

times, the people did not calculate whether or how they were to get their money again, and thought of nothing less than the taking receipts for it, &c. Besides, S. said, clothing was furnished to the captives, the season being inclement, and they literally naked. For this, also, the citizens of Detroit might be remunerated. The claims embraced in this bill, he said, were altogether bottomed on humanity, and he trusted that the patriotic exertions made by the people of Detroit, whilst the themselves were oppressed by the presence of an enemy, would not be disregarded, but that they would at length be repaid the money which they had advanced almost ten years ago.

No other remarks being made on the bill, the committee rose and reported it to the House, and it was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10.

On motion of Mr. Cook, of Illinois: Resolved, that so much of the several acts of Congress passed for the admission of Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, into the Union, as sets apart a portion of the money arising from the sale of the public lands in those States, for the purpose of constructing roads and canals leading to those States, respectively, be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Cannon submitted the following Resolutions: Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for the national defence by improving the Militia of the United States.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether it is most expedient to improve the Militia throughout the United States, by means of the Military Academy, or that of the encampment of the officers, by brigades or otherwise, under proper regulations.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of continuing the preference given to the Cadets educated at the public expense, in the Military Academy at West Point, in entering the public service, over others of equal qualifications and merit, who are, or may be, educated at their own expense, or that of their parents or friends, at the school, under the superintendance of Capt. Partridge, in the State of Vermont, or at any other place in the United States.

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of employing the regular army, or a part thereof, in the erection of fortifications during a state of peace, instead of having them built by contract in the way heretofore pursued.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to make a statement to this House containing the names and grade of the officers belonging to the naval establishment of the United States, and the duties each officer is performing; also, the number of officers of each different grade necessary to command in active service the vessels of war at this time belonging to the Navy.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Condict, of N. J. rose to make a motion. In the message of the President to both Houses of Congress, at the opening of the session, he said, a very brief allusion was made to Piracies, committed in the West Indies. All that was said on that subject, is comprised in a short paragraph, which Mr. C. read. Intelligence has been recently received, and probably since that part of the message was penned, of transactions, so flagrant and outrageous in their character, as to call, imperiously, for the early and efficient interposition of this House. The premature death of the gallant and lamented Allen has excited a spirit of indignation throughout our country, unequalled since the late war. It calls loudly for retributive justice, from those lawless barbarians; and I hope to see, with as little delay as practicable, a competent force, at the disposal of the Executive, under some one of our most experienced naval officers, with ample powers and instructions to ferret them out of their lurking holes, and to drag them to condign & speedy punishment. A speedy punishment, because I have no idea of incurring the delay, or the hazard of transporting them here, or of extending to them a trial by jury, with all the delays incident to our courts of justice. They have placed themselves beyond the protection of the laws of civilized society—they have set at open defiance the laws of God and man—their hand is against every man, and every man's hand should combine against them. And the most effectual restraint which you can impose upon their barbarities, is to furnish to them the spectacle of a few dozen of their leaders suspended by the halter, from the yard-arms of some of our public ships. Deeming it expedient that Congress should, at an early period, adopt some decisive measures on this subject, I submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire, and report as early as may be, what further measures are necessary, not only for the more efficient protection of our commerce in the West India seas from piracy, but for the entire extirpation of those freebooters, and the punishment of those who may be found to aid and abet them.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President of the United States, transmitting a plan for the Peace Establishment of the Navy of the United States, and also of the Marine Corps, which has been prepared in obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 7th May last. Referred.

The House then, on motion of Mr. Cannon, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for clothing the Militia when in actual service.

After some remarks from Mr. Cannon, the committee rose, and the bill was ordered to be printed.

The next subject in order was a bill granting to Alabama and the Arkansas the pre-emption right for their seats of

justice, which after discussion, was rejected.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11.

Mr. Colden, of N. Y. submitted for consideration the following:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House such information as he may possess, with regard to any hostile Expedition which may have been prepared in the United States, and sailed from thence, within the present year, against the territory or dependency of any power in amity with the United States, and to inform this House whether any measures have been taken to bring to condign punishment, persons who may have been concerned in such expedition, contrary to the laws of the United States.

Mr. Condict, of N. J. offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary and Clerk of the respective Houses to lay before Congress, at the commencement of every session, a detailed statement of the expenditure of the contingent fund of each House during the preceding session, stating the items, quantity, prices, and to whom payment is made.

