

General Assembly.

SENATE.

Thursday, Dec. 13.—On motion of Mr. Shober, it was resolved, that a joint select committee of both Houses of the Legislature be appointed, to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Penitentiary, in connexion with an Asylum for Idiots and Lunatics.

Friday, Dec. 14.—Mr. Bailey reported a resolution authorising the Governor to interchange the laws of this State with Delaware or any other States who have, or are willing to interchange their laws for the laws of this State.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, of Camden, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire whether any provision is made under the existing laws, concerning bastardy, to charge the estate of the reputed father (who may have died before the bastard charged is sworn to him) with the maintenance of the same.

On motion of Mr. Walton, the same committee was directed to inquire, what amendment can be made in the laws, concerning the Wardens of the Poor, so that the money expended in each district, shall be by order of the Warden living in that district. [Reported the following day that no amendment was necessary.]

Mr. Pickett from the select joint committee, appointed to inquire into the expediency of accepting from the heirs of the late John Haywood his property, under the limitations therein specified, made a report declaring that it is inexpedient. Mr. Speight of Greene moved to reverse the report, and debate ensuing thereon, the Senate adjourned before the question was taken. [The following day Mr. Speight's motion was negatived, and the resolution declaring it inexpedient to accept said surrender, was adopted.]

Saturday, Dec. 15.—On motion of Mr. Dodson, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law, making all debts due by bond or note, recoverable when the persons owing the same are about to move beyond the limits of the State; or that the persons so intending to leave the State, shall, if required, give new security.

On Monday and Tuesday, the 17th and 18th inst. the Senate was occupied with private and local business.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Dec. 13.—On motion of Mr. Gary, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Criminal Laws, as to making the breaking and entering out houses, not within the curtilage, and taking goods therefrom, felony.

On motion of Mr. M'Dearmid, the Judiciary committee were directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the existing laws, prohibiting the entry of vacant Swamp land in this State, as to include those only which it is possible the State will hereafter drain.

The bill repealing the act of 1818, fixing the sum hereafter to be paid for entries of vacant land, was indefinitely postponed 60 to 55.

Friday, Dec. 14.—On motion of Mr. Cox, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making all debts due by an intestate or testator, either by account or assumption, of as high dignity as a bond or note; and that assets shall be subject to judgments first obtained, without reference to dignity of claim.

Saturday, Dec. 15.—Mr. Stewart, from the select committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to prevent the obstruction of fish passing the Roanoke and Cashie rivers and their waters.

On motion of Mr. Blackledge, permission was given to Hardy B. Croom, of Newbern, to withdraw from the public library for one year, Lawson's history of North-Carolina, for the purpose of publishing a new edition with notes.

Monday, Dec. 17.—Mr. Wilkinson presented a bill to incorporate Mount Moriah Lodge, in Edgecombe county.

Mr. Alexander, a bill supplementary to the acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors.

Mr. Jones of Warren, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred the several laws in this State, relative to the inspection of produce, made a report recommending its rejection, which was laid on the table. Mr. J. also reported in relation to a resolution referred to them, concerning slaves hiring their own time, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject, which was agreed to. Mr. J. in pursuance of a resolution submitted to them, to increase the tax on toll gates, reported a bill to amend the 7th section of the act passed in 1820, to provide a revenue for the payment of the civil list, &c.—read the first time. Mr. J. also made a report, recommending the rejection of the bill referred to them, to extend the jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace, in criminal cases, which was laid on the table. Mr. J. also reported a bill, concerning certain reservations claimed by the Indians, in the lands lately acquired by treaty from the Cherokee nation.

Mr. Donoho, from the select committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to Cherokee lands, reported a bill to amend an act passed in 1826, prescribing the mode of surveying and selling the lands lately acquired from the Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes.

Mr. Blackledge, from the committee on the Literary Fund, reported a bill to provide for the safe keeping of the money appropriated to the literary fund.

The bill vesting the election of the Sheriffs in the people, after considerable debate, was indefinitely postponed by the casting vote of the Speaker, there being 63 yeas and 63 nays.

