

**SENATE.**

Saturday, Jan. 2.

Mr. Meares presented a resolution in favor of Gabriel Holmes, jun. Read the first time.

Mr. Brower presented a bill amendatory of the several acts heretofore passed, appointing commissioners for the town of Ashboro' in Randolph county, and for the better regulation of the police thereof. Read three times and ordered to be engrossed.

A balloting was had for Artillery officers, and resulted in the choice of Samuel T. Hawley as Colonel Commandant, Jesse Birdall as Lieut. Colonel & Wm. Brown as Major.

On motion of Mr. McKay, the Judiciary committee were instructed to enquire into the expediency of requiring the Judges of the Superior Courts to enter regularly on the first day of the term upon the business before them, thereby saving great expense to parties and witnesses; if such a requirement be inexpedient, then said committee is instructed to enquire into the propriety of not requiring witnesses to attend until the second day of the term.

The vote of rejection on the resolution in favor of Thomas Walker, was reconsidered, and it passed its third reading and was ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill to authorise Thomas L. Cowan of Rowan, to erect certain gates, passed its third reading and was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Hinton of Wake, a message was sent to the House of Commons and there concurred in, proposing to discharge the joint select committee appointed on the bill to alter the time of holding the Courts in the 3d Judicial Circuit, from its further consideration.

The engrossed bill to provide for the division of negroes and other chattel property held in common, passed its third reading and was ordered to be enrolled.

The following preamble and resolution, submitted by Mr. McKay, was adopted:

Whereas, by an act passed in 1815, concerning the Navigation of the Cape-Fear River, it is provided that the rights, privileges and franchises of the Deep and Haw River Navigation Company, shall extend from the sources of the several rivers running into Cape-Fear river to the mouth of said river; and whereas, it is alleged, that no improvements have been made on said river and creeks running into the Cape-Fear, or probably can be made, as the funds of the Company are wholly inadequate to that object: Therefore, Resolved, that the committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to enquire into the expediency of directing the Board of Internal Improvement to procure from the said Company a deed of surrender of all rights, privileges and franchises in and to said lateral rivers and creeks.

Monday, Jan. 4.

The engrossed bill to amend and improve the Hickory Nut Gap Road, passed its third reading, and was ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to alter the mode of compensation to Members of the General Assembly, was read the second time. Mr. Meares moved to amend the bill, so that the pay received by the Members should not exceed \$126. Which was agreed to, 46 to 7.

Mr. Allen moved for its indefinite postponement, which was negatived 34 to 21. Mr. Sherrard moved to amend the bill by providing, that no Lawyer should speak longer than ten minutes upon any one subject. Mr. Matthews moved to insert fifteen in the place of ten, which was not carried, and Mr. Pool moved to insert gentlemen in the place of lawyer, which was agreed to. The question then recurring on the adoption of the amendment as amended, and it was lost 40 to 14. Mr. Montgomery of Orange, moved an additional section, providing that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall not receive more than \$20,000 per annum, which was not carried Ayes 14. Nays 40. Mr. Wilson moved to amend the bill, by making its provisions applicable to the present Legislature. Negatived 33 to 24 votes. The bill as amended, passed its second reading 36 to 22 votes.

Mr. Meares, from the Judiciary Committee, reported against the expediency of allowing compensation to witnesses, summoned on trials before Justices of the Peace out of County. Concurred in.

The engrossed bill to exempt the members of the several Fire Companies in the State from mustering, passed its third reading and was ordered to be enrolled; as was the bill to amend an act passed in 1827, providing for the incorporation of the town of Lexington in Davidson county.

The bill authorising Clerks and Masters in Equity, to take depositions was postponed indefinitely.

The engrossed bills concerning the places where company musters shall be held and voting in the Superior and County Courts, the jurisdiction to legitimate bastard children, were read the second and third times and ordered to be enrolled.

The engrossed bill concerning the University of North Carolina, was on motion of Mr. Spaight, postponed indefinitely.

Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Mr. Meares, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill authorising Courts of Justice to regulate the business therein. Read the first time.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Internal Improvement, reported the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Internal Improvement be instructed to procure, if possible, from the Cape Fear Navigation Company, a release to the State of all their privileges under their charter in such tributary streams of the Cape-Fear River, as remain unimproved by them.

The bill concerning the failure of duties in Sheriff was read the second time and postponed indefinitely, as was also the bill to authorise the securities of William Gregory, late Sheriff of Pasquotank county, to collect arrears of taxes.

