

CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

[Proceedings of Thursday, Dec. 6—continued.]

Mr. Lathrop submitted the following motion:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Revised and Unfinished Business be instructed to consider the expediency of reviving and continuing in force, for a limited time, an act passed the 11th May, 1820, "extending the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes, in certain cases," or of otherwise granting relief to the owners of the land where it has been purchased on behalf of the United States.

Mr. Wood suggested, that the motion of the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Lathrop) was not perhaps sufficiently broad to cover the object in view. His (Mr. W's) attention had been drawn to the subject, and had drafted the following motion, intending to have himself proposed it:

Resolved, That the expediency of extending the time for the redemption of lands sold for the direct tax, under the several acts passed August 2, 1813, January 9th, 1815, and March 5, 1816, and which have been purchased on behalf of the United States, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. W. hoped that both would be laid on the table for inspection and consideration.—Agreed.

Mr. Cook, of Illinois, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of the 1st section of the act of the 21st of March last, entitled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of the public lands prior to the 1st day of July, 1820," to the 30th of September, 1822.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Rankin moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of altering the time and place of holding the District Court of the U. States in the District of Mississippi.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Sawyer moved that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the State of the Union, for the purpose of taking into consideration the President's Message.

Mr. Taylor, of New-York, was called to the chair.

Mr. Wood presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the Commercial intercourse with Great-Britain, France, Portugal, and Norway, their dominions and colonies, be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the construction of the eighth article of the Treaty of 1803, whereby Louisiana was ceded to the U. States; to the seizure of the Apollo, in 1820; to the execution of the Treaty of 1819, with Spain; to the renewal of diplomatic intercourse with Portugal, and all other subjects of Foreign Affairs, be referred to a Select Committee.

Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the organization of a more regular government for the territory of Florida, be referred to a Select Committee.

Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the survey of the coast, the navy, navy-yards, and naval affairs; the protection of our commerce, and to the slave-trade, be referred to a Select Committee.

Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the revision of the Tariff, and to Manufactures, be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the subject of Revenue, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That the said Committee consist of — each, and have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Some discussion took place on the first resolution submitted by Mr. Wood, in which the matter, and Messrs. Wright, Sergeant, and Little, took part; when, on motion, the committee rose; and, on motion of the latter, the aforesaid resolutions were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wood submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the subject of the marine and navy-hospital funds, and the provision for sick and disabled seamen, be referred to the committee of Commerce.

Resolved, That the subject of the duties and compensation of the persons employed in the collection of the revenue arising from imports and tonnage, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That the subject of intercourse with the Indians by agents, factors, traders, trading-houses, and otherwise, be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That the laws and regulations of the Post-Office establishment, be referred to the committee on Post-Offices & Post-Roads.

Resolved, That the subject of the compensation of marshals, clerks, and attorneys, in the courts of the United States, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Resolved, That the laws and regulations relative to certain persons engaged on the land and naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary war, be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That the subject of the mint establishment, the coins of the U. States and foreign coins, be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That the subject of the public buildings and the public lands in the City of Washington, be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That the subject of the public armories, arsenals, and the munitions of war belonging to the U. States, be referred to the committee on fortifications and military affairs.

Resolved, That the said committees consist of — each, and have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion—Ordered, that the same be printed, and lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea called for the consideration of the resolution which he had yesterday proposed, for the appointment of a select committee on the subject of Revolutionary Pensions.

The House agreed to consider the same, and adopted it.

Mr. Moore, of Penn. introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of further providing by law for the prevention of Duels among persons employed in the civil, military, and naval service of the United States.

After a brief discussion, the resolution was adopted, and the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7.

On motion of Mr. Cook, of Illinois, the committee on the public lands were instructed to enquire whether any, and if any, what provision is necessary to be made to enable the people of the state of Illinois to open a canal through the public land to connect the waters of Lake Michigan with the Illinois river.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union—Mr. Taylor of N. Y. in the chair.

The business in order before the committee was upon the resolutions of Mr. Wood in relation to a reference of the several subjects, presented for consideration in the President's Message, to appropriate committees.

Mr. Nelson, of Va. moved to strike out all that part of the resolutions proposed by Mr. Wood, which follows the word Resolved, and to insert in lieu thereof the following:

1. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as concerns the commercial intercourse of the United States with all foreign nations, and all other matters relating to the commerce of the United States, be referred to the committee of Commerce.

2. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the foreign and diplomatic affairs of the United States in their intercourse with all other nations, be referred to a select committee.

3. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the Florida, and the organization of a Territorial government for them, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

4. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as concerns the revenue and finances of the United States, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

5. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to Manufactures and to the promotion of National Industry, be referred to the committee of Manufactures.

6. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as concerns the military establishment and fortifications, be referred to a select committee.

7. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the naval establishment; its gradual increase; the repairs and construction of vessels of war; the protection of our trade in the Mediterranean and on the high seas against the Barbary powers, and against all piratical depredations, be referred to a select committee.

8. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the Slave Trade, be referred to a select committee.

9. Resolved, That the said select committees have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The four first resolutions were successively adopted. The fifth being under consideration, Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina moved to amend the same by striking therefrom the words "and the promotion of national industry," which, after some discussion thereon, was lost, and the fifth and sixth resolutions were severally adopted.

Mr. Sawyer moved to insert in the seventh resolution, after the word "Mediterranean," the words "Pacific Ocean," which was carried, and the resolution was adopted without further amendment.

The eight and ninth resolutions were also adopted, when the committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

In the House, Mr. Wright moved the same amendment of the fifth resolution that had been proposed in the committee of the whole, which was negatived.

Mr. Rich moved to insert the words "suppression of," before the words "slave trade," in the 8th resolution, which was agreed to, and the House concurred in the report of the committee of the whole without further amendment.

MONDAY, DEC. 10.

The following committees were announced to have been appointed by the Speaker, in pursuance of the resolutions of this House on Friday last, viz.

On the Naval Establishment—Messrs. McLane, Fuller, Warfield, Gilmer, Hardin, Campbell, Plumer, of Pa.

On the Military Establishment—Messrs. Eustis, Van Rensselaer, Bassett, Smith, of Ky. Cocke, Darlington, Matlack.

On the Foreign and Diplomatic Affairs of the United States—Messrs. Russell, Rodney, Trimble, Atcher, Wright, Taylor, Farrelly.

On the Slave Trade—Messrs. Gorham, Hemphill, Philips, Borland, Poinsett, J. T. Johnson, Swearingen.

There were presented this morning, forty-five petitions, which were referred to appropriate committees.

Among the petitions was one from Matthew Lyon, contesting the right of Mr. Bates to the trust of Delegate from the Arkansas Territory; one from Thomas Jefferson, of Virginia, as Rector of the University of that State, praying that the duties may be abolished on the importation of books for the use of Literary Institutions; and one from the Corporation of Washington, praying from Congress authority to remove farther east that part of the City Canal which now runs along Pennsylvania avenue.

A bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act for the transportation of certain documents free of postage," was read the first and second time, and, by unanimous consent, was also read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer,

Resolved, That the committee on so much of the President's Message as relates to the suppression of the slave trade, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of continuing in force for a further time, an act passed the 3d of March, 1819, which, by the act of the 15th May, 1820, was extended to two years, and entitled "An act to protect the commerce of the United States and punish the crime of piracy."

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of occupying the Columbia river, and the Territory of the United States adjacent thereto, and of regulating the trade with the Indian tribes; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for prohibiting printers and editors of newspapers, and all other persons who are proprietors of any such printing establishment, or in any way concerned in the publication of newspapers, from being mail contractors or post masters; and also prohibiting post masters from being mail contractors, or being employed in the conveyance of the mail.

On motion of Mr. Lathrop,

Resolved, That the committee of Revised and Unfinished Business be instructed to consider the expediency of reviving the several acts of August 2d, 1813, January 9th, 1815, and March 5th, 1816, laying a direct tax within the United States, so far as to allow a further time of redemption on the lands sold for the non-payment of the tax, where the same have been purchased on behalf of the United States.

The resolutions proposed by Mr. Wood, on the 6th inst. for the appointment of sundry committees, was then taken up; and, after undergoing some modification, were agreed to.

Mr. Lathrop called for the consideration of the resolution which he had submitted to the House on Thursday last, relative to the further extension of the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes, which was considered and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the House proceeded to the election of a Chaplain, and the following gentlemen were nominated, viz:

Rev. Jared Sparks, Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, Rev. Burgess Allison, Rev. John M. Bradford, Rev. Reuben Post, Rev. John Chalmers.

