

OBITUARY.

At his residence in Amelia county, Virginia, on Monday last, in this county, in the 11th year of his age, Columbus, son of Dr. Calvin Jones.

RALEIGH ACADEMY.

JAMES GRANT, Jr. will open a School in the Raleigh Academy, on the 1st Monday in January next. The plan of Education is preparatory for an admission into any class in our University, composing the Latin, Greek & French Languages, Mathematics, Natural History, and a complete course of English Literature.

SELECT SCHOOL.

Mrs. BARBOUR, a Graduate of Washington College, Connecticut, will open on the 3d day of January, a Select Classical School. For his character and qualifications, reference may be made to

JUDGE CAMERON, JUDGE SEAWELL, and GEN. SAUNDERS.

Raleigh, 14th Dec. 1830.

Hillsboro' Female Seminary.

THE Winter Examination ended on the 7th inst. The next Session will commence on Thursday, the 20th January, 1831. This Institution has now been in successful operation five years, and continues, notwithstanding the pecuniary stringency of the times, to receive a full share of public patronage.

Southern Female Classical Seminary.

THE next Session will commence on Monday the 10th of January next. The school will continue to be conducted by Mrs. A. Hollister, to be assisted by a young Lady well qualified for the business and acquainted with their plan of instruction.

LAND FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber being about to settle in the West, is desirous of selling all his land in this County, lying eight miles west of Raleigh, on the waters of Crabtree and Black Creek;

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—We give this interesting State Paper to our readers, to the exclusion of much other matter. It is of great length, but will, no doubt, be read, as usual, with avidity, and though it cannot be expected to be approved by many in all its parts, it will be generally acknowledged to be a temperate, clear, ably written Address.

CONGRESS.—The two Houses of Congress assembled on Monday week, a large proportion of the members being present. In the Senate, Gen. Smith, of Maryland, took the Chair.

No business of consequence has yet been done in either house, the members having yet scarcely made themselves thoroughly conversant with the President's message. On the question to refer that part of the message relating to the U. States Bank, to the same committee that reported against it at the last session, a short debate was elicited, which went to show conclusively, that the sense of the House of Representatives is decidedly against any present action upon the Executive recommendation.

On Sunday last, the annual Discourse in favor of the North-Carolina Bible Society, was preached in the Presbyterian Church in this city, by the Rev. T. P. HUNTER, from 2 Thessalonians iii, 1. (The Rev. Mr. Osborn having been prevented by sickness in his family from fulfilling his appointment.)

The annual meeting of the Bible Society was held in the Senate Chamber on Monday evening. Dr. CALDWELL, the President of the Society, being absent, FRED. NASH, Esq. one of the Vice-Presidents, presided.

We were concerned to learn, that in a portion of Edgecomb County, the destitute not only refused to admit the Bible into their houses, but abused and ill-treated the young men employed on the benevolent errand of supplying them with the "bread of life."

Monday, December 13. Mr. W. J. Alexander, from the Judiciary committee, to whom the engrossed bill authorising the Courts of Justice to regulate the proceedings therein, made a report recommending its rejection, which was concurred with and the bill rejected.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Hill, the Resolutions introduced by Mr. Sawyer were made the order of the day for Saturday next. Mr. W. J. Alexander, from the committee to whom was referred a resolution enquiring into the expediency of amending and explaining the law relative to Constables fees, made a report thereon, stating the law in question is sufficiently explicit, and requires no amendment in the mode contemplated. Concurred with.

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The Resignations of George Walk, as Col. Com. and Peter Owe, as Major of the 1st Regiment of Davidson Militia, were read and accepted. The bill to authorize the building of a Penitentiary, was made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

A Communication was received from the Public Treasurer, covering the following letter addressed to him by the Hon. David L. Swain, and asking the advice of the Legislature in the premises. DEAR SIR: The appointment which has been conferred upon me by the Legislature, will of course prevent any further attention upon my part to the important suits in which the State is interested, growing out of the grants to Cabarrus and Stedman and Holleman and Eschelon.

Whereupon the House, on motion of Mr. Alexander, referred said Communication to the Committee of Finance, with authority to direct in what manner, the Public Treasurer shall dispose of said \$500. The engrossed bill for the better regulation of the town of Williamston—the engrossed bill to appoint Commissioners for the town of Rockford, in the county of Surry and the engrossed Resolution in favor of William Carson of Rutherford, were read the second and third time and ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to exempt all persons above 60 years of age, in the county of Gates, from serving on Juries, was read the second time and postponed indefinitely. Bills presented.—By Mr. White, a bill for the better regulation of the County Courts of Anson. By Mr. Sloan, a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace of Sampson county to purchase a tract of land and erect thereon, suitable buildings for the accommodation of the poor.

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By Mr. Wiseman, a bill to make valid certain official acts of Ezekiel Brown, Surveyor for the county of Davidson.—By Mr. M'Affie, a bill to amend an act passed in 1820, authorizing the County Court of Rutherford to hold a Court of Probate, in said county. These bills passed their first reading.

The following Communication was received from his Excellency, Governor OWEN. Executive Office, Dec. 9 1830. To the Hon. the General Assembly of N. Carolina. GENTLEMEN, Grateful for every expression of public favor and fully sensible of the honor done me by the Legislature of my native State, in elevating me to its Executive Chair, I should be wanting in respect for myself and more particularly for you, were I to retire from it, without returning you my thanks for the honor received at your hands.