The Hon. Daniel Webster, a Senator from Massachusetts, appeared to-day and took his seat.

The resolution yesterday submitted by Mr. Foot, to provide against unnecessary expense in the printing for the two Houses of Congress, was agreed to.

The engrossed bill for the relief of Francis Larche of New Orleans, was read the third time, passed, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The bill authorising a subscription of stock in the Washington Turnpike Road Company, was read the second time and considered in committee of the whole.

Mr. Hendricks having explained the nature and object of the bill, the importance of a speedy completion of the road, in a national point of view, and the prospect of the tolls remunerating the holders of stock, by liberal dividends.

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**HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

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Mr. Fisher presented a bill for the applications of all appropriations for the increase of the Public Library. Read the first time.

The engrossed bill to divorce John Sloan from Elizabeth Sloan, was read the first time and rejected 68 to 54 votes.

Mr. Wiseman presented a Resolution to adjourn sine die on Thursday next, and Mr. William G. Jones presented one, declaring that no motion for adjournment shall be in order during the remainder of the session, but that the Speaker shall adjourn the House daily, at half past one P. M. to half past three, then to sit until 7 o'clock, to be again adjourned until 9 o'clock in the morning. Both resolutions were laid on the table.

Mr. Carson submitted a Preamble and Resolution, which were laid on table, the object of which is to authorise a survey to be made of main Broad River, within this State, with just and proper estimates of the probable expense necessary to render said river navigable.

Mr. Hough presented a bill to amend an act passed in 1826, appointing Commissioners to superintend the building a Court House in the county of Surry and for other purposes. Read the first time and passed.

Mr. Snyder submitted a resolution that no private bill or resolution shall be introduced in this House during the remainder of the Session. Laid on the table.

The resignation of Rich'd. Bonner, Col. Commandant of the Regiment of Beaufort Militia, was read and accepted.

The engrossed bill more effectually to prevent depredations of Runaway slaves, and to encourage their apprehension in the counties of Lenoir, Wayne, Craven, Onslow, New Hanover, Washington, Buncombe, Jones, Pitt, Beaufort and Greene, was indefinitely postponed.

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Mr. Patrick presented a bill to repeal an act passed in 1817, to increase the fees of the Registers of the counties of New-Hanover, Cumberland, Brunswick, Carteret and Craven. Read the first time.

The engrossed resolutions in favor of John Black of Cumberland and Alexander Nicholson of Richmond, passed their third readings and were ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to ensure the fair valuation of lands in this State, when the same shall be given in for taxation, was postponed indefinitely. 63 to 67.

The engrossed bill to restore to credit Joshua Pennill of Wilkes county; and the bill to regulate the fisheries of Tar & Pamlico rivers, were read the first time and indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Cox, the Board of Internal Improvements were instructed, if they deem it expedient, to authorise a survey of Trent river, running through Jones county, from Trenton up to the mouth of Tuckoo creek and Black river, in Sampson county, so far as it is the dividing line between that county and Cumberland, and report the same to the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler, the House reconsidered the vote of rejection of the bill to divorce John Sloan from his wife. It was read the third time and rejected 67 to 46.

**CONGRESS.**

IN SENATE.

Wednesday, Dec. 30.

The resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Barton, was taken up; and the question on its adoption was carried in the affirmative, nem. con.

Mr. Foot offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the committee to audit and control the Contingent Fund, be instructed to enquire if any and what provision is necessary, to prevent unnecessary expense for printing documents ordered to be printed by the two Houses of Congress.

The bill for the relief of Francis Larche of New Orleans, was read the second time, and considered in committee of the whole; and the blank having been filled with 800 dollars, the bill was, after a short explanation from Mr. Ruggles, who reported it, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

[This bill provides for paying to Francis Larche eight hundred dollars, being the value of a negro man who had been impressed into the public service, by order of Major-General Jackson, during the invasion of New Orleans in 1815, and killed in said service.]

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[The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe for 4500 shares of the stock, and appropriates 90,000 dollars for the purpose.]

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Wednesday, Dec. 30.

The House having resumed the consideration of the Resolution of Mr. Hunt, proposing a distribution of the nett proceeds of the sales of public lands among the several States, for the purposes of education and Internal Improvement.

Mr. Test resumed and conclude his argument against the resolution, but especially against the amendment moved by Mr. Martin thereto.

Mr. Wilde, of Georgia, spoke briefly to the question, with a desire to have it modified and placed in a more definite shape before the House.

