CONGRESS.

IN SENATE.

Monday, Dec 10.

Mr. Clay appeared to-day, and took his seat.

The following were announced as the Standing Committees during the session.

Foreign relations.—Messrs. Forsyth, King, Bell, Mangum, Tomlinson.

On Finance.—Messrs. Smith, Tyler, Silsbee, Johnston, Forsyth.

On Commerce.—Messrs. King, Dudley, Silsbee, Johnston, Bibb.

On Manufactures.—Messrs. Dickerson, Clay, Knight, Miller, Seymour.

On Agriculture.—Messrs. Seymour, Brown, Robinson, Waggaman, Foot.

On Military Affairs.—Messrs Benton, Troup, Kane, Clayton, Tipton.

On the Militia.—Messrs. Robinson, Clayton, Waggaman, Clay, Hendricks.

On Naval Affairs.—Messrs. Dallas, Smith, Robbins, Webster, Bibb.

On Public Lands.—Messrs. Kane, Tipton, Moore, Holmes, Prentiss.

On Private Land Claims.—Messrs. Poindexter, Nicholas, Prentiss, Ruggles, Knight.

On Indian Affairs—Messrs. Troup, Benton, Poindexter, Wilkins, Frelinghuysen.

On Claims.—Messrs. Ruggles, Bell, Naudain, Brown, Moore.

On the Judiciary.—Messrs. Wilkins, Webster, Frelinghuysen, Grundy, Mangum.

On the Post Office and Post Roads—Messrs. Grundy, Hill, Ewing, Tomlinson, Buckner.

On Roads and Canals—Messrs. Hendricks, Sprague Dallas, Hill, Buckner.

On Pensions.—Messrs. Foot, Chambers, Dickerson, Sprague, Poindexter.

On the District of Columbia.—Messrs. Chambers, Tyler, Hendricks, Clayton, Miller.

On the Contingent Fund.—Messrs. Knight, Dudley, Tomlinson

On Engrossed Bills—Messrs. Robbins, Robinson, Ewing.

Mr. Kane introduced a bill supplementary to an act to authorize the Territory of Florida to open a Canal from the Appalachicola river to St. Andrews Bay; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Kane, it was

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President as refers to Public Lands, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Moore offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of bringing in a Bill reducing the price of the Public Lands, so as to authorize its sale at such price only as will reimburse the United States for the current annual expenditure for administering the land system, and discharging the Indian annuities, and also, for securing to actual settlers, a pre-emption right to their improvements at such prices as may be established.

On motion of Mr. Grundy, so much of the President's Message as relates to the Post Office and Post Roads was referred to that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Smith, so much of the Message as relates to the Finances, and Foreign Relations, were referred to the appropriate Committees.

On motion of Mr. King, so much of the Message as relates to the Commerce of the Country was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, so much of the Message as refers to Naval Affairs, was referred to that Committee.

Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Mr. Clay gave notice that he would to-morrow again introduce the bill for appropriating for a limited time, the proceeds of the public lands.

Mr. Wilkins introduced a bill to provide for the satisfaction of claims for French spoliations prior to 1800. Referred to a select committee.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Chaplain, and the Rev. Mr. Pise, a Roman Catholic, was elected, having 22 votes, Mr. Russell 12, and Mr. Hatch 4.

Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Mr. Buckner presented a bill granting land to the State of Missouri for opening a Canal in the Big Swamp between the waters of St. Francis, Cape Girardeau and the Mississippi.

Mr. Clay, agreeably to notice, introduced his bill to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands for a limited time, which, on motion of Mr. Kane, was referred to the Land Committee.

Mr. Chambers introduced a bill providing for the final settlement of the claims of States for interest on advances made to the U. States.

Mr. Forsyth introduced a bill to provide for the fulfilment of the compact of 1802, between the U. States and Georgia. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Resolution offered on Monday by Mr. Moore was modified by adding an amendment directing the Committee to enquire into the expediency of relinquishing to the States in which they lie, all the refuse lands, and the Resolution was agreed to.

Thursday, Dec. 13.

Mr. Smith, instructed by the Committee on Finance, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed, with as little delay as may be, to furnish the Senate with the project of a bill for reducing the duties levied upon imports, in conformity with the suggestions made by him in his annual report.