With every sentiment of gratitude for past favors, circumstances nevertheless beyond my control, and not of a public character, induce me to request that my name should not be before the General Assembly again, for the high and responsible Office of Governor of the State. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, Your obedient servant. JOHN OWEN.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Alexander, a bill to incorporate the Mecklenburg Gold Mining Company. By Mr. Edmonston, a bill for the better regulation of the County Courts of Haywood. By the same, a bill to discourage malicious and frivolous prosecutions in the Courts of this State. These bills passed their first reading.

Friday, December 10. The resignation of Willie P. Mangum, one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law and Equity, in this State, was read and accepted.

Mr. J. A. Hill, presented the memorial of James Mebane, President of the Cape Fear Navigation Company, that in the event of the abolishment of the Board of Internal Improvement, the General Assembly will make provision for the appointment of a Superintendent, under whose directions the navigation of said River may be completed. Referred to the Committee of Internal Improvement.

The annual report of the Adjutant General was received and ordered to be printed. Mr. Foy presented the petition of sundry citizens of Onslow county, praying compensation for certain military services by them performed. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

The engrossed Resolution in favor of Bridger J. Montgomery, was read the third time and ordered to be enrolled. The Memorial of sundry citizens of Chatham and Orange Counties, in relation to the navigation of New Hope River, was presented by Mr. Smith, and on his motion referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

The bill concerning vessels owned in North Carolina and sailing over Ocracoke Bar, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Jones of Carteret, postponed indefinitely. The Report and Resolution relative to the re-opening of Roanoke Inlet, in which it is recommended, that application be made to the General Government, for assistance in effecting so desirable a result, being called up as the order of the day: On motion, the Preamble and Resolution with which the Report terminates, was modified to read as follows, and in that shape was adopted with only nine dissenting voices.

WHEREAS, by the Constitution of the United States, the subjects of Commerce and National Defence, are committed to the regulation of the General Government: And whereas in the opinion of this General Assembly, it is important to the commerce of the country and to its national defence, that the old Roanoke Inlet, recently filed up, should be re-opened by the act of the General Government: Therefore Resolved, that our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be requested to use their best endeavors to induce the General Government to undertake the re-opening of the communication at or near Nags Head, between the Albemarle Sound and the Atlantic Ocean.

Bills presented. By Mr. Shipp, a bill concerning the North-Carolina Catawba Company. By Mr. Wiseman, a bill to amend an act passed in 1824, to appoint commissioners for the town of Clemmons-ville in Davidson County. By Mr. Bush a bill to appoint Trustees of Trenton Academy in the county of Jones. By Mr. Wheeler of Hertford, a bill to incorporate the Winton Ferry Company on Chowan river, between Hertford and Gates counties. These bills were read the first time.

of the Resolution enquiring into the expediency of compelling persons owning large grants of land, known as speculation lands, to survey and mark the same, which was granted.

Mr. M. also made an unfavorable Report on the Resolution enquiring into the expediency of compelling Executors to give security for their faithful administration. Concurred in.

Mr. M. also reported against the expediency of amending the law, so as to increase the punishment of Slaves, for the offence of offering violence to white persons. Concurred in.

Mr. Ward, from the Military Committee, in pursuance of a Resolution referred to them, reported a bill, which had its first reading, concerning the distribution of the public arms to the Police authorities and to provide against cases of invasion or insurrection.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, the committee of Finance were instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the collection and accounting for, of the Public Taxes at an earlier period than that now prescribed by law.

Mr. Dick presented a bill, which passed its first reading, to provide for the securing and collecting of debts in certain cases therein mentioned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, Dec. 8. Mr. W. J. Alexander from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom a resolution of the subject was referred, reported a bill to compel Executors to give security, in certain cases, which passed its first reading.

Mr. Alexander also reported a bill to amend and explain the 9th section of an act of 1786, prescribing the mode of allotting Dower, which was read the first time. Mr. Alexander also reported a bill to amend an act passed in 1822, for the relief of debtors, for debts contracted after the 1st of May 1823, which was read the first time.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee of Internal Improvement, reported a bill to authorize the construction of a Rail Road from the town of Fayetteville to the River at Campbellton, out of the funds of the State, which passed its first reading and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Alexander, from the Judiciary Committee, made an unfavorable Report on the petition of Isabella Staten. Concurred in. Mr. O'Brien, from the Committee of Claims, reported favorably on the Resolution in favor of Thomas Bell of Pasquotank. The said resolution passed its first reading.

The bill to enact with sundry alterations and additions, an act passed by the Legislature of Virginia, to incorporate the Petersburg Rail Road Company, was read the second time. Mr. Gaston moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed. The question thereon was determined in the negative, only 21 voting in the affirmative.

Thursday, December 9. On motion of Mr. Bynum, the Judiciary Committee were instructed to enquire into the expediency of altering the law allowing slaves to give evidence against free persons of color so as more effectually to prevent future abuse of the same. Mr. O'Brien, from the Committee of Claims, reported the Resolution in favor of John Brown and recommended its adoption. It passed its first reading.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from the Public Treasurer, showing an exhibit of the situation of the State Bank of North-Carolina and of the Newbern Bank received since his annual Report: Ordered to be printed. Mr. Wyche, from the Committee to whom was referred the enquiry, whether John M' Rae of Fayetteville has complied with the act of Assembly authorising a loan of \$5,000 to enable him to complete a Map of the State, reported that he had complied fully with the requisitions of said act.