr. Crawford moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That his Excellency, Gov. Dudley, be requested to forward to his Excellency the Governor of Vermont, a communication upon the subject of the resolutions transmitted to him upon the subject of abolition, and to express the indignation and abhorrence of this deliberative body, in a most decided manner.

Mr. W. P. Williams moved to amend by substituting the following: "That the interference of the Legislature of Vermont with the subject of slavery, as communicated to us in our Governor's Message, is a gross assault on Southern rights, and deserves a contemptuous and indignant rebuke from this House."

Pending the motion, Mr. Eaton moved that the resolution be postponed indefinitely, which was carried—yeas 79, nays 34.

Messrs. E. P. Miller, Walker, Stratford and Jarman were appointed the committee on enrolled bills on the part of the House.

The proposition from the Senate that Thursday the 13th of December be set apart for the appointment of Justices of the Peace, was concurred in.

The message from the Senate, relating to the boundary line between this State and Virginia, was not concurred in.

The message from the Senate, proposing to refer to the Committee on Finance so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the currency, was not concurred in.

The messages from the Senate, proposing that so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Public Arms, &c. be referred to the committee on Military Affairs; and that so much thereof as relates to Reports from the Institutions of the State in which it has a pecuniary interest, be referred to the Finance Committee, were concurred in.

Mr. Winston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asked that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolution con-

cerning the Bastardy law; the committee were discharged.

The committee were also discharged from the Resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the County Courts to decree a sale of land held by tenants in common.

Mr. Winston, from the same committee, reported a bill to amend the 39th section of the Revised Statutes, entitled An Act concerning the Courts of Justice, Practice, Pleas and Process—which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to incorporate Pleasant Grove Academy, in the county of Perquimans, which was read the first time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Cape Fear and Western Steam Boat Company, was reported with sundry amendments, which were concurred in, and the bill was then ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to incorporate the Yadin Manufacturing Company, was reported, amended and ordered to be laid on the table.

SENATE.

Saturday, December 1.

Mr. Morehead, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to amend the 16th section of an act in the Revised Statutes concerning the General Assembly of the State, without amendment, recommending its rejection. The bill was then read the second time; and after an ineffectual effort to amend, by Mr. McDiarmid, rejected.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Beaufort, Resolved, That the committee on Education and the Literary Fund be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing free schools in each and every county in the State, and report by bill or otherwise.

The proposition of the House of Commons, to refer so much of the Governor's message as relates to the securing to the citizens of this State homesteads or freeholds, to a Joint Select committee, was, on motion of Mr. Edwards, ordered to lie on the table.

The proposition of the Commons, to raise a Joint Select Committee to inquire into the expediency of building a Penitentiary, was concurred in.

The proposition of the Commons to refer so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the request made by Louisiana to hold a Southern Convention to adopt measures against the machinations of Northern fanatics, was, on motion of Mr. Edwards, laid on the table.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of Elizabeth Bentley, of Wilkes. Referred.

The engrossed bills from the Commons, to extend the time of registering grants, mesne conveyances, &c. and for the better regulation of the town of Greenville, were read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Jones, the first amended, and passed.

The resolution from the other House, to print the Comptroller's Report, was rejected.

Mr. Dockery presented the petition of a number of citizens of Robeson county, praying an appropriation for the purpose of removing obstructions in Lumber river. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Spruill, a message was sent to the Senate proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee to make the necessary arrangements, &c. for comparing the votes given at the late election for Governor.

Senate's Committee on Public Printing—Messrs. Davidson, Fox, Albright, Baker and Sharp.

On Private Bills—Messrs. Holt, Exum, Redding Rabun and Melchor.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. J. P. Caldwell, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to emancipate Emmeline, wife of Henry I. Patterson of Raleigh. Read first time.

Herod Faison, a member elect from Northampton County, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Hoke moved a reconsideration of the vote taken yesterday, when by certain Resolutions on the subject of Abolition were indefinitely postponed; which being agreed to, Mr. Hoke moved amend said Resolutions, by striking out the whole and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Resolved, that upon the subject of the abolition of Slavery we have but one opinion and will not under any circumstances, permit ourselves to entertain or debate it, in any effort to excite discussion by persons living out of our State who will instantly meet with the most decided and contemptuous repudiation.

Mr. Paine moved to amend the amendment by substituting, in lieu thereof, the following:

WHEREAS, we, the Representatives of the people of North Carolina, perceive with abhorrence and regret, that the Legislature of the State of Vermont have by a communication to the subject of the abolition of Slavery, from the Governor of said State to the Executive of the State of North Carolina, attempted officiously, and without the shadow of a right, to interfere with our domestic institutions; and whereas, we view all such attempts at interference as having an inevitable tendency, not only to destroy harmony and good feeling among the States of this Union, but also to lead to civil war and bloodshed.

