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SENATE.

Friday, Dec. 29.

The Speaker announced the fol-
lowing gentlemen, as composing the
committees on the several subjects
embraced in the resolutions, submit-
ted to the Senate, by Mr. Pickett:

On Education.—Messrs. McKay,
Speed, Hill of Franklin, Leak and
Joneston.

On Internal Improvements.—Mes-
srs. Forney, Stokes, King, Wilson,
of Edgecombe and Williams, of Mar-
tin.

**On Lands acquired from the Cher-
okee Indians.**—Messrs. Croom, Ax-
eander, Love, Baird, of Burke and
Boddie.

On the Judiciary &c.—Messrs.
Pickett, Miller, Greenist Beard, of
Rowan and Hill, of Stokes.

On the Militia Laws.—Messrs.
Speight of Greene, Gray, Sellers,
Williams, of Beaufort and Ward.

**On the emigration of Free Persons
of Colour into this State.**—Messrs.
Seawell, Speight, of Greene, Stokes,
Speight, of Craven and Gilchrist.

On the Patrol Laws.—Messrs.
Speight of Craven, Backwell, Ty-
son, McLeary and Riddick.

**On the Proposal of Jonathan El-
liott.**—Messrs. Hill, of Franklin,
Davis, Smith, Hunter and Holloman.

A message was received from the
other House, covering the Treasur-
er's Annual Report, with a propo-
sition to print it for the use of the
members, one copy for each, and to
refer it to the joint select committee
on Finance—which was agreed to—

Mr. Matthews presented the peti-
tion of Mildred M'Milly, praying for
a divorce from her husband, accom-
panied with a motion that a commit-
tee of Divorce and Alimony be ap-
pointed to whom that petition should
be referred. The motion was car-
ried, and Messrs. Matthew, Gray,
Montgomery, Dvane and Parker,
were subsequently announced as com-
posing this committee.

Saturday, Dec 30.

Mr. Speight of Greene, introduc-
ed the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the mes-
sage of his Excellency the Governor
as relates to the amendment of the
Constitution of the U. States; on the
subject of the emancipation of slaves,
and the several resolutions therein
alluded to, be referred to a select
joint committee.

Mr. Forney remarked that, at the
last session resolutions from the State
of Ohio, of a similar character to
those referred to in the above reso-
lution, had been presented to the
consideration of the Senate. It would
not be in order for him to speak of
the wisdom manifested by the Senate
in taking no notice of the subject.
He thought that encroachments on
any of our rights should be resisted
by a temperate though manly stand;

but it was not sufficient that we im-
agined our rights assailed, we should
be certain of it.—There was a great
deal of sensibility excited whenever
this subject was mentioned, and
disposition was felt to take umbrage
when, perhaps no offence was intend-
ed. He could see no good which
would result from referring the sub-
ject to a committee.

Mr. Hill, of Franklin, said he had
not intended to say a word on this
subject, nor would he have done so,
but for the attempt which as he con-
ceived, the gentlemen from Lincoln
(Mr. Forney) had made to throw im-
pediments, in the way of the resolu-
tion. He hoped the resolution would
meet with the approbation of the Le-
gislature, and that it would be re-
ferred. This was no new attempt of
the non-slave holding States, at en-
croachment; for some years they have
been officiously intermeddling with
our domestic concerns and we have
tolerated it, until our silence has been
construed into an assent to their doc-
trines. It was high time to take no-
tice of these numerous and unjustifi-
able interferences and to give an ex-
pression, an indignant expression, of
our feelings on the subject. There
was an actual confederation on foot,
to sap the foundation of the slave-
holding States, in a point which was
considered vulnerable. Shall we,
said Mr. Hill, still fold our arms in
easy sleep? No, let us show them, if
they will not act in accordance with
the suggestion contained in the last
annual message of our Governor,
—that it is best for every one to man-
age his own business—let us show them
that we will attend to our best and
dearest interests, and that North
Carolina will stand forth in their
defence, as she early determined to
do in the great contest for liberty.

Mr. King thought it of great im-
portance that every subject should be
well weighed before it was referred
to a committee to be reported on.
He did not see any reason for Legis-
lating on the subject at present. No
doubt, all entertained the opinion
that slavery was a great evil. It was
a delicate subject, and for himself,
he thought the less said on the sub-
ject the better. Believing that the
several resolutions proposed to be re-
ferred, involved other topics besides
those contained in the resolution of
the gentleman from Greene, he moved
that it lie on the table, and if any
thing should arise during the session,
which seemed to demand its consid-
eration, it could then be called up.

Mr. Speight hoped the motion to
lay the resolution on the table would
not be agreed to. He conceded, it
was a delicate topic, and one which
required to be judiciously handled;
but however delicate, he intended to
assert his rights. As a North Caro-
linian, he felt that he was imposed
upon, and that there was an improper
attempt to dictate to the Southern
States in what manner they should
govern their own property, and be-
fore he would tamely acquiesce in any
infringement of his rights in this par-
ticular, he would destroy the Con-
stitution. Law & every thing most
dear to him.

The motion to lay the resolution
on the table was negatived.

Mr. Gilchrist begged leave, before
the question on the adoption of the
resolution was put, to submit an am-
endment to it. He proposed to
substitute for the words "emancipa-
tion of slaves," the words used in the
Veront Resolution, viz. "abolition
of slavery." The definition of the
two phrases, though similar was dif-
ferent. Emancipation means the
turning loose amongst ourselves a
certain species of property. Abolition
implies not only this, but much
more. It embraces the idea of colo-

ning them without the limits of the
Union, and no doubt this is what
Veront contemplated in her resolu-
tions.

