

the Treasury, at the present moment, or during the continuance of the present state of things, in regard to the Treasury Notes formerly issued. It is hoped and expected, however, that the prevalent disposition above mentioned will gradually decline, that the holders of the old notes may become more disposed to keep and use them, and that in the course of a few months, or before it be very long, a part of the surplus monies of the state above mentioned may safely be disposed of and invested in bank stock.

With respect to the stock to be purchased with the proceeds of the Treasury notes issued and sold, the Public Treasurer, strictly speaking, would, perhaps, be more within the line of his official duty, were he to remain silent, whilst this stock would of course fall into the common mass of that which is already owned by the State; but bearing in mind that the General Assembly has long and anxiously sought the means of creating a fund, without resorting to taxation, which might ultimately prove commensurate to the providing the means of education, throughout the state, for that portion of our citizens who may, from time to time be found destitute of them, he ventures on the liberty of respectfully submitting whether this stock, should it be thought expedient so to appropriate it, might not well be considered as laying the foundation of such fund, and forming, at least, a hopeful beginning.

Much and respectfully, Gentlemen, Your ob't serv't.

JNO. HAYWOOD,
Public Treasurer.

Raleigh, 18 Nov. 1821.

The Exposés or statements of the Banks of Cape Fear and Newbern, in December and June last, are herewith transmitted. — Those to be furnished by the State Bank are not yet completed, but will probably be in readiness early in the next week, when they shall likewise be forwarded.

J. H.

SENATE.

Thursday, Nov. 26.

A message was received from the H. of Commons, stating they had passed the resolution relative to defining the salaries and fees of State Officers, &c. and had amended the same by adding the following words, "and also the fees of practising Attorneys," and asking the concurrence of the Senate to the amendment; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McLeod, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to enquire into the propriety of so altering the present Acts of Assembly, regulating the taking of depositions, as to compel the party taking of depositions to file his interrogatories in the court in which the action may be pending upon his giving due notice thereof to the other party; particularly when they are to be taken beyond the limits of the State, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Callaway, the committee on Internal Improvements were instructed to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation of three hundred dollars, for the improvement of the great state road, between the town of Jefferson, in Ashe county, and the Tennessee line.

Mr. Wellborn presented the following resolution, which was read and referred to a committee of the whole House:

Resolved, that it is expedient to alter the present Supreme Court System, in such way as to divide the State into three Districts, and that the Supreme Court be holden in each of the Districts, with the same powers, as the present Supreme Court possesses.

Friday, Nov. 26.

Mr. Hill, from the select Committee, to whom was referred the bill to alter the time of holding the Superior Courts of law for the counties of Northampton and Halifax, reported the same without amendment; which was agreed to, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Saturday, Nov. 27.

Mr. Speight presented a bill, fixing the salary hereafter to be paid to the Civil Engineer, at 2500 dollars per annum. This bill was read the first time, and a motion made by Mr. Wellborn to refer it to the committee on Internal Improvements: but was negatived. On motion of Mr. Speight, it was committed to a committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day, for Thursday next.

Mr. Seawell, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the bill to advance the administration of Justice, &c. reported the same without amendment; which was thereupon made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Seawell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to prevent actions from abating in certain cases, reported the said bill with an amendment, which was agreed to, and the bill was made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Seawell, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate of the 25th inst. instructing them to enquire into the propriety of altering the present Act of Assembly regulating the taking of depositions, reported a bill authorizing the Supreme Court to regulate the practice of taking depositions; which was read the first time.

Mr. Seawell, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate of the 23d inst. instructing them to enquire into the expediency of restricting the power of the Governor to grant pardons, &c. returned the same, and begged leave to be discharged from the further consideration thereof. Agreed to.

Mr. Seawell, from the committee, reported an amendment to the bill passed at the last session, to amend the laws making provisions for widows. The amendment was agreed to, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

Monday, Nov. 29.

Mr. Blackwell presented the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Commons, that this present General Assembly will adjourn *sine die* on the 20th day of December ensuing.

The resolution, on Motion of Mr. Carson, was postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Shober presented the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, that the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the powers of Courts of Equity on application in behalf of orphans to sell the lands of their ancestor, for the purpose of discharging debts before the personal property of the estate is exhausted.

Mr. Speight offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the committee of Internal Improvement be instructed to enquire into, and report to this House, what sums of money have been advanced to Hamilton Fulton, Civil Engineer of this state, as well on account of salary as contingent expenses, during the last year.

Mr. Montgomery moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word "House," and inserting the following: "what sums of money have been paid to the Civil Engineer by the state, as well as for salary as contingent expenses, since his employment." Which amendment was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, Mr. Wilson in the Chair, on the bill to advance the administration of justice in the Courts of Equity, and to establish a Court for that purpose, and the resolution relative to the Supreme Court; and, after some time spent therein, the committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, Dec. 1.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Public Treasurer, on the subject of the salary of the Civil Engineer; which was referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

The bill to alter the time of holding the Superior Courts of Northampton and Halifax, was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Seawell, amended by striking out the following words, "and in which case, the Judge presiding in said Court shall have the same compensation for holding the same the second week, as is already allowed by law for the first week." The further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Nov. 25.