Therefore be it Resolved, that we consider all such communications as an open declaration of hostility to our peace, happiness and prosperity, and leave them to the opprobrium and detestable contempt with which they deserve to be treated by the friends of peace, and good order, and the advocates of the Federal Compact.

A division of the question being called for, on motion of Mr. Crawford, the whole subject was committed to a

Committee, consisting of Messrs. Edwards, Hoke, Paine and Caldwell.

Mr. Brittain called off for consideration the bill to lay off and establish a county by the name of Henderson, and a considerable debate ensued on the Messrs. Brittain & Patton advanced and Mr. Faison opposing its passage. It ultimately passed its second reading 78 to 37.

SENATE.

Monday, Dec. 2. Mr. Edwards presented the following resolutions, which, on his motion, were ordered to be laid on the table and be printed:

Resolved by the General Assembly of North Carolina, That it is expedient on the first and second sections of the article of the amendments to the Constitution to restore to the people the right of annually electing the members of the Senate and the House of Commons.

Resolved, That a select committee of members be appointed to report a bill to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions. On motion of Mr. Moody.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait upon his excellency the Governor, requesting him to lay before this Legislature, as early a day as convenient, the results of the last Legislature, and all papers and free schools in this State.

Resolved, That a select committee of members be appointed to report a bill to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions. On motion of Mr. Moody.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait upon his excellency the Governor, requesting him to lay before this Legislature, as early a day as convenient, the results of the last Legislature, and all papers and free schools in this State.

On motion of Mr. Reinhardt, a bill to amend the 16th section of an act in the Revised Statutes, concerning the General Assembly, was considered, read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Cherry, passed.

The two Houses went into an election for Counsellors of State. The following gentlemen were in nomination, viz. Messrs. John A. Anderson of Hertford; Allen Goodwyn, of Currituck; James P. Leak, of Richmond; Johnson Busbee, of Wake; Thos. G. Gehee, of Person; Dr. Willie Perry of Franklin; and Isaac T. Avery of Burke; James Watt, of Rockingham; George Williamson, of Caswell; A. Rogers, Sr. of Wake; Arc'd H. Dun of Franklin; Chas. E. Johnson, of Chowan; and Thos. H. Hall, of Edgecombe. The first seven named gentlemen were elected.

Currency—Banks. Mr. Shepard presented the following resolution, which, on his motion, were ordered to lie on the table and be printed:

Whereas, the exchanges of the currency of the country are much deranged, and it is not possible, for the general prosperity, that a state of things should be speedily corrected, and the industry of the country, and the steady and permanent footing, that has been its exertions may not be permanently altered in any way by the action of the Federal Government; and whereas there are conflicting opinions among the people of the State of North Carolina upon the subject of a national bank, and upon the policy of an independent treasury under the exclusive control of the Federal Executive: Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of North Carolina, That it would eminently conduce to the prosperity of the people of the U. States, and tend much, for the future, to withdraw the business of the country from those entangling alliances with national politics which have been found injurious to both, that the Congress of the United States should charter three separate distinct and independent banks, to be located, with their branches, in the three great sections of the Union, North, South and West.

And be it further resolved, That in the opinion of this Assembly, the united capital of these banks should not exceed fifty millions of dollars, to be distributed by such parties, to the different sections of the Union, so as Congress might seem just and proper.

Mr. Biddle presented a resolution instructing the committee on the Judiciary to report a bill amending the law respecting the election of Constables, which, on motion of Mr. Wilson, was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jones, from the committee on Finance, to whom so much of the Governor's message as relates to the currency and deposits, made a report, asking that the committee be discharged from the consideration of those subjects, and that they be referred to a Joint select committee of five to be raised for that purpose. Concurred in.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of J. Gilreath. Read and referred.

The bill to alter the mode of electing constables in Martin county, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Shepard presented a bill to amend an act, passed in 1821, to incorporate a company, entitled the Roanoke Inlet Company, and for other purposes; and Mr. Baker, a bill to lay off and establish a county by the name of ——. Read the first time, and the latter referred to a committee to consist of the members from the counties of Burke and Wilkes.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Hoke, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of citizens of Lincoln and Rutherford, reported a bill to establish a new county by the name of Caldwell, which passed its first reading.

Mr. Trolinger presented the petition of citizens of Orange, praying that said county be not divided. The bill to establish the county of Jefferson was then taken up. Mr. Hill moved for its indefinite postponement, but the motion was negatived 64 to 44. Mr. Robards moved to amend the bill by striking out Jefferson and inserting Blakely. Negatived 60 to 50. The bill then passed its second reading.

Mr. Siler submitted a Resolution directing the Secretary of State to issue grants for lands sold at the late sale of Cherokee Lands. Referred to the Committee on Cherokee Lands.

Received from His Excellency, the Governor, by his Private Secretary, a message transmitting the Report of the

Commissioners for the sale of the