This resolution lies on the table.

A communication from the Commissioner of the Public Buildings on the subject of Expenditures since the last session was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Frelinghuysen introduced a bill for the relief of Joseph Nourse.

Mr. Dallas, a bill supplementary to an act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the U. States. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Resolution was passed instructing the Land Committee to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Land Office in Indiana, in the county lately acquired by purchase from the Pottawattomie tribe of Indians.

A joint Resolution offered by Mr. Smith, to provide for printing the annual statements of Commerce and Navigation, was taken up and ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Holmes, till Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, Dec. 10.

Mr. Drayton and Mr. M'Duffie, of S. Carolina, Mr. McCarty, of Indiana, and Mr. Allen, of Virginia, appeared this day.

The following Committees were announced to have been appointed by the Speaker in pursuance of the orders of the House on Thursday last:

On Elections.—Messrs. Claiborne, Randolph Holland, Griffin, Bethune, Collier and Arnold.

On Ways and Means.—Messrs. Verplanck, Ingersoll, Gilmore, Alexander, Wilde, Gaither and Polk.

On Claims.—Messrs. Whittlesey, Barber, M'Intire, Lane, Rencher, Day and Grennell.

On Commerce—Messrs. Cambreleng, Howard, Sutherland, Newton, Davis, of Mass. and Harper.

On Public Lands—Messrs. Wickliffe, Duncan, Clay, Irvin, Boon, Plummer and Mason.

On the Post Office and Post Roads.—Messrs. Conner, Russell, Pearce, Hammons, Kavanaugh, Doubleday and Roane.

On the District of Columbia.—Messrs. Washington, Semmes, Chinn, Jenifer, W. B. Shepard and McKennon.

On the Judiciary—Messrs. Bell, Ellsworth, Daniel, Foster, Gordon, Beardsley and Coulter.

On Revolutionary Claims—Messrs. Muhlenburgh, Nuckolls, Crane, Bates, of Mass. Standifer, Marshall and Newnan.

On Public Expenditures—Messrs. Hall, of N. Carolina, Davenport, Lyon, Thompson, of Ohio, Pierson, Henry King and Briggs.

On Private Land Claims.—Messrs. Johnson, of Ten. Coke, Stanbery, Mardis, Carr, Bullard and Ashley.

On Manufactures.—Messrs. Adams, Hoffman, Lewis Condict, Findlay, Horn, Worthington and Barbour, of Virginia.

On Agriculture.—Messrs. Root, McCoy, of Va. Smith, of Penn. Chandler, McCoy, of Penn. and Tompkins.

On Indian Affairs—Messrs. Lewis, Thompson, of Georgia, Angel, Storrs, Lecompte, Kennon and Hawkins.

On Military Affairs.—Messrs Johnson, of Ky. Vance, Blair, of S. C. Speight, Adair, Ward and Thomas, of Louisiana.

On Naval Affairs.—Messrs. Anderson, White, of N. York, Milligan, Watmough, Patton, Dearborn, Lansing.

On Foreign Affairs.—Messrs. Archer, Everett, of Mass. Taylor, Crawford, Barnwell, Wayne, Thomas, of Maryland.

On Territories.—Messrs. Kerr, Creighton, Williams, Huntington, Allan, of Ky. Potts and John King.

On Revolutionary Pensions—Messrs. Hubbard, Isaacs, Denny, Pendleton, Bucher, Soule and Choate.

On Invalid Pensions.—Messrs. Burges, Ford, Evans, of Maine, Reed, of N. Y. Dewart, Slade and Southard

On Roads and Canals—Messrs. Mercer, Blair, of Tenn. Letcher, Vinton, Craig, Leavitt and Jewett.

On Revisal and Unfinished Business.—Messrs Reed, of Mass. Bouck and Silas Condit.

On Accounts.—Messrs. Burgen, Burd and Hodges.

The residue of this day's sitting was occupied in a continuation of the balloting for Sergeant-at-Arms, which resulted on the last ballot, in the election of THOMAS B. RANDOLPH, of Virginia.

Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Mr. Stewart presented a petition praying for a subscription of a million of dollars towards the Stock of the Western Section of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Mr. Boon and Mr. Clay, each offered Resolutions instructing the Land Committee on the subject of reducing the price of the public land, and on the propriety of surrendering the refuse lands, after a given period, to the States in which they lie.