The question on the adoption of
the amendment having been decided
in the affirmative, the question recur-
red on the passage of the resolution
which was also decided in the affir-
mative.

Mr. Beard of Rowan, presented
the following Resolution, which was
agreed to.

Resolved, That the Committee
on the Judiciary be instructed to
inquire whether any, and if any,
what amendment is necessary to the
law respecting Administrators of the
estates of deceased persons, the more
effectually to prevent loss to such
estates by the mismanagement or
failure of administrators, and like-
wise to protect the securities of ad-
m'rs. and that they have leave to re-
port by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Montgomery presented a bill
to vest the right of electing Sheriffs
in the free people of this State, which
passed its first reading was ordered
to be printed, and made the order of
the day for Monday.

Mr. Croom presented a bill to a-
mend an act passed in 1819, to pre-
vent the fraudulent trading with
slaves. Read 1st time.

Monday, Jan. 1.

Mr. Hill, of Franklin, remarked,
that it was within the knowledge of
every member present, that in con-
sequence of the resignation of Judge
Nash, there was a vacancy on the
Superior Court Bench, to be filled
during the present Session of the
Legislature. The Executive and
Council had temporarily filled the
office, by the appointment of W. L.
P. Mangum. It would devolve on
them to supply the vacancy perman-
ently—he moved, therefore, that a
message be sent to the House of com-
mons, proposing to ballot on Wed-
nesday next for a Judge, and betake
that opportunity of nominating Mr.
Mangum for the situation.

The motion was carried.
The next subject in order, was the
bill to alter the annual meeting of
the Legislature back again to the 3d
Monday in November.

Mr. Seawell moved, that the con-
sideration of the bill be postponed
until to-morrow, as it was not prob-
able the Senate would remain long
in session on that day.

Mr. Stokes moved that it be made
the order of the day for Monday
next.

Mr. Sanders thought it highly
probable that on Monday there would
not be so full an attendance as on an-
y other day at least, this was usual-
ly the case. He wished the subject
to undergo a thorough investigation,
and to that end, moved that the bill
be made the order of the day for
Thursday week.

Mr. Hill, of Franklin, moved that
it be postponed until the first day of
June next.

The Speaker said the question
would be put on the most distant day
of reference, and accordingly took the
sense of the House on Mr. Hill's mo-
tion which resulted in its rejection.
The question was then put and car-
ried on Mr. Sanders's proposition.

Tuesday Jan. 2.

Mr. Gray presented a bill to con-
firm the name and to legitimate Alex-
ander Murdoch, of Randolph Coun-
ty. Read the first time, and subse-
quently the second and third times,
and ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the Sen-
ate a communication from Corne-
lius Dowd, of Moore county, contest-
ing the right of the sitting member,
Josiah Tyson, to his seat. Referred
to the Committee on Privileges and
Elections.

Wednesday Jan. 3.

Mr. Davis presented a bill pre-
scribing the manner in which Clerks
of the Superior Courts shall hereafter
be appointed; which passed its first
reading.

Mr. Croom from the committee
of Privileges and Elections, to whom
was referred the communication from
Cornelius Dowd, stating that Josiah
Tyson, the Senator from Moore coun-
ty, is not legally entitled to a seat in
the Senate, reported in favor of the
sitting member.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the sub-
ject was referred to a committee of
the whole House.

The Senate, then, on motion of Mr.
Speight, of Greene, resolved itself
into a committee of the whole. Mr.
Stokes in the Chair; and, after some
time spent in the consideration of
the Report, the committee reported
progress, and obtained leave
to sit again to-morrow.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Dec 28.

Mr. Potter moved to reconsider
the resolution yesterday presented by
Mr. Greene, proposing to refer so
much of the Governor's Message as
relates to the subject of Slavery and
the communication from Vermont to
a select joint committee, the ques-
tion for reconsidering having been
decided in the affirmative, on the
motion of Mr. Potter, it was ordered
to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Love, a message
was sent to the Senate, proposing to
raise a joint select committee to whom
shall be referred that part of the Gov-
ernor's Message which relates to the
Cherokee Indians.

On motion of Mr. Morehead, a
message was sent to the Senate, pro-
posing to raise a select joint commit-
tee to consist of two members on the
part of this House, to be styled the
committee of Public Buildings.

Mr. Shepherd presented a bill,
concerning the granting Licence, to
practice in the County Courts of this
State. [Provides that persons may
obtain licence to practice in the
County Courts, previous to their
having attained to the age of 21
years.] Read the first time.

The Speaker laid before the House,
the Annual Report of John Haywood,
Public Treasurer, which being read,
on motion of Mr. Swain it was or-
dered with the attendant documents
to be referred to the joint committee
of Finance, and to be sent to the Senate,
with a proposition to print one copy
for each member.

Friday, Dec 29.

On motion of Mr. Swain, a mes-
sage was sent to the Senate, inform-
ing that John Carson, Richard Ab-
lison, John Scott, Robert H. Jones,
Leonard Martin, William A. Bryant,
Alfred Moore and Robert Strange,
form the committee of Finance on the
part of this House.

Mr. Clement introduced a bill to
establish Mocksville Academy in
Rowan and to incorporate the Trustees
thereof—Read the first, second
and third times and ordered to be
engrossed.

Mr. Wyche presented a bill to
alter the time of holding the meet-
ing of the General Assembly—[Propo-
ses to alter the time to the 2d
Monday in November.]

Mr. Hampton presented a bill con-
cerning certain officers in Davidson
County.—[Provides that whereas the
term of office of the Clerk of the
County Court of the Solicitor, Regis-
ter, &c. of Davidson County expires
on the fourth week in January and
next court days occur until the 3d
Monday in March, that the powers
be continued to them until said court.]