Mr. Spencer of New-York, expressed his views of the subject directly adverse to some of those which had been presented by Mr. Test.

Mr. Blair, of South-Carolina, next addressed the House; when the allotted hour for the discussion of resolutions having expired.

This debate ended for to-day. Mr. Barringer, by leave, laid upon the table the following resolution:

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of changing the mode of filling vacancies which may occur in the subordinate clerkships of this House, either by removal by the Clerk, or otherwise.

This Resolution Mr. B. said, he wished laid upon the table, to be called up for consideration at some future day.

The House was principally employed in the initiatory proceedings upon the report of the committee of Election on the contested election of Mr. Lea, a Member of the House. The Intelligencer says, we have seldom seen more interest excited on any question in the House, owing to the peculiar acrimony which seems to have attended this election in Tennessee, and has followed it to its trial in the House of Representatives.

The House has proceeded as yet no farther in the investigation of the subject than to order the printing of the evidence in relation to it.

Thursday, Dec. 31.

On motion of Mr. Isaacs, it was Ordered, That when the House shall adjourn this day, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution, moved by Mr. Hunt, of Vermont, proposing to direct an enquiry by the Committee on Public Lands into the expediency of distributing the nett proceeds of the sales of Public Lands among the several States, for the purposes of Education and Internal Improvement.

The question being stated on agreeing to Mr. Martin's proposed amendment for directing a committee to report the quantity of lands already granted to each State by the General Government.

Mr. Polk, of Tennessee, said, that from the time which had been already occupied in the decision of this resolution, proposing an enquiry merely, it must be evident not only that this discussion is premature, but that it is not likely to arrive at any profitable end. It was admitted, by those who supported the resolution, that it is not expedient to make this distribution, at all events, until the Public Debt shall have been paid. That the Public Debt will not be paid for several years to come, was known to every one, and therefore this discussion was premature.

Mr. P. said he purposely abstained from entering himself into the discussion of the merits of the proposition before the House, having risen principally for the purpose of moving to lay this resolution on the table, with the understanding that it should not be called up again at the present Session.

The question on the motion of Mr. Polk to lay the resolution on the table, was then taken and was decided as follows:—Yeas 72. Nays 95.

So the House refused to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Buchanan then expressed his view in favor of the main object of enquiry proposed by the resolution, and concluded his remarks by suggesting the following modification of the pending resolution:

Resolved, That a Select committee be appointed to which shall be referred the Report of a Select Committee made to the House of Representatives on the 25th February last, relative to the annual distribution of the nett proceeds of the sale of the public lands, amongst the several

States and that the said committee be instructed to enquire and report to this House, whether there be any provision of the Constitution, or of any Act or Acts of Congress in relation to the discharge of the Public Debt, which ought to prevent Congress from making such a distribution. And that the said Committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. B. did not propose this modification by way of motion, being already sufficiently engaged on committees to desire being placed on such a select committee as was indicated in it, but he threw it out for the consideration of the House.

The discussion was further continued by Mr. Test, who in an animated and earnest manner opposed the amendment now under consideration. He had not concluded his remarks, when he was interrupted by the Speaker's declaring that the hour allotted to the discussion of resolutions had elapsed.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill for regulating the compensation for mileage and attendance of members.

Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. advertising of the second section of the bill, (requiring from each member, at the close of each session, a certificate of the number of days which he may have been absent from the Seat of Government) expressed the opinion that, (this principle being introduced into the bill) it ought to be still further amended, so as to make it effective to secure the attendance of members at the sitting of the House. This would not be accomplished by requiring an account of days of absence from the Seat of Government, because, in legal phraseology, the Seat of Government includes the whole ten miles square of the District of Columbia. To make the provision of the bill more definite, therefore, Mr. T. moved to amend the bill so as to require from each member a statement of the number of days that he should have been absent from the sittings of the House.

After some observations between Mr. Wickliffe and Mr. Taylor, this amendment was agreed to.

Some further verbal amendments were made to the bill on the motion of Mr. Storrs of New-York, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Haynes. Mr. Carson then moved to strike out the second section of the bill, on the ground of its directly reflecting on the character of the House, and supported his motion by a brief but pointed speech.

After a few remarks by Mr. Wilde on the bearing of the amendments which had been made to the bill.

Mr. Wickliffe vindicated at some length the section which was proposed to be stricken out, and of course opposed the motion of Mr. Carson.