One of the Resolutions passed without objection; but on the other appearing, Mr. Williams observed that he could see no reason for being in such haste to act upon this all important subject, and moved that the subject be postponed, till Monday. This motion after some opposition from the mover, and Mr. Speight, was carried by Yeas and Nays, 106 votes to 78.

A motion was then made to reconsider the first Resolution, which was carried, and that was postponed also.

Mr. Mardis offered a Resolution granting settlers on the public lands a right of pre-emption—which after some debate, was also postponed till Monday.

A report was received from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by a Report of the Agent employed by the Department to examine into the affairs of the Bank of the United States, which stated all the demands against the Bank to be 36 millions, and the means of the Bank to meet these demands 79 millions, and that the Bank could not thereupon be other than a safe deposit for the public funds.

Mr. Wickliffe moved that 10,000 copies of this Report be printed; but the motion lies till to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Mr. Blair, of S. C. requesting, for obvious reasons, to be excused from serving on the Committee on Military Affairs. Granted.

Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Mr. Cambreleng's Resolution calling for the correspondence with the President of the Bank of the U. States, &c. was taken up and agreed to.

The Resolution offered yesterday for printing 10,000 copies of the Report of the Agent of the Treasury, as to the existing condition of the Bank of the United States, was taken up.

Mr. Cambreleng wished the motion postponed, until the correspondence called for on this subject should be received, that both might be printed together.

After some debate the motion to postpone was negatived 101 votes to 85, and the Resolution was agreed to.

The House then proceeded to the election of a Chaplain, and the Rev. Wm. Hammet, of Virginia, received 108 votes out of 179, and was of course, elected.

The House then went into a Committee, and resumed the consideration of the Resolution proposing to refer so much of the message of the President as relates to the Bank of the U. States to a Select Committee.

The question being on an amendment offered by Mr. Wayne, "with power to call for persons, and on the Bank and its Branches for papers, and to examine witnesses, generally in referance to the operations of the Bank." On this question an animated debate of two hours took place, which resulted in the rejection of the amendment by a large majority.

Mr. Watmough then moved to amend the Resolution, so as to refer the subject to the Committee of Ways and Means, instead of a select Committee; which the Committee rose and the House adjourned.

Thursday, Dec. 13.

On motion of Mr. Cook, the Committee on Canals, were instructed to enquire into the expediency of making a Survey to ascertain the practicability of connecting Lakes Erie and Ontario by a Canal round the falls of Niagara; and also the expediency of erecting a Pier in the Niagara, at or near the village of Youngstown.

Mr. Wickliffe proposed a Resolution directing the Clerk of the House to communicate to the Senate a Copy of the Report, with the documents accompanying it, made by the Committee on Public Lands, on the subject of the Chickasaw Treaty, and the reservation of four miles square in said treaty.

Debate arose on this Resolution. It was objected to, as interfering with the Executive duties of the Senate, and, after some debate, rejected 91 votes to 74.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury covering copies of the Correspondence of the President of the Bank of the United States with the house of Baring and Brothers.

Friday, Dec. 14.

On motion of Mr. Root, a resolution was adopted, directing the Director of the Mint to report the propriety of adjusting more nearly the weight of our Gold to our Silver Coin, than it is at present.

The House resumed the Report of the Committee of the whole on the President's message, containing a series of Resolutions distributing the various subjects to distinct committees. After some little debate, the whole were agreed to.

Sundry Resolutions were offered, and referred.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

IN SENATE.

Thursday, Dec. 13.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Hinton, a bill further to improve the police of the town of Washington. By Mr. Melvin, to repeal in part an Act passed in 1826, to repeal an Act passed in 1830, directing the County Courts to pay fees to certain Officers therein named, in certain cases, so far as relates to certain counties mentioned in said Act. By Mr. Hogan, to amend an Act for the division of Rowan, passed in 1822.

These bills passed their first reading.

The engrossed bill to incorporate the Haywood Boating Company, was read the third time and ordered to be *enrolled*.