On motion, the bill to repeal the act encouraging Agriculture and Domestic Manufactures in this State, was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Alston, of Halifax, from the select committee on the subject, reported favorably on the petition of Jarrad Weaver, recommending the passage of a resolution in his favor; which was ordered to lie on the table, until to-morrow.

The bill to change the mode of selling lands under execution, was read the second time. Mr. Graham moved for its indefinite postponement, which was carried.

Friday, Nov. 26.

Mr. Picott, presented a bill to repeal so much of the act of 1819, to create a fund for Internal Improvements, and to establish a Board for the management thereof, as relates to the power of appointing a civil Engineer.

Mr. Graham presented the following resolution, which passed its first reading:

Whereas disease and death are scattered though many parts of this State, by the erection of Dams and flooding of lands covered with vegetable matter; therefore,

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of compelling all persons who may hereafter erect dams, to cut and remove all vegetable matter off the lands intended to be flooded, anterior to the erection of such dams, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Blan, from the select committee relative to the public

printing, reported a bill on the subject, to amend an act passed in 1810, prescribing the manner in which the public printing shall be regulated. The bill was read the first time and ordered to be printed with the accompanying documents.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution, laid on the table yesterday, relative to the petition of Jarrad Weaver; which after some discussion, was, on motion of Mr. Vail, indefinitely postponed.

Saturday, Nov. 27.

On motion of Mr. Alston, of Halifax, the committee of Finance were instructed to prepare and bring a bill to change the mode of taxing pedlars so as to compel them to take out license from the Comptroller for the whole state, instead of the present system; and, on the further motion of Mr. Alston, the same Committee were instructed to enquire into the expediency of lowering the tax on those who retail goods on the navigable streams in this state.

Mr. Nealy presented a resolution directing the military committee to enquire into the expediency of altering or amending the militia laws of this State relative to the Cavalry.

On motion of Mr. Swain, the Judiciary Committee were instructed to enquire what amendments are necessary to be made in the existing law, regulating the time and place of selling lands and slaves under execution.

On motion of Mr. Mhoon, a select committee was appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the sale of lands now held under lease in the county of Bertie, from the Tuscarora tribe of Indians; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Monday, Nov. 29.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, *Resolved*, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to prepare a bill authorizing the taking of the depositions of the Clerks of the County and Superior Courts, Judges of the Superior Courts and Supreme Court, and practising Attorneys.

Resolved further, that the same committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the reading of certified copies of Clerks and other officers, into whose custody records and other papers may be kept, in a suit or case now pending, or which may be hereafter commenced, when the original paper may be required.

On motion of Mr. Stewart.

Resolved, That whereas some doubts exist as to the extent of the application of the laws now in force regulating fishing on the Roanoke and Cashie rivers, and other waters; therefore,

Resolved, that a select committee, consisting of one member from each of the counties of Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, Martin and Washington, be appointed, to enquire, if any, and what, alterations are necessary in the now existing laws on that subject.

Messrs. Stewart, Alston of Halifax, Gary, Raseoe and Picott form the committee.

Mr. Jones of Warren, from the select committee to whom was referred the communication to the Governor, relative to the expected visit of Gen La Fayette, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and directed him to report the following resolutions, and to recommend their adoption:

Resolved unanimously, That the Governor be authorised and

requested to make such arrangements for the reception of Gen. La Fayette, should he visit this state, as may comport with the dignity of the state, and the respect due to the illustrious guest of the nation; and that he assure the General of the deep and grateful sense entertained by the people of this state of the value and importance of his services in obtaining the independence they enjoy.

Resolved, That the Governor of this state be authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the sums necessary to carry the preceding resolution into effect.

The report was concurred in, and the resolutions passed their first, second and third readings.

Mr. Bynum, of Halifax, presented a bill to amend the act of 1821, entitled "An act to establish an Academy in the town of Halifax."

On motion of Mr. Culpepper, *Resolved*, that the committee of Privileges and Elections be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so changing the mode of electing Electors of President and Vice president of the United States, as to restore the District system of electing such Electors.

The resignation of Isham Matthews, Col. Commandant of the first regiment of Halifax Militia, was read and accepted.

Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Mr. Helme presented a letter from the Public Treasurer, exhibiting the amount of payment made the Civil Engineer, and the times of making the same; which was read and referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Mr. Stanly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to alter the mode of punishing the offence of maiming, and for other purposes, reported that it is inexpedient to pass said bill. The report was concurred in.



HALIFAX:

FRIDAY, DEC. 10, 1821.

We have been informed that Mr. WILLIS ALSTON and Mr. JAMES GRANT, both of this county, are candidates to represent this district in the present Congress.

For the Free Press.

Mr. Howard:

Gen. JNO. ALSTON, of Halifax county, has consented to become a candidate to fill the vacancy in this Congressional District, occasioned by the election of Col. Burton as Governor of this State. Gen. Alston has been the uniform friend of the people, unbiassed by personal considerations or party prejudice, and is the known supporter of Wm. H. Crawford.

We are authorized to announce GEORGE B. OUTLAW, Esq. present Senator in our State Legislature from Bertie county, as a candidate to represent the district in Congress, vacated by election of Hutchins G. Burton, as Governor.—Raleigh Reg.

From the Raleigh Reg. Dec. 1. Election of Governor.—After six ballotings for Governor HUTCHINS G. BURTON, Esq.