Mr. Spaight moved an adjournment; but the House refused to adjourn.

Mr. Leitcher then addressed the House, with humor and with earnestness, his object being to terminate the debate and obtain a decision upon the bill before adjournment.

Mr. Spaight followed in a brief exposition of his sentiments in favor of this bill, and of similar further measures of retrenchment.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, on striking out the second section of the bill, and decided in the negative by a large majority [153 to 15].

And then the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House of Representatives having agreed, on Monday last, to reconsider Mr. Carson's motion for an inquiry into the expediency of establishing a Mint near the Gold Mines.

Mr. Carson rose and said, that he had been induced to offer the resolution from various considerations, one of the most important of which was, the highly interesting information he was induced to believe would be elicited by such an inquiry. That it will prove necessary to establish a Mint in North-Carolina, to the extent which such an establishment now exists in Philadelphia, he was by no means prepared to say, and were he to hazard an opinion, as at present advised, he would say that it would not be necessary. A branch, however, of the Mint might be found necessary. For instance, said he, an office, under national authority, connected with the mother institution, to assay our metals and show us their correct value—to stamp our bars of gold, and prepare them for a circulating medium; or as an article of deposit, upon which circulating medium might issue. This would also prevent frauds from being practised; for, while it would show the owner the real value of the metal, it would also secure the purchaser from frauds, such as mixing alloy with the gold, which otherwise would be difficult to detect. In a word, Mr. C. said, the inquiry could do no injury, while there was a probability of its doing good: for any report made by the committee will be subject to the future action and controul of the House.

When I introduced the Resolution on Thursday last (said Mr. C.) I will not disguise the fact, that I felt considerable solicitude for its passage. But Sir, my anxiety has in a degree been diminished, not that I deem the inquiry less important, but because I observed an honorable colleague, (Mr. Coaner) voting in opposition to the resolution. For that gentleman, Sir, I have always, since our acquaintance, entertained the highest personal respect, and so also have I for his opinions; and Sir, from a knowledge of the fact, that no part of the State is more deeply interested in all subjects connected with the precious metals, than the district represented by my colleague, (for Sir, the greatest proportions, as yet, have been found within his district, and by his constituents) I am constrained to believe that important considerations have induced his opposition. What those considerations may have been, I have not been able to learn, and it may be, that

resulted from his kind feelings towards me, wishing rather to cover than to expose the defects of my proposition, than to be the case, Sir, I certainly think him. Mr. C. concluded his remarks, rendering his thanks to the House for granting the motion for reconsideration, and, as no injury could result therefrom, he hoped the House would drop the resolution.

Mr. A. H. Shepperd rose and related that, as his colleague had made an allusion to a member from Carolina coming from the gold region, being himself from that desirable country, he wished to know whether the remark his colleague were intended for [Mr. Carson explained, and said his allusion was to his colleague representing Mecklenburg—that he did not know his colleague now making the enquiry on the question.] Mr. Shepperd, continued by saying, that owing to his health he was necessarily absent at the time the resolution was offered and rejected; had he have been present, he should have voted for its adoption, merely because it happened to come a colleague, and to embrace a subject interesting also to his own constituents from a belief that upon a mere question of enquiry, it was the more courteous, indeed the more prudent course, to assent to the proposition, unless it be absolutely, or clearly adverse to some established rule of legislation. Should the resolution be adopted, the Committee upon it would doubtless elicit much information, interesting not merely to country in which the precious metal may be found, but to the Nation at large; and even if the enquiry proposed should not at this time result in a transfer branch of the Mint (that powerful tribute of Government) to the region proposed, yet it cannot but be important a national point of view, to have authentic information as to the probable quantity of any portion of our country, to produce this important basis of the circulating medium. I repeat, Sir, that there not (as indeed I think there is) a manifest importance in the proposition, that courtesy to the mover would in humble opinion, be a sufficient reason, to lead to its adoption. I would, Mr. Speaker, have preferred that the terms of the enquiry had been more liberal in their character, by embracing also the States of Virginia, Georgia, and South-Carolina, in all of which Gold also is found, though by no means so extensively as in the State from which I come; for, whenever any inquiry is proposed here, relating any particular interest in our country, am not for confining it to my own State or immediate District, but would embrace also any other portion of this Union which the same is known to exist. But with waiting to cavil about the terms of the resolution, permit me, Sir, to hope that it will be adopted in its present form.

The question was then taken on the resolution moved by Mr. Carson, and decided in the affirmative.

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