The Senate then entered upon the orders of the day, and were occupied during the remainder of the sitting, in the consideration of the bill to establish the Bank of North-Carolina It was recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, Mr. Wilson in the Chair, and sundry amendments were proposed to it and carried. On motion of Mr. Martin, the Committee rose and recommended the passage of the bill, the second time, which was concurred in by the Senate 39 to 22.

Friday, Dec. 14.

Petition presented.—By Mr. Bailey, the Memorial of sundry citizens of Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimons, praying that a Branch of any Bank which the Legislature may charter, may be located at Elizabeth City. Read and referred.

Bill presented.—By Mr. Skinner, supplemental to an act passed in 1809, directing how persons injured by erection of public mills, shall in future proceed to recover damages. Read the first time.

Mr. Hogan presented a Resolution, which was passed and sent to the House for concurrence, requesting the Speakers of both Houses to correspond with Judge Hall and ascertain whether his health is sufficiently restored to enable him to attend the next term of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Hinton, from the Committee appointed on that part of the Governor's Message relating to the late James N. Forsyth, made a report, which was concurred in by the Senate, recommending that the amount due him by the State be deposited in the Public Treasury, until called for by his legal representatives.

The Senate then took up the Bank bill, to which sundry amendments were made, the most material of which was a reduction of the Capital from Three Millions to One Million eight hundred thousand dollars. Before any question was taken on the passage of the bill at its third reading, it was, on motion, referred to a select Committee for revision and correction.

Saturday, Dec. 15.

Petitions presented.—By Mr. Martin, the Memorial of sundry citizens of Rockingham county, praying the establishment of a Bank or the Branch of a Bank at Leakesville. By Mr. Hogan, of sundry citizens of Davidson, praying also the location of a Bank at Leakesville. Read and referred.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Morris, appointing lay days on Rocky River joining Anson and Montgomery counties. By Mr. Collins, to regulate the County Courts, of Washington. Read the first time.

Mr. Montgomery, of Hertford, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, made a favorable report on the petition of Martin D. Crawford, Clerk of the County Court of Richmond. Concurred in, and the resolution reported sent to the House.

Mr. Leake, from the Committee on Internal Improvement, made an unfavorable report on the bill referred to him to enable the County of Macon to complete the Tennessee River Road, which was concurred in, and the bill rejected.

On motion of Mr. Toomer,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing that section of the Revenue Act of 1822, which imposes a tax of $200 on Exchange Offices, &c.

The following engrossed bills from the other House were read and ordered to be *enrolled*, viz:—Amendatory of the act of 1831, authorising the Governor to grant certain lands to the Trustees of Franklin Academy in Macon county; and to alter the time of electing and renewing the bonds of certain Officers in Mecklenburg county.

The Senate took up the bill to amend the Judiciary System of the State, and after discussion, Mr. Morris moved for its indefinite postponement. Mr. Hinton moved that the bill be laid upon the table, which motion having precedence was put and decided in the affirmative 31 to 27.

Monday, Dec. 17.

Petitions presented—By Mr. Moore, two petitions, from Stokes county in this State and Patrick county in Virginia, praying the location of Banking Capital at Leakesville. By Mr. Wilson, from a Volunteer Company at Tarboro' praying an exemption from attending Militia drills after having served for a period of five years in said company. Read and referred.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Allen, giving longer time for paying in entry money. By Mr. Lindsay, to repeal an act passed at last session concerning those persons who are interested in the beach and marshy lands lying in Currituck county. By Mr Spencer, appointing additional Trustees of Rush Academy in Hyde county. Read the first time and passed.

The engrossed Resolution in favor of Zachariah W. Candler, of Buncombe, was on motion of Mr. Allen indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed bill to incorporate two Volunteer Companies in Pasquotank county, and the engrossed bill amending the Patrol Laws so far as relates to Camden, Pasquotank, Chowan and Gates counties, were read the third times and ordered to be *enrolled*.

The Appropriation bill was received from the House read the first time and made the order of the day for Thursday; and the bill more effectually to prevent litigation and to avoid suits at law, passed its second reading 40 to 18.

Tuesday, Dec 18.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Wellborn, to alter the time for the Sheriff of Wilkes to make his settlement with said county.—By Mr. Matthews, amendatory of an act passed at last session authorizing the building of a toll bridge over Roanoke River at Weldon. By Mr. Simmons, to divorce Rebecca Ann Smith, of Cabarrus County, from her husband—which bills passed their first reading.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Finance, reported a bill to amend an act passed in 1831, to increase the liability of Sheriffs, and to provide more effectually for the collection of taxes. Read the first time.

