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OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

AT ITS
SESSIONS OF 1864-'65.

RALEIGH:
WM. E. PELL, PRINTER TO THE STATE.
1866.
On this the third Monday of November, A. D. 1864, Henry E. Colton, Principal Clerk of the last House of Commons, at 12 o'clock M., called the House of Commons to order, and appointed Messrs. Cowles, of Yadkin, and Love, of Haywood, a Committee on Credentials. Thereupon, a call of the counties was had, and the following gentlemen presented, at the clerk's desk, credentials of election, viz:

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Orange,  ..................... S. F. Phillips,  
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Person,  ..................... John W. Cunningham.  
Pitt,  ....................... B. G. Albritton,  
                 C. Perkins.  
Randolph,  .................. Joel Ashworth,  
                 E. T. Blair.  
Rowan,  ........................ W. H. Crawford,  
                 F. E. Shober.  
Richmond,  .................. B. F. Little.  
Robeson,  .................... Thomas J. Morisey.  
Rockingham, .................. John Strong,  
                 A. J. Boyd.  
Rutherford .................... A. R. Bryan,  
                 Jas. L. Carson.  
Sampson,  .................... Luke A. Powell,  
                 P. Murphy.  
Stanly,  ..................... Richard Harris.  
Surry,  ........................ H. M. Waugh.  
Union,  ...................... C. Austin.  
Wake,  ......................... D. G. Fowle,  
                 Calvin J. Rogers.  
Wayne,  ........................ J. M. Cahoe.  
Warren,  ...................... William T. Alston,  
                 Thomas J. Judkins.  
Watauga,  .................... William Horton.  
Wilkes,  ...................... A. S. Calloway,  
                 P. T. Horton.  
Yadkin,  ........................ A. C. Cowles.  
Yancey,  ...................... D. M. Young.  

Said certificates of election being held to be legal and sufficient by the Clerk and Committee aforesaid, the said gentlemen were duly qualified as members of the House of Commons, by the taking and subscribing of the oaths of
office prescribed by law, the said oaths being administered by Richard B. Haywood, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for the county of Wake—a quorum appearing present, the clerk announced the first business in order to be the election of a Speaker.

Mr. Mann placed in nomination the Honorable Richard S. Donnell.

The following gentlemen voted for Mr. Donnell, viz:


Mr. Donnell received all the votes for Speaker cast, is declared duly elected and is conducted to the chair by Messrs. Cunningham and Mann.

The Speaker announces the first business in order to be the election of a Principal Clerk.

Mr. McCormick places in nomination Henry E. Colton, Esq., of Cumberland county.

Mr. Fowle places in nomination Mr. Rufus S. Tucker, of the county of Wake.
Messrs. Judkins and Harrison are appointed a committee to superintend said election.

The following gentlemen voted for Mr. Colton:


The following gentlemen voted for Mr. Tucker, viz:


Mr. Tucker having received a majority of the votes is declared duly elected.

The next business in order is the election of Assistant or Reading Clerk.

Mr. Shober places in nomination John A. Stanley, of Beaufort county.

Mr. Cunningham moves that Mr. Stanley be declared duly elected, which is agreed to unanimously by the House.

The next business in order is the election of a Principal Doorkeeper.

The following gentlemen are placed in nomination, viz:


The following for Mr. Taylor, viz: Messrs. Banks, Calloway, Crawford, of Rowan; Fowle, Harris, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Isbell, Jordan, Lowe, McGee and Rogers, of Wake—12.


The following for Mr. Sewell, viz: Messrs. Harrington and McCormick—2.

The following for Mr. Webster, viz: Messrs. Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg; Caho, Cobb, Costner, Dargan, Enloe, Erwin, Farmer, Gaskins, George, Gudger, Hadley, Hawes, J. H. Headen, W. J. Headen, Henry, Herbert, Joyner, Judkins, Lane, Little, Love, Mann, Morrisey, Murphy, Outterbridge, Person, Phillips, Powell, Reinhardt, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus, Stancill, Strong, Wooten and Young—39.


Mr. Asheworth votes for Mr. Beck.

No one having received a majority of the votes, the House proceeds again to the election of Principal Doorkeeper, with the following result:

Mr. Sewell is withdrawn.

For Mr. Kingsbury—Messrs. Albritton, Allison, Amis, Asheworth, Austin, Best, Banks, Blair, Bond, of Bertie,

For Mr. Webster—Messrs. Alston, Beyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Caho, Cobb, Craig, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Cunningham, Dargan, Enloe, Erwin, Farmer, Gaskins, George, Gudger, Hadley, Harrington, Hawes, J. H. Headen, W. J. Headen, Henry, Herbert, Jordan, Judkins