

apply a remedy. From all the Counties in the State, only thirty-eight Chairmen of the Boards of Superintendents for Common Schools, made any return to the Literary Board, of the operation of the system in their Counties for the year 1845, and is still smaller number in 1846, although the time appointed by Law has expired. This is probably imputable to the want of interest, or to the failure of the School Committee in the districts, to furnish the reports required of them. Indeed, as might be expected in a machine designed for success, citizens expected in a machine designed for Legislator direction—a model on administration, as Legislative direction—a model on the exigencies of the Treasury. It is now declared, that this model has always been a mischievous error; and in the midst of the exigencies of the Treasury, a Tariff of duties, yielding \$27,000,000 per year, has been abandoned in favor of a theoretical system, not expected to produce more, if as much, to the end that *projection* may no longer be recognized, in raising Revenue. We are, therefore, probably destined to witness a loss in the Revenue, brought about by a change aiming at Revenue only. With appropriations exceeding Fifty Millions of Dollars per annum, and an income less than Thirty Millions, a resort to higher duties, or Direct Taxation, must soon be inevitable. These additional burdens are not likely to be meliorated, but will be felt with the more severity, from another solemn Act of Congress at the last Session, uniformly called the Sub-Treasury Law. By this, it is required, that from and after the 1st day of January next, whatever amount of taxation may be made upon the people by the Government, shall be paid in Gold and Silver Coin only, or in Treasury Notes of the United States. This Law is to be executed by the Officers, charged with its execution, as was intended, but with infinite difficulty, as the public intelligentsia, in the Senate, and throughout the State, and devoting his whole time and attention to impeding it to vigor and uselessness. The subject is of sufficient weight, especially in the infantile stage of these institutions, to engage the best talents and most exalted patriotism of the country.

In many of the Governments of Europe, the Minister of Public Instruction ranks with those of War, Finance, and Diplomacy, their equal in dignity, perhaps more than their equal in usefulness. In those States of our Union, in which Education has not been extensively prevailed, and to which, from the nature of the system, there would seem to be the least obligation for such a supervision, it seems to have settled point of policy, to keep in subordination over their Common Schools, some one of tried ability and zeal in that department, whose time and energy are devoted to the maintenance and support of the system, visiting the Schools in various sections, and encouraging and directing the teachers, in producing the greatest amount of benefit. Our experience thus far, of the opposite course, shows the necessity of following their example. The Literary Fund affords the means of reasonable compensation for such service, but with a slight abatement from the amounts annually distributed.

Applications have been made to the Board, to purchase some portions of the Swain Lands drained by the State, and pertaining to the Seaboard Fund. But their Agent, who has instructions in respect to terms, has reported no sale actually made. It is in contemplation to visit these lands in the course of the next year, and if the drainage has proved as efficient as has been expected, to dispose of some tracts at public sale, if not otherwise, in order to promote settlement and culture thereon.

In the month of May last, I received from the War Department a requisition from the President of the United States for one Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, to be enrolled and held in readiness to aid in the prosecution of the existing war with the Republic of Mexico. A general order was immediately issued, enlisting for Volunteers by Companies, and with a most commendable promptitude, more than three times the number required, tendered their services. From these ten Companies were drawn by lot, to form the Regiment. In the absence of any law of the State, relative to raising and organizing such a force, the duty seemed to devolve on the Governor, under the Constitution, as the Executive and Commander-in-Chief of the Militia, to determine who should be accepted among those volunteering for service, and in what grades. The Proclamation for Volunteers, however, announced that this determination would be made by lot, in accepting the Companies; and that the Company Officers would be commissioned, whom the merit thereof might elect—leaving the Field Officers only to be accepted and appointed by the Executive. This construction of duty and power in default of any statutory regulation, was adopted after mature consideration, and engraving into the precedents during the last war with Great Britain. It had been agreed upon by the Governors of other States, having no provision of law in such case, and seems to accord with the views of the War Department, and President of the United States. It is, however, wisest to regulate such levies of Troops by Legislative enactments; and, therefore, it is brought to your attention. Whether you shall decide to direct the election of Field Officers by all the Volunteers, Privates as well as Officers, (as is the case in some States) or by the Commissioned Officers only, in conformity to our Military regulations for ordinary training; or permit it to the Executive, as at present existing, is submitted for your wisdom to whom they belong.

## WILL A. GRAHAM.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, U.S.

November 17th, 1846.

## STATE LEGISLATURE.

Senate.—Tuesday, November 17th.

The Senate met this morning, pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate of the due organization of that body, by the appointment of Edward Stanly, Speaker; Charles Manly, Chief Clerk; James P. Dodge, Clerk Assistant; and Samuel J. Finch and William R. Lovell, Doorkeepers, and of their readiness to receive any communication they may have to make, which was encircled in, and Messrs. Waddell and Graves, were appointed the Committee, and the House informed thereof.