Mr. Leake, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made an unfavorable report on the Memorial of sundry citizens of Beaufort county, praying an appropriation for opening Pungo River.—Concurred in.

Mr. Leake, from the joint select Committee on the subject of a Convention, reported a bill providing for the call of a Convention for fixing on a Seat of Government for this State, which was read the first time. Mr. Wilson moved that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Thursday next, which was not agreed to. Mr. Collins moved that its further consideration be postponed indefinitely, which was agreed to, 34 to 26, as follows:

For the postponement.—Messrs. Askew, Bell, Boddie, Bateman, Bullock, Collins, Cowper, Dishongh, Fason, Harrison, Hawkins, Hinton, Hussey, Latham, Lindsey, Marshall, Matthews, Melvin, Montgomery, of Hertford, Monigomery, of Orange, Moye, of Greene, Moye, of Pitt, Norman, Rhodes, Sawyer, Simmons, Skinner, Spaight, Spencer, Vanhook, Wilder, Wilson & Williams.—34.

Against the postponement.—Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brittain, Carson, Carter, Dobson, Gavin, Hogan, Hoke, Holston, Howell, Kerr, Lamb, Leak, Lilly, McDowell, Massey, Moffitt, Moore, Parham, Parker, Stedman, Toomer, Tyson and Wellborn.—26.

Mr. Hawkins, from the Military Committee, reported a Resolution, which was concurred in and sent to the House of Commons, directing the Adjutant General not to commence any proceedings to enforce any forfeiture against those delinquents referred to in his recent report.

Mr. H. from the same Committee, to whom was referred several Resolutions instructing them to enquire into the expediency of revising the Militia Laws, printing and distributing the same; also to enquire into the expediency of so altering the 4th and 5th Divisions, as to make from them an additional Division, made a detailed report thereon, accompanied by a bill "to amend the Militia Laws," which was read and ordered to be printed.

The bill more effectually to prevent litigation and to avoid suits at law, was taken up, amended on Mr. Wellborn's motion, by striking out the whole of the second section, and then read the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bills—to authorize the altering and amending of the State road running through the county of Haywood—Vesting in the County Courts of the State the right of establishing additional places of public sale in their respective counties, and amendatory of the several acts incorporating the Roanoke and Cape Fear Navigation Companies and prescribing the mode of enforcing the collection of Tolls, were read the third time and ordered to be *enrolled*.

Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Montgomery, of Hertford, to authorise the County Courts of Hertford and Gates to lay a tax to defray the expenses incident to calling out the Militia during the insurrection in Southampton county, Va. and for other purposes. By Mr. Allen, to divorce Polly Buckner from her husband Edward Buckner. Read the first time.

Mr. Montgomery, of Hertford, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to emancipate Littlebury, a slave, the property of J. D. Scott. Read the first time.

Mr. Williams, from the select committee on the subject, reported the Bank Bill with sundry amendments, which were read and agreed to, and made the order of the day for Friday next.

Mr. Wellborn submitted a Resolution in favor of Charity Webb, of Wilkes; also one in favor of Benjamin Kelly, of said county. Mr. Boddie, a Resolution in favor of Saml. W. W. Vick, and Mr. Hinton, one authorising the loan of Rifles &c. to a company in Beaufort—which were read and referred.

The bill to alter and amend the Judiciary system of the State, was taken up and discussed. Messrs. Carson and Hinton advocated the bill and Mr. Wellborn opposed it. It was finally postponed indefinitely 31 to 29. We must defer the publication of the Yeas and Nays.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Dec. 13.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Gary, to prevent the obstruction of fish passing up the Roanoke and Cashie Rivers. By Mr. O'Brien, to repeal in part an act passed in 1787, ch 278. for making process in equity effectual against persons who abscond and who reside without the limits of the State, and for better regulating the proceedings in Courts of Equity, and for other purposes. By Mr. C. Wooten, to amend an act passed in 1826, appointing Commissioners for the town of Kinston in the county of Lenoir. By Mr. Clayton, to alter the time of holding one of the terms of the county Court in Buncombe county. By Mr. Stallings, to allow further time to open books for the purpose of receiving subscriptions for stock in the Lake Drummond and Orapeake Canal Company.