This resolution was read, and by the Rules lies on the table one day.

On motion of Mr. Condict, of N. J. it was Resolved, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to inquire and report whether any, and what, part of the contingent expenses of this House can be curtailed, without detriment to the public service: And, that said committee revise the system pursued by the officers of this House in disbursing the contingent fund, and report whether any further restriction, responsibilities or checks, are necessary for its disbursement.

Resolved, That the several petitions and resolutions referred to the several Standing and Select Committees, the last Session, and not finally acted upon, be again referred to the same committees.

The engrossed bill "for the relief of the Registers and Receivers of Public Money of the several Land Officers," was read a third time.

The engrossed bill "fixing the compensation of Receivers of Public Moneys for their services in transmitting Public Moneys to safe places of deposit," was read a third time—and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill for imposing more rigorous checks on the disbursement of public money.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the bill was amended by adding to it the following, as a new section:

"Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That no security given to, or obligation entered into with, the Government, shall be in any wise impaired by the dismissing any officer or from failure of the President to dismiss any officer coming under the provisions of this act."

Another slight amendment being made—the committee rose and reported the bill; and, on motion of Mr. Bassett, who did not wish to precipitate the bill through the House the consideration of the report was for the present deferred.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce, reported a bill to repeal the third section of the act, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act concerning navigation.'" [This bill provides, "that the third section of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled, 'An act concerning navigation,' passed 15th of May, 1820, be, and the same is hereby repealed."]

The bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day; and was subsequently read a 3d time, PASSED, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Fuller, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the message of the President, upon the subject of piracy, reported "A bill authorizing an additional naval force for the suppression of piracy," which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson, it was Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act passed April 26th, 1816, by which was allowed an additional compensation of fifty per cent. to the compensations of certain officers of the customs therein named.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and took up the bill authorizing an additional naval force for the suppression of piracy, which authorizes the President of the United States to purchase or construct a sufficient number of vessels, in addition to those now employed, of such borthen and construction as he may deem necessary, and to fit, equip, and man the same for immediate service, for the purpose of repressing piracy, and of affording effectual protection to the citizens and commerce of the United States in the Gulf of Mexico, and the seas and territories adjacent; and that the sum of — dollars be appropriated to meet the expenditures to be incurred as aforesaid.

Mr. Fuller presented a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, embracing the details of force necessary to be provided, and an estimate of the cost thereof, which was read. In conformity to the suggestion contained in that document, and in the opinion of the Naval Committee, Mr. F. moved to fill the blank in the bill with

the sum of 160,000 dollars—declining to urge any arguments in support of the measure itself, as not considering them necessary.

The motion to fill the blank was agreed to.

After considerable debate, not in opposition to the measure; but mostly as to whether it would be best to build or purchase vessels, Mr. A. Smith, of Va. proposed to give authority to pursue the pirates by land into the West India Islands, but this being opposed, he finally withdrew his motion, and the bill was reported to the House in its original form, and was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time. It was accordingly read a third time, PASSED, without a division, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following gentlemen compose the new committee on Revolutionary Pensions: Mr. Cooke, Mr. Hobart, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Burrows, Mr. Vanwyck, Mr. McSherry, and Mr. Walker.

The following gentlemen have been appointed by the Speaker a Committee on Public Buildings—Mr. Blackledge, Mr. Cushman, Mr. Van Wyck, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hobart, and Mr. Leftwich.

General Assembly.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13.

On motion of Mr. Glisson, the engrossed resolution, in favor of the heirs of Joseph Cunningham, sen. and which was rejected by the Senate on the 12th instant, was re-considered and referred to a select committee.

Mr. Barringer presented the following resolution: Whereas, from the frequent ballotings for a Senator to the Congress of the U. States, it appears highly improbable that any person will be elected, who may unite the approbation of a majority of the good people of this State; Resolved therefore, that the further balloting for a Senator to represent this State in the Congress of the United States be postponed until the next Session of the General Assembly of this State. On which resolution, the Yeas and Nays were demanded by Mr. Glisson; which are as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Barringer, Bray, Bethune, Blackwell, Cameron, Calhoun, Davis, Green, Legrand, Marshall, McKay, McLeary, Waller, Outlaw, Parker, Raiburn, Shoher, Sewell, Torrence, Vanhook, Williamson, Wade, and Wall 23.

