

SENATE.

Tuesday, Dec. 12.—Mr. Johnson of Ky. introduced a bill for the abolition of imprisonment for debt.

Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Agreeably to notice given, Mr. King asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorise those persons who have relinquished lands under the provisions of the laws of Congress, to purchase the same at public sale, at a fixed price.

Mr. Dickerson also obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the distribution of a portion of the revenue among the several states.

On motion of Mr. Barton, it was resolved, that the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of encouraging the cultivators of the soil, and multiplying the number of freeholders in the United States by making donations of small tracts of such of the Public Lands as shall have been previously offered for sale and remained unsold for a given time, to such persons as will actually inhabit and cultivate the same for some reasonable term of years.

Thursday, Dec. 14.—Mr. Johnson of Ky. brought before the Senate the embarrassed situation of the Columbia College, and urged the expediency of relieving the Institution by a release of the debt due from it to the government.

Friday, Dec. 15.—The resolution submitted by Mr. Reed of Mississippi, proposing an inquiry into the extent of the constitutional powers of the Government over the Public Lands, and into the expediency of appropriating a portion of the same for the purpose of internal improvements within the states and territories where the lands lie, was taken up for consideration, and decided in the negative.

Monday, Dec. 18.—Mr. Johnson of Ky. submitted a resolution relative to the establishment of a National Armory on the Western Waters.

Tuesday, Dec. 19.—The resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson of Ky. instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of establishing a National Armory at the Horse Shoe Bend, in Licking river, was taken up and agreed to.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, Dec. 12.—Mr. Cambreleng of N. Y. moved the consideration of a resolution, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish the House with a statement of our trade with the British colonies; which was agreed to.

A resolution offered by Mr. Martindale, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report to this House an abstract of the quantity and qualities of foreign wool and woolen manufactures imported into this country during the last two years; which was agreed to.

The following resolutions, laid on the table yesterday by Mr. Sawyer, was taken up, read, and agreed to by the House: resolved, that the Secretary of War be directed to inform this House what

progress has been made, under the act of the last session, of appropriating one thousand dollars for the survey of Roanoke Inlet and Sound, with a view of ascertaining the practicability of making a permanent ship channel between Albemarle Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, passed 20th May last.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, it was resolved, that the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing a survey to be made of the route of a canal to connect the waters of Roanoke, Tar, and Neuse Rivers, so as to continue the line of interior navigation from Norfolk to the harbor of Beaufort, in N. Carolina, with an estimate of the cost of effecting the same.

On motion of Mr. Carson, it was resolved that the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of holding a treaty with the Cherokee Indians, to extinguish their title to lands within the limits of the State of North Carolina.

Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Mr. Burges of R. I. gave notice, that on Wednesday the 20th instant, he would call up the bill for the relief of the surviving Officers of the Revolution.

Thursday, Dec. 14.—On motion of Mr. Barringer of N. C. it was resolved, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire if any, and what, further provision may be necessary to give to the Circuit Court of the District of North Carolina the power to appoint a Clerk.

[In offering this resolution, Mr. B. accompanied it by a few remarks, in which he stated the facts by which it had been occasioned. There are, he said, in North Carolina, three District Courts, held at places entirely separate from where the Circuit Court is held, and distant from it, in one case, 120 miles. The law says that the Clerk of the Circuit Court should be the Clerk of the District Court; but there being now three District Courts, the law was inoperative. A Clerk had been appointed by the Circuit Court; but it appears that Court has no legal power to appoint a Clerk; and he had the authority of the Chief Justice for saying that the Clerk of that Court had acted, and was now acting, without legal authority. The necessity of the measure proposed in the resolution must therefore be evident.]

Friday, Dec. 15.—Mr. McLean of Ohio, offered a resolution calling for information from the War Department as to any disposition to emigrate which may have been evinced by the Indian tribes, and the best mode of overcoming any obstacles to their removal west of the Mississippi.

The resolutions offered by Mr. Buchanan, requesting the President of the U. S. to furnish this House any information in his possession, which, in his opinion, may be communicated without detriment to the public service, respecting the treaties and conventions concluded at Panama, and also, the organization, proceedings, and adjournment of the Congress lately held there; were agreed to.

Monday, Dec. 18.—A message was received from the President of the U. S. transmitting extracts of a letter recently received from Mr. Gallatin, our Minister at London, relating to the discussions with the British government.

Tuesday, Dec. 19.—The resolution offered on Friday, by Mr. Mitchell, of S. C. relative to our exports to, and imports from, the British colonies, was agreed to, after being modified so as to give it a wider range.



Tarborough,

TUESDAY, DEC. 26, 1826.