These bills passed their first reading.

Mr. Townsend from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made an unfavorable report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Whitesville, which was concurred in.

Mr. Burns submitted a series of Resolutions, which were adopted, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to enquire 1st. As to the expediency of mounting a portion of the Field Pieces throughout the States of the denomination of two, four and six pounders, and of procuring ammunition for the same, to be distributed at such places as said Committee may recommend. 2d. To enquire into the causes which have produced such a diminution in the number of Artillery Companies. 3d. To enquire into the expediency of encouraging an augmentation of Cavalry Corps. 4th. To enquire into the expediency of encouraging uniform volunteer companies of Infantry, of placing public arms in their possession, and of infusing more energy into the Militia than they now possess, by placing them on a more efficient establishment. 5th. To enquire into the expediency of immediately procuring from the General Government our quota of Cartridge boxes with belts for the same, with bayonet cases, pistol holsters &c. that they may be ready for use when occasion requires them.

The bill to repeal the act exempting Teachers of Schools, &c. from mustering and working on Roads, was indefinitely postponed.

The House then proceeded to the order of the day, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Bragg in the Chair, on the bill making an appropriation of $50,000 and appointing Commissioners to rebuild the Capitol on Union Square in the City of Raleigh. Mr. Long took the floor in support of the bill, and after speaking some time, the Committee rose and recommended the passsage of the bill to the House. Before the question was put, Mr. McQueen rose and addressed the House at length against the bill.—When he concluded, the question was loudly called for, and being put—Shall this bill pass its second reading? was decided in the affirmative, 73 to 69. Those who voted in the affirmative, were—

Messrs Adams, Arrington, Baker, Blowe, Boddie, Bonner, Borden, Bragg, Beeman, Burns, Carter, Clark, Cloman, Craige, Cromwell, Daniel, Foscue, Gary, Gee, Gillespie, Grady, Graves, Hammond, Hardison, Harper, Harrison, Hartly, Hinton, Hursi, Jarvis, J. B. Jones, R. Jones, Jordan, Judkins, Lancaster, Lee, Little, Long, Maultsby, Mullen, Murray, McClees, McLeod, McMillan, Nelson, Norman, Outlaw, O'Brien, Pierse, Potts, Rand, Ralfe, Ridley, Roberts, S. T. Sawyer, F. A. Sawyer, Shepard, Simmons, Skinner, Spruill, Stallings, Stephens, Sumner, G. A. Thompson, L. Thompson, Tillet, Townsend, Tunstall, Ward, Welch, Willey, A. Wooten, C. Wooten,—73.

Those who voted in the negative were,

Messrs. Abernathy, Allison, Barringer, Brower, Burgon, Cansler, Clayton, Courts, Cunningham, Cuthbertson, Davidson, Dews, Duckery, Doherty, Eccles, Edmonston, Emmis, Eloe, Faddis, Glass, Guthrie, Gwynn, Hart, Hill, Holton, Irion, Irvine, Ledford, Locke, Loudermilk, Lyon, Mangum, Marsteller, Mask, Monk, Montgomery, McLaurin, McNeil, McQueen, Parks, Peeples, Pearson, Poindextea, Polk, Sanders, Settle, Sherwood, Sloan, Smith, Thomas, Tillet, Waddell, Wadsworth, Watson, Weaver, Whitaker, Wiseman, Witcher, Word, Ziglar,—69.

Friday, Dec. 14.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Wiseman, to exempt from execution a certain portion of the Farming utensils and household and kitchen furniture of the citizens of this State. By Mr. McQueen, to establish Haywood Academy in Chatham county. By Mr. Pierce, to provide for the encouragement of learning. (Authorizes a lottery for the benefit of an Academy in Jackson county.)

These bills passed their first reading.

Mr. Townsend, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Christian Eaker. Concurred in.

Mr. T. from the same Committee, to whom a petition on the subject was referred, reported a bill granting to Ralph Freeman, a free man of color, the privilege of preaching or exhorting. Read the first time.

Mr. Bragg, from the Committee on Claims, reported a Resolution, in favor of Joseph Welch of Macon, which passed its first reading.

Mr. G. A. Thompson, from the same Committee, reported a Resolution, which passed its first reading, in favor of the Onslow Militia.

Mr. Gee withdrew from the nomination for Councillor of State the name of Wm. B. Lockhart, of Northampton.

The resignations of A. Parker as Lieut. Col. of the 47th Regiment, and of Norman McLeod as Major of the 41st Regiment were read and accepted.

The engrossed bill to abolish the office of County Trustee in Buncombe, Nash, Hyde, Guilford, Rowan Onslow, Columbus and Beaufort, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. S. T. Sawyer postponed indefinitely.

The "Appropriation bill" was read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

The engossed bill to divorce John Roberts and his wife, was, on motion of Mr. Outlaw, indefinitely postponed.

The bill to repeal in part an act passed in 1806, to revise the Militia laws relative to the Infantry, was read the second time and on Mr. L. Thompson's motion, postponed indefinitely, 82 to 34.

The bill to repeal the act to compel Quakers, &c. to bear arms, or pay a fine, was called up by Mr. S. T. Sawyer. Mr. Stallings moved for its indefinite postponement. Mr. Eccles took the floor in opposition to this motion and spoke for a considerable time. We subjoin an abstract of his remarks:

He hoped that a majority of the House would not consent thus to destroy the bill. He trusted that not only this bill would pass, but that the General Assembly would take this opportunity of expunging from our Statute Books every law calculated to interfere with the religious scruples of our fellow-citizens, as they had never produced any but injurious effects. Why, said he, should we insist upon men, principled against War, and every thing connected with it, to muster, or pay a fine for not doing so, when the Country is in a state of peace; when, we know, they would suffer death, sooner than comply with such requisitions? These vexatious and illiberal enactments serve only to drive conscientious industrious and peaceable citizens into other States. It is known that a number of Quaker families, of property, and highly respectable standing have already been driven away by this offensive law, which this bill proposes to repeal. And of what advantage has the law been to the State? Of none, but has tended to destroy its character abroad for illiberality towards our Quaker brethren. Mr. E. said he knew that the State had a perfect right to call upon all her citizens in times of emergency for aid, and no persons in the community were more ready to bear their share of the public burthens than these religious people; but they are principled against war, and will contribute, in no respect, to carry it on. They are nevertheless as firm friends of their Country, of liberty and free Government as any men amongst us. In proof of this, Mr. E. said he might refer to their Apostles of Liberty in old times *George Fox* and *William Penn*. Why, then, should these Statutes be retained in our code, when they serve only to excite unfriendly feelings in these conscientious Citizens, and drive first one and then another respectable family from our State? Would it not tend to the prosperity and happiness of our Country, to treat our fellow-citizens of every description, with forbearance and kindness, and by such measures secure their hearty support of our institutions? An opposite course, can only promote discontent and unhappiness amongs those whose only crime is, that they will *think for themselves*, and act accordingly, while they carefully avoid giving offence to those who differ from them. It is provided that the fines which these citizens are called upon to pay, are to go to the support of the Literary Fund. Mr. E. trusted that this Fund would not receive the aid of so obnoxious a tax on conscientious men; but be supported from less exceptionable sources.

When Mr. Eccles concluded, the question was taken and decided in the affirmative 70 to 59.

Those who voted for the indefinite postponement, were

Messrs. Abernathy, Adams, Allison, Arrington, Boddie, Bragg, Brower, Beeman, Cansler, Cameron, Courts, Craige, Cromwell, Doherty, Eccles, Eloe, Faddis, Foscue, Graves, Guthrie, Gwynn, Hammond, Harper, Harrison, Hartley, Horton, Hursi, Irion, Jarvis, J. B. Jones, R. Jones, Judkins, Lee, Ledford, Little, Locke, Long, Mangum, Marsteller, Monk, Montgomery, Murray, McClees, McQueen, Nelson, Peeples, Pearson, Poindexter, Polk, Potts, Rand, Roberts, Settle, Sherwood, Simmons, Sloan, Smith, Stallings, Stephens, Sumner, Tillett, Tunstall, Ury, Wadsworth, Welch, Willey, Wiseman, Witcher, A. Wooten and Ziglar.—70.