Tuesday, Dec. 19.—J. Bozman, the member elect from Edenton, vice Governor Iredell, resigned, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Hill presented a bill to amend an act laying duties on sales

at auction of merchandize. Mr. Morehead, a bill to make provision for widows, when they dissent from the will of their husbands. Mr. Webb, a bill to amend an act passed in 1819, prescribing the manner of assessing lands in the State, for taxation. Mr. Smith, a bill to repeal an act passed in 1825, for the establishment of Common Schools.

A message from the Senate was agreed to, proposing to ballot on Thursday next, for Brigadier General of the 5th Brigade; and stating that Louis D. Wilson is in nomination for the appointment. [The resignation of Gen. John Alston was subsequently read and accepted.]

On motion of Mr. Stewart, a select committee was appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary in the act of last session, to prohibit the trading with slaves.

On motion of Mr. Perry, a select committee was appointed to obtain from the State Bank, a statement of its affairs so far at least as the State is interested.

Congress.

We have received the proceedings of both houses of Congress up the 20th inst.—the following is a brief summary of the business of a general character, or having a local reference to this section of the Union, which has been agitated.

SENATE.

Mr. Johnson introduced a bill to abolish imprisonment for debt.

Mr. Harrison, a bill to diminish the duty on imported salt.

Mr. Benton, a bill explanatory of an act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States—also, a bill to graduate the price of public lands.

Mr. Dickerson, a bill to distribute a portion of the revenue of the U. States among the several States.

Mr. Robbins, a bill to provide for the decision of controversies among the several States of the Union.

Mr. Harrison, a bill to prevent desertions in the army, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Silsbee, the committee on Finance were instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the present rate of duties on Wines and Teas.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Condict presented a memorial on the claims of the Revolutionary officers.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer, of N. C. the committee of Commerce were instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a beacon light at the south end of the Roanoke marshes in N. Carolina.

Mr. Strong submitted a resolution appropriating a portion of the nett annual proceeds of the sales of the public Lands, exclusively for the support of common schools, and of apportioning the same among the several States.

Mr. Little presented a bill proposing to fix the ratio of representation at one representative for 60,000 inhabitants.

On motion of Mr. Duncan, the committee on public lands were

instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the minimum price of public land, and of making a donation of eighty acres to each actual settler who has, or may hereafter occupy, for the period of three years or upwards, any half section of public land, which has not been reserved or otherwise disposed of.

On motion of Mr. Carson of N. C. the committee on Indian Affairs were instructed to inquire into the expediency of refunding to the state of North-Carolina the sum of \$19,960, which sum was paid by said state to certain Indians of the Cherokee tribe, for reservation of lands granted to them in fee simple, by the treaty of 1819, within the chartered limits of said State.

Mr. Williams, of N. C. submitted a resolution instructing the committee of ways and means to inquire into the expediency of repealing the duty on salt imported into the U. States; which, on the question being taken, was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of revising and reducing into one, the several acts of Congress establishing rules of naturalization.

Mr. Floyd submitted a resolution, which was agreed to, appointing a select committee to inquire into the expediency of occupying the Oregon river.

Mr. Barbour presented a resolution containing a proposition to sell the stock which the United States now holds in the National Bank. [The reason assigned by Mr. Barbour for introducing this resolution was, that in consequence of the stock being at an advance of 23½ per cent. the U. States would make a nett profit of \$1,600,000—after considerable debate, the resolution was rejected—ayes 9, noes 174.]

On motion of Mr. Lumpkin, the committee on Indian Affairs were instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the removal of the various tribes of Indians who are located within the States or Territories of the U. States, to some eligible situation west of the river Mississippi.

Mr. Bryan, of N. C. presented the memorial of the citizens of Newbern, asking for an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of Ocracock Inlet, and of the Swash.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, of N. C. the committee on Commerce were instructed to inquire into the expediency of substituting a Light Boat in place of a Light House, directed by an act of the last Congress, to be established on the point of the marsh at the mouth of Neuse river, in N. Carolina, the said Boat to be anchored off the shoal of said point of marsh.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, the Secretary of War was directed to lay before this House, the report of the Corps of Engineers directed to survey the river Cape Fear, from Wilmington to the Bar, agreeable to a resolution passed in this House March 1826, and the practicability and probable expense of excavating a ship