NAYS.—Messrs. Albritton, Baker, of Brunswick, Baird, Brownrigg, Baker, of Gates, Boddie, Beasley, Carson, Calpepper, Devane, Flowers, Glisson, George, Houze, Hatch, Hyman, Howell, Person, Peebles, Richardson, Robinson, Spaight, Sneed, Sumner, Sullivan, Troy, Williams, Whitfield, Ward, Jordan, Jacobs, Jones, and Lindsay—33.

Mr. Vanhook presented a resolution, instructing the Military Committee to enquire into the expediency of having the military laws, heretofore passed, and which may be passed this session, stitched up in a pamphlet form, and sent with the acts of the Assembly, one copy for each field officer and captain—which was agreed to.

Mr. Branch, from the committee on Internal Improvement, who were instructed to inquire into the nature of the contract existing between the Board for Internal Improvement and the Civil Engineer, reported a copy of said contract—which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Shoher, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to restore Davis Etheridge, of Camden County, to credit—which was read the first time.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, (Mr. Person in the chair) on the bill to provide a revenue for the payment of the civil list and contingent charges of government, for 1823; which being gone through, the chairman reported the amendments to the House; but which were not taken up before the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14.

Mr. Cameron, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to amend the act of 1817, concerning promissory notes and other negotiable instruments, reported the same without amendment. The bill was read the second time, and, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. C. from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution directing an enquiry into the expediency of passing a law respecting the issuing of grants on surveys, including the margins and beds of rivers only, returned the same, and the committee was discharged from the further consideration of it.

Mr. Glisson, from the select committee, to whom was referred the engrossed resolution in favor of the heirs of Joseph Cunningham, sen. reported the same, with a statement of facts thereon; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Received from the House of Commons a message, stating that they have passed the engrossed bill from the Senate, to amend the act of 1810, concerning Feme Coverts, how to pass lands, with sundry amendments; which amendments were agreed to.

Mr. Graves presented a resolution instructing the military committee to enquire into the expediency of so amending the militia laws, that some certain system of uniformity may be established in uniform of militia officers—which was agreed to.

Mr. Shoher presented the petition of Geo. Ray and others, of Stokes county, praying for the passage of a law authorising the Sheriff of said county to collect the arrears of taxes due in said county to a former Sheriff. Referred.

Received from the House of Commons, a message stating that they have passed a bill appointing commissioners to view and lay off the road leading across the mountains from Wilkesborough to Mrs. Bogle's in Iredell; also a bill directing the time and place of selling lands and slaves under execution; and also a resolution in favor of Samuel Whitaker—which were read the first time.

The bill to repeal in part, an act directing the designation of hands, and how they shall be compelled to work under overseers of roads in the counties of Lincoln, Columbus, Burke and Rockingham, was read the third time.

Mr. Baker presented a bill to cede to the United States all that part of Chowan River between Sandy Point and the mouth of Bennett's Creek—which was read the first time.

Received from the House of Commons a message, stating their concurrence in the amendment of the Senate to the engrossed bill incorporating Golden Pleece Lodge, No. 74, at Milton. Whereupon the said bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to provide a revenue for the payment of the civil list, &c. of 1823, was read the second time, amended and passed.

MONDAY, DEC. 16.

Mr. Sneed presented a bill to consolidate and amend the several laws in relation to the processing of land; which was read the first time, and referred to a select committee.

Mr. Cameron, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons of color, in Hertford County, praying the repeal of the act of last session, declaring slaves competent witnesses against free persons of color, reported a bill for the repeal of said act—which was read the first time.

Mr. C. from the same committee to whom was referred a resolution, directing an enquiry into the expediency of amending the laws touching the removal of suits from one county to another—also, the laws granting appeals from the Superior to the Supreme Court, reported a bill to amend the act of 1821, to promote the administration of justice—which was read the first time & passed.

Mr. C. from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution, instructing them to enquire into the expediency of so modifying the law prescribing the punishment for perjury, so as not to dismember the person, reported that it is inexpedient to alter or modify said law—which was concurred in.

Mr. Shoher, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Raleigh, concerning the Baptist Meeting-house in said city, reported a resolution, authorizing Southey Bond Deaton of said Church, to remove and rebuild the present Meeting-house to the north side of Moore Square, &c. which was concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Graves presented a bill to repeal part of the act of 1805, relative to the entering of vacant and unappropriated lands—which was read the first time.

Mr. Branch presented a resolution proposing to appoint a joint select committee to inquire into the administration of the Banks of this State, whether any of them have exacted more than six per cent. for discounts; and whether they have, in good faith, complied with the terms of their charters, by paying specie for their notes—which was agreed to, and Messrs. Branch, Williamson, Seawell, Miller and Outlaw, appointed a committee on the part of the Senate.

The bill to repeal part of the act of 1810, establishing the mode of elections in Buncombe County—the bill to regulate the patrol of Richmond—the bill to incorporate the Mecklenburg Agricultural Society; and a bill to appoint commissioners, and to incorporate the town of Huntsville, in Surry County, were read the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to provide a revenue for the payment of the civil list and contingent charges of government, was, after undergoing several amendments, read the third time, and ordered to be engrossed.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17.

Mr. Shoher, from the select committee, to whom was referred the engrossed bill, supplemental to the act passed this session, for the division of Rowan county, reported the same with sundry amendments—which were read the 2d and 3d times.

Mr. Jacobs, from the Military Committee, reported a bill, creating the 8th division of militia, &c. which was read the first time.

Mr. Raiburn presented a bill giving Haywood Superior Court concurrent jurisdiction with the County Court over the Road from Jesse Bellew's old place to the southern boundary line.

The bill to authorise the County Courts of Chatham, Anson, Iredell, Rockingham, Randolph, Perquimans, Robeson, Halifax, Chowan, Carteret, Columbus, and Bladen, to appoint a committee of Finance, was read the 3d time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to amend the several acts relative to the appointment of Sheriffs, and the bill to amend the act of 1821, providing for the execution of process where there shall be no proper sheriff to execute it; were read the 2d time, and ordered to be engrossed.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the Report of the Board of Internal Improvements was referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Shoher, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to regulate pilotage over the Bar and Swashes of Ocracock; also a bill to regulate pilotage over the Bar of Cape-Fear; which were read the first time.

Mr. Boddie presented the petition of the regimental court martial of Nash county, praying the repeal of the law relative to officers' drills. Referred.

Mr. Wall presented a bill to empower the County Court of Richmond and Montgomery to appoint Commissioners to establish the dividing line between said counties; and Mr. Legrand, a bill to establish a free ferry in Montgomery County; which were read the first time.

Received from the House of Commons a message, stating that they have passed a bill to amend and extend the act of 1806, providing relief for the counties in which suits in their Superior Courts of Law and Courts of Equity may so accumulate that they cannot be tried at the regular terms of those Courts; also a bill making compensation to the jurors of the Superior and County Courts of Franklin and Camden—which passed their first reading.

On motion of Mr. Person, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill establishing the Bank of North-Carolina; which being read the second time, was, on motion of Mr. Baker, of Gates, indefinitely postponed—yeas 36, nays 24.

The bill to authorize the building of a Toll Bridge over Dan River, near Milton, was, after undergoing some amendment, read the 3d time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to appoint Trustees for Kinston Academy; the bill to appoint Commissioners for the town of Kinston; the bill giving exclusive jurisdiction to the Superior Court of Bladen of pleas and prosecutions of the State; the bill restoring Davis Etheridge to credit; the bill to alter the place of holding regimental and battalion musters in New-Hanover County; the bill to prevent the fire hunting of fowl in Currituck County; the bill giving Haywood Superior Court concurrent jurisdiction with the County Court over road from Jesse Bellew's old place to the

southern boundary line; and a bill directed to what manner lands and slaves under execution shall be sold in Randolph, Washington, Duplin and Camden Counties, were read the 2d and 3d time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bills to amend the act of 1817, authorising the county courts of Wilkes and Brunswick to appoint a committee of finance; the bill to appoint commissioners to lay off the road from Wilkesborough to Mrs. Bogle's; also the bill to incorporate State Grove Academy; and the engrossed bill for the better regulation and discipline of the militia of Ashe county, were each read the 3d time and ordered to be enrolled.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13.

Mr. Mebane, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to enquire into the expediency of altering or amending the laws relative to vagrants, gamblers, &c. made a report recommending the passage of a bill to amend an act to empower the County Courts to provide for the safe keeping of the estates of idiots and lunatics—which bill was read the 1st time.

Mr. Cox, from the balloting committee for Colonel of Cavalry, attached to the 8th brigade, reported that Matthew Yodges was selected.

The bill to repeal the 13th section of an act passed in 1818, respecting the reporting of the decisions of the Supreme Court; and also an act passed in 1821, on the same subject, were read the third time, amended and passed.

Mr. Barringer presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Raleigh, praying that the day for the meeting of the Assembly be altered to some other day in the week, in order to prevent the violation of the Sabbath, occasioned by the members arrival in the city on that day. Referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Hoykin presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of New-Hanover, praying to be added to the county of Sampson. Referred to the same committee.

Mr. Blair, from the special committee, on that part of the Governor's Message relative to a certain tract of land, on Ocracock Island, for the purpose of erecting a Light-House, made a report recommending the passage of a bill to carry their object into effect—which bill passed its first, second and third readings.

The bill to provide for the collection of debts due the State, which do not exceed \$100, passed its third reading.

The bill to amend an act passed in 1806, for the more convenient administration of justice, by providing relief for the counties in which suits may so accumulate that they cannot be tried at the regular terms, being on the 2d reading; a motion was made by Mr. Lamb for its indefinite postponement, and negatived—yeas 94, nays 30—And the bill passed its 2d reading.

The bill to alter the time of the meeting of the General Assembly, on motion of Mr. Pugh, was indefinitely postponed—yeas 82, nays 42.

Mr. Jones presented a bill to alter the mode of electing Constables in Camden County, which was rejected on its 1st reading.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14.

Mr. Moore, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Wilmington, relative to the navigation of the River from that place to the Bar, made a report recommending the passage of a bill on the subject, entitled a bill to improve the navigation of Cape-Fear River below Wilmington.

Mr. Hellen, from the committee on military land warrants, made reports unfavorable on the petitions of John Willey and Mason King, and reported favorably on those of A. M. Hooper, Mary Fleming, Josiah Nowell, heirs of John Martin, John Baker, and heirs of William Baker.

The bill to amend an act passed in 1807, to regulate the charges of Sheriffs, Coroners, &c. passed its first reading.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution directing them to enquire into the propriety of prohibiting slaves attending general musters and elections, reported that such prohibition is inexpedient.

Mr. Mebane, from the committee on the Cherokee Lands, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Message which relates to reservations of lands by Cherokee Indians, under the provisions of the Treaties concluded at the Cherokee Agency in 1817, and at the City of Washington in 1819; also the resolution directing them to enquire into the propriety of applying to Congress to extinguish such claims, made a report recommending the passage of a resolution requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their influence to effect the extinguishment of said claims.

The resolution appointing the Treasurer, Secretary and Comptroller of State, a Board to settle the claims of the militia of Onslow, Bladen and Jones Counties, called out to suppress an insurrection of the negroes in 1821, was, on motion of Mr. Hellen, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Barringer presented a bill to authorize Thomas Cobbs to build a bridge across Neuse River, in Wake County.

MONDAY, DEC. 16.

Mr. Mebane presented a resolution directing the Secretary of State to issue to the Trustees of the University, military land warrants in every case, founded on the master roll of the continental line of this State, for such quantities of land as the soldiers themselves, or their representatives, are entitled to, which warrants have not been heretofore issued, and that they hold the same in trust for those justly entitled to them, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Strange, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of altering the laws relative to the inspection of Flour and Tobacco. Referred to Messrs. Strange, Blair, Mebane, Henry and Graham.

A message was received from the Senate proposing to ballot immediately for the missioner of Internal Improvement, in the place of Isaac T. Avery, Esq. resigned, and nominating Robert Williamson, of Lincoln, for that appointment.

The bill to repeal in part an act of Assembly directing the designation of hands and how they shall be compelled to work under Overseers of Roads hereafter in the counties of Lincoln, Columbus, Burke and Rockingham—and the bill to appoint commissioners to contract with Jeremiah Land for 20 acres to erect a new town upon, and for other purposes, passed their first reading.