

General Assembly.

SENATE.

Friday, Dec. 7.—Mr. Sherard, from the balloting committee for Major General of the 7th division, reported that Micajah T. Hawkins is elected.

Saturday, Dec. 8.—A message was sent to the other House, stating that the Senate do not agree to their proposition to appoint a select joint committee to inquire into the expediency of instructing the Board of Internal Improvements relative to a survey for a rail road.

Mr. Owen, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to inquire what progress has been made towards completing the navigation of Roanoke river, together with a bill to repeal the act of 1823, entitled, "An act concerning the Roanoke Navigation Company," reported the bill without amendment.

Monday, Dec. 10.—Mr. Wilson from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for Solicitor General, (in the place of Edward Jones, resigned,) reported that John Scott, of Hillsborough, is elected.

The bill to alter the time of holding the Superior Courts in the third Judicial Circuit, was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Williams, of Martin.

The resolutions from the other House, to appoint a joint select committee to inquire into the expediency of ascertaining what quantity of surplus produce is made in each county, in what it consists, to what market it is carried, and what the expense of getting it to market, &c. was rejected.

Tuesday, Dec. 11.—Mr. Spaight of Craven, presented a communication from S. J. Baker, relative to the Tuscarora lands.

The bill for the division of Haywood county was, on motion of Mr. Speight, of Greene, indefinitely postponed, 33 votes to 29.

Mr. Pickett, from the committee on the Treasury, made a detailed report, accompanied by a bill concerning the Public Treasurer. [The bill provides in what sum the Treasurer shall give bond—in what time, after his appointment—and in what manner.]

Wednesday, Dec. 12.—Mr. Speight of Greene, submitted a resolution, which was concurred in by the Senate, that the State accept of the surrender made by the G. W. Haywood, Executor of the estate of his father the late John Haywood, and the other heirs, of the property belonging to said father, to save the State from loss, under limitations therein specified.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Dec. 6.—Mr. Spruill presented a bill regulating the time within which demand shall be made of a maker, and notice given to the endorser of a bill, bond, or promissory note.

On motion of Mr. Gary, Mr. Settle was unanimously chosen Speaker of this House, in place of James Iredell, elected Governor.

Friday, Dec. 7.—Mr. Allen of

Montgomery, from the select committee on the subject, reported a bill to establish a Medical Board, and to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery in this State.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Rowan, a message was sent to the Senate and concurred in by that body, moving for the appointment of a joint committee, to inquire into the most advisable mode of representing the interests of the State in the Cape Fear Bank, at the meeting of the Stockholders, shortly to be held in Wilmington; also, as to the expediency of agreeing to the surrender of the charter of said Bank.

Monday, Dec. 10.—Wm. Gaston, the member elected to represent the town of Newbern, in place of John Stanly, resigned, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

Tuesday, Dec. 11.—Mr. Gaston presented the memorial of sundry citizens of the towns of Newbern, Washington, Plymouth, Edenton, Murfreesboro', Hertford and Elizabeth City, on the subject of improving the navigation of and about Ocracoke Inlet. In submitting this resolution, Mr. Gaston made an eloquent speech, in the course of which he adduced many powerful arguments and facts to prove the necessity of the proposed improvement. It was referred to a select committee of thirteen members, and ordered to be printed. [The Memorial and accompanying Report, follow our Legislative proceedings.]

The bill to compel Quakers, Menonists, Dunkards, &c. to bear arms, or pay an equivalent for exemption, was indefinitely postponed—yeas 62, nays 46.

Wednesday, Dec. 12.—On motion of Mr. Stedman of Gates, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to prevent the education of slaves.

Mr. Gary presented a bill to repeal all acts concerning agriculture and family domestic manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Perry, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire what alterations are necessary in the law of last session, concerning the fraudulent trading of slaves.

Mr. Benners presented a resolution instructing the Judiciary committee, to enquire into the expediency of compelling Clerks of County Courts, within 20 days after the laying of any tax, to publish the rates in some newspaper in their county; or if there be no paper in their county, to post up copies in public places in the county.

Internal Improvement.—At a meeting of Delegates from Newbern, Washington, Plymouth, Edenton, Murfreesborough, Elizabeth-City and Hertford, assembled at Washington, on the 26th November, 1827, the following Report was presented and unanimously accepted, and the accompanying Memorial subscribed by the Delegates.