On the first ballot, the votes were declared to stand as follows: For Rev. Mr. Sparks, 53 votes; for Rev. Mr. Allison, 41; for Rev. Mr. Dwight, 33; for Rev. Mr. Bradford, 16; for Rev. Mr. Post, 15; Scattering 5.—No choice.

After three other ballottings, Mr. Sparks increasing every ballot in number, was elected.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11.

The following Committees were announced as having been appointed pursuant to the orders of yesterday:

On Public Buildings—Messrs. Blackledge, Van Wyck, Cassidy, Brown, Cushman, Hobart and William, Va.

On the expediency of occupying the Columbia River, &c.—Messrs. Floyd, Eulies, and Scott.

On the Joint Library Committee.—Messrs. Poinsett, A. Smith, and Whipple.

On this day forty-one petitions were presented and referred to appropriate Committees.

Mr. Sloan, from the Committee on Elections, reported in favor of the petition of Cadwallader D. Golden, of New York, contesting the return in favor of P. Sharpe, which was on motion referred to a committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Sergeant, of Penn. from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill for the establishment of an uniform system of Bankruptcy throughout the U. States, which was read by its title. Among other remarks, Mr. S. stated, that the subject of the bill was a matter of deep interest to the people of the U. States; that he had presented it thus early in order to give members time to prepare their minds on it; and that it was the same in form, as that which came from the Senate at the last Session. Mr. S. then moved that it be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for the first Monday in January next; which was agreed to.

Mr. Cannon, of Tennessee, submitted for consideration the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for the general defence, by making further provision for arming, organizing, and improving in discipline, the militia of the United States.

2. Resolved, That a select committee be appointed on the subject of militia, whose duty it shall be to enquire into the expediency of organizing and providing for the improvement in discipline of the different states and territories; and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

3. Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the annual appropriation for arming the militia.

4. Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of re-organizing the regular army, so that companies in the different corps contain the number of non-commissioned officers and privates they did previous to the reduction and organization made under the act of the last session of Congress; and that said committee enquire into the expediency of disbanding the supernumerary officers, and reducing the general staff.

5. Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the number of cadets, (educated at the public expense in the military academy at West Point) to such a number as may be necessary for the regular army of the United States.

These resolutions were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Md. moved the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House a statement shewing the amount annually received under the act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, during the years 1817, 1818, 1819 and 1820; and the annual expenditures for the same during those years.

2. Resolved, That the commissioners of the navy hospitals be directed to report to this House a statement shewing the annual receipts of the navy hospital fund, and the balance that remains in their hands unexpended.

These resolutions also were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of N. C. it was

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to officers in the army of the United States a salary or stated sum of money per year, instead of pay and emoluments, as now allowed by law.

Mr. Whitman, of Maine, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House copies of any communication received at his office having relation to any misunderstanding which may have existed between Andrew Jackson, as governor of the Floridas, and Elijus Fromentin, as judge of the court therein.

And, also, in relation to any delay, or omission, on the part of the officers under his Catholic Majesty, to surrender to the officers and commissioners of the United States, duly authorized to receive the same, any of the archives and documents which relate directly to the property and sovereignty in and over the said Floridas.

And, also, in relation to the means adopted by the officers and commissioners, on the part of the United States, to obtain possession of such archives and documents.

These resolutions, according to the rules of the house, lie on the table one day of course.

Mr. Nelson, of Md. submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed, with instructions to enquire into the expediency of appropriating the proceeds of the public lands to the creation of a permanent fund for the purposes of education and internal improvements throughout the United States.

Mr. Hardin of Ky. proposed to amend the resolution, so as to refer the subject to the committee on the Public Lands, instead of a select committee.

Mr. Woodson, of Ky. moved to amend the amendment by substituting, after the word Resolved, in the original proposition, the following, viz:

"That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of making such an appropriation of the public lands to the purposes of education in those states to which no grants have yet been made, as will correspond, in a just proportion, with the appropriations heretofore made in favour of other states; and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Cook moved that the amendment last proposed lie on the table, to the end that the whole subject be postponed until further information be obtained relative to the disposition of the people in regard to the subject, as expressed by their respective legislatures, now in session, before whom it is known to be agitated.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, it was

Resolved, That the subject of roads and canals be referred to a select committee.

The order of the day was then taken up, on the appointment of an assistant Doorkeeper.

Mr. Little moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed; which motion, after some discussion was negatived.

A balloting then took place; but as there were 21 candidates, no choice took place.

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