Afflicting Casually.—It is with the most painful feelings, that we announce the sudden death on Sunday morning last, of Dr. David Dancy, a citizen of this town. He had been to Williamston to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Henry B. Hunter, Clerk of Martin County Court, who died on the preceding Wednesday; and returning on Saturday evening, at the residence of Mrs. Slade, near Williamston, the Doctor in attempting to get in his gig started the horse, which commenced kicking and unfortunately bruised him in such a manner as to occasion his death early the next morning, before any medical assistance could be procured. Thus has an amiable and tender-hearted woman been almost simultaneously deprived of a brother and a husband.

We have been favored, by the politeness of the Hon. R. HINES, Representative in Congress from this District, with a copy of the Documents from the Department of State, accompanying the President's Message. It forms a pamphlet of 170 octavo pages, containing the correspondence relative to our trade with the British Colonies, and copies of the ratified Treaties with Denmark, and with the Federation of Central America. We had anticipated the perusal of a considerable part of the pamphlet, which has appeared in the public journals—the substance we have already given, and if any person is desirous to examine the details, they can be gratified by applying at this office.

Yesterday was the time appointed for the *General Assembly* of this State to convene at Raleigh. We expect to receive the Governor's Message in time for our next paper.

The *Supreme Court* of the State will commence its winter Session, on the same day.

We have received another epistle from our quondam friend at Salisbury—he says: "it is not my intention to enter into a discussion with you in your own paper;" and we approve the determination, particularly as he characterizes our former remarks as "illiberal and unjust." We viewed his first essay, merely as an attempt to ascertain the sentiments of the people of this vicinity; and we assure him, that as far as we can learn, the opinions we expressed have generally met their cordial approbation. Many individuals, who previous to Mr. Adams's election were partial to him, now speak in terms of decided reprehension of the manner in which it was effected—and why not? It was the union of a *finesse* and a *ruse de guerre*—embodying and animating the hideous image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, whose head was of fine gold, but its feet were a mixture of iron and clay, and giving it "a local habitation and a name." We do not like such an union of motley and contrary ingredients, and it cannot possibly be lasting. We do not expect to enter into an investigation of the merits of the individuals, who are at present before the public as candidates for the Presidency in 1828; we prefer leaving it to those who possess greater ability, and have more leisure and inclination to discuss the subject—resting our hopes on the belief, that the towering *Hickory*, which sheltered and protected us in the

hour of danger, will yet receive some substantial evidence of a nation's gratitude.

We incorrectly stated in our last paper that the trial of Gen. Joseph G. Swift and others, in New-York, was postponed until next March—the trial of the General closed on the 13th inst. and resulted in an honorable acquittal.

The drawing of *Judge Murphey's Lottery* has been again postponed. Persons having Tickets for sale, are requested immediately to transmit to Dr. James Webb, of Hillsborough, a list of such as remain in their hands unsold.

Foreign.—The packet ship William Thompson, arrived at New-York on the 13th inst. bringing advices from England to the 16th ult. The markets continued dull and unpromising, and the distresses in the manufacturing districts were increasing. No political news of importance. Much speculation was excited by the arrival in the packet of Mr. Waring, King's messenger, who immediately proceeded to Washington—he is said to be the bearer of despatches containing a Convention which settles the differences between the American and British governments under the Treaty of Ghent, upon the question of indemnity for deported property.

We invite the attention of our readers, to an advertisement in this day's paper, relative to a contemplated undertaking, in which the public at large are deeply interested; we allude to the proposals of Mr. JOHN MAC RAE, of Fayetteville, for publishing a *New Map of North-Carolina*. The Fayetteville Journal, of Wednesday last, referring to this splendid and important work, says:

"We are gratified in understanding, from a correct source, that the Map of this State, to be published by John McRae, Esq. is in a fair way of being completed in a manner highly creditable to him and useful and valuable to our citizens. Much time, money and labour have been expended on this work, and we feel an assurance that it will be worthy of public patronage. Its value and importance to the citizens of our own State are incalculable: Vast pains have been taken, we know, to make it accurate, and we understand that it will contain much geological information.

As this is a very expensive undertaking, in which the pride as well as the interests of the whole community are concerned, would it not be an act worthy of the Legislature of the State, to aid Mr. McRae in some way best calculated to secure the object in view?"

Washington, N.C. Dec. 15.—Mrs. Williams, widow of the late Mr. John Williams, who was shot on the night of the 24th ult. died on Sunday morning last. This wretched woman was arrested under the suspicion of being accessory to the murder of her husband. Her own confessions, together with evidence and corroborating circumstances, left no doubt but she was deeply implicated in the horrid transaction. She was committed to prison to await her trial, but from the precarious state of her health, was admitted to bail. We understand that her evidence would have been the principal testimony adduced against the man who is now confined in the Jail of our county charged with the offence. As the whole affair will undergo an investigation at our next Superior Court, in May next, we forbear to make any further comment....*Her*