REPORT:

The Committee appointed on the part of the Convention to take into consideration the evils arising from our obstructed Navigation,

and to suggest some mode by which these evils may be lessened or removed, respectfully Report:

That on an interchange of information they have been all astonished to find, that the evils attendant on our obstructed navigation, greatly transcend in magnitude whatever they had heretofore believed or apprehended. They forbear from making a detailed statement of these in this Report, but refer the Convention to the representation of them as set forth in the memorial hereinafter referred to. To a large portion of the citizens of North-Carolina, the most effectual relief from these vexatious and oppressive mischiefs, would be a direct and safe communication with the Ocean at the mouth of Albemarle Sound. The Committee earnestly indulge the hope, that the time will come, that it is not far distant, when this noble enterprise will be attempted and carried into successful execution. As individuals—as representing communities and sections of the country—feeling a deep interest in the prosperity of the whole State—the committee will join those more immediately interested, in all proper exertions at a favorable moment to accomplish this object.

At present the northern and middle counties of North-Carolina, have a common outlet to the ocean. Your committee believe that it is demanded by the most obvious considerations to apply our united strength in the improvement of the existing outlet, before we attempt the making of a new outlet. For this improvement, all that is essentially necessary, is the deepening of a channel over the Swash.

Your committee are unable to state with precision, the expense which would be incurred in this undertaking; but they can say with moral certainty, that it may be accomplished at a charge comparatively contemptible, and far below the annual loss which the State sustains from the want of such a channel. Your committee believe that the Convention ought, in the first place, to lay before the State Legislature, a correct representation of the enormous evils which the country endures from its present obstructed navigation; and for this purpose, they have prepared a memorial, which is herewith submitted. It ought not to be doubted but that this representation will draw the attention of the Legislature and the people to this vastly important subject, and that the Legislative wisdom and parental care will be exhibited in suggesting the proper remedies.

In aid of this primary measure, the committee suggest others, which will be all found embodied in the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the memorial herewith presented, be subscribed by all the members attending this Convention, and be transmitted to the General Assembly.

Resolved, That the members of this Convention, on their return to their respective homes, be requested to obtain and to furnish to their representatives in the Legislature, all such detailed statistic information, as will throw light on the subject of this memorial.

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this Convention, and of the Memorial so subscribed, be transmitted to the Editors of the Gazettes of this State for publication.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings and memorial, be transmitted to our members in Congress, and that they be requested, should Congress deem it within their constitutional powers to render aid to our object; to invite their attention and procure their assistance for that purpose.

MEMORIAL.

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

The undersigned Memorialists, in behalf of themselves and their fellow-citizens whom on this occasion they represent, beg leave respectfully to state:

That it has been long notorious that the trade of this State was kept down by the obstructions to navigation on her sea board, and that of these, the impediments to navigation through Occacock were the most extensively injurious, as obstructing the only outlet to the ocean for the products of the industry of one half the State. The charges for lighterage, over the Swash, and the expenses and perils of detention consequent upon the necessity of lighterage, constantly pressing themselves upon the notice of those immediately concerned in the trade which passes through Occacock, they resolved in several places on having a conference with each other, through the means of committees for that purpose appointed, to ascertain the extent of the mischiefs affecting the community from this cause, and to devise some mode by which they might be removed. Your memorialists thus appointed have met together, have endeavored to collect the information essential to a correct understanding of the subject, and astonished at the result of their enquiries—exhibiting an evil far transcending in magnitude, all that they had before believed or feared—feel it an incumbent duty to lay that information before your honorable body, and to entreat your earnest and effectual and speedy exertions for its removal.

Your memorialists believe that the annual exports of the products of our country through Occacock are not overrated when estimated at five millions of dollars, requiring for their transportation, and actually employing two hundred thousand tons of shipping. They find from calculations carefully made and compared, that the charge on these vessels for lighterage and detention at the Swash averages one dollar per ton, and amounts annually to two hundred thousand dollars; that the additional rate of insurance, because of the risque and detention at the Swash, averages three-quarters of one per cent. and amounts on the exports and imports to seventy five thousand dollars, and on the vessels to sixty thousand dollars per annum. This annual tax of three hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars upon the navigation of our section of the country, independently of the minor evils—