Mr. Poindexter presented a communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in relation to the Public Printing, which, on his motion, was read and referred to the Joint Committee.

*Joint Letter to the House*—Messrs. Raynor, Swan, Haskins, Kelly, Rogers, Bowler, Smith, Puryear, Hargrave, Reid, Fleming.

*Private and Enclosed*—Major Britton, Lieutenant W. R. Martin, Captain W. H. Williams, Haskins, McMillan, Gandy, Wilson, McLean, Ferguson.

Mr. McLean, from the Committee on Joint Rules of Order, made a Report, recommending the adoption of the Rules of the last Session for the regulation of the intercourse between the two Houses, without amendment. The Report was concurred in, and the Joint Rules adopted accordingly.

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Orange, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing that the Joint Rules of Order for the government of the last Session, be adopted for the present Senate, until otherwise ordered.

A message from the House was received, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee of two members on the part of each House, to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him of the due organization of both branches of the Legislature, and of their readiness to receive any communication they may have to make, which was encircled in, and Messrs. Waddell and Graves, were appointed the Committee, and the House informed thereof.

Mr. Poindexter presented a communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in relation to the Public Printing, which, on his motion, was read and referred to be sent to the House.

Mr. Hargrave moved that a Committee of five be appointed to propose Rules of Order for the government of the last Session, to be adopted for the present Senate, until otherwise ordered.

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A message was received from the House, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of each House, to report Joint Rules for the government of the two Houses. The Senate then adjourned.

*House of Commons.*

In the House, this morning, the Journal having been read.

Mr. Haskins of Warren, moved that a message be sent to the Senate, informing that body of the

organization of the House, and of their readiness to co-operate with the Senate in the despatch of business.

A message was received from the Senate, giving notice of the due organization of that body.

Mr. Barnes of Northampton, offered the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee, to consist of two Members on the part of each House, whose duty it shall be to wait upon His Excellency, Governor Graham, and inform him of the organization of both branches of the Legislature, and of their readiness to co-operate with the Senate in the despatch of business.

Mr. Barnes moved that the Rules of the Senate be adopted in the morning.

The following named gentlemen constitute the Committee to prepare the Rules—Messrs. Fleming, Gilligan, Paine, Mayo and Davy.

A Message was received from the Senate, transmitting the following communication which was read for information.

STATE DEPARTMENT, Nov. 17th, 1846.

To the Honorable General Assembly of the State of North Carolina:

Gentlemen:—Wever R. Gaines, Esq., is the contractor for the Printing to be done for the present General Assembly, and has given bond, with approved security, for faithfully discharging that duty.

Very respectfully,

W. M. HILL.

On motion of Mr. Paine, of Chowan, a Message was sent to the Senate, proposing that another vote be had, immediately, for Engraving Clerks. The Senate concurred in the proposition.

Mr. Grindall having received a majority of the whole number of votes, was declared duly elected.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, through his Private Secretary, George W. Graham, Esq., and ordered to be read.

Mr. Gilligan of Granville, moved successfully that the Message be sent to the Senate, with the accompanying documents; accompanied by a proposition to print five copies for each member. This Communication from the Executive, will be found in another part of this paper.

We have taken the necessary steps for having the Proceedings of the Legislature fully reported, but, in consequence of the length of the Governor's Message (justified by its importance) we are compelled to confine ourselves in this paper, to a single copy of the Journal. Our readers may depend upon a full report of the proceedings and doings of the members, whether included in "Bullock's" or elsewhere.

GOVERNOR GRANT'S MESSAGE.

We have the pleasure of presenting to our readers, entire in this paper, the admirable Message of our beloved and judicious Chief Magistrate.

Perhaps there never was a more important crisis in the history of the State, than the present, and His Excellency's Message gives a rich array for legislative action. It abundantly merits our attention.

The propriety of the withdrawal of the State from the Union, is a question which has been agitated in the past hour in the Legislature.

A message was received from the House, stating that a Joint Select Committee, on the part of each House, to report Rules for the government of the intervals between them, to be in session, and shall consist of one Member from each House, and a Clerk.

The resignation of Justice of the Peace, received at this Office in the past two years, will be found in the accompanying file marked A.

I also transcribe here, with the proceedings of said State Legislatures, of various subjects, which I have been requested to lay before the General Assembly.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH.

H. C. COOPER, Printer.

GOVERNOR GRANT'S MESSAGE.

We give in full the following extract from the Message of the Governor, with his remarks on making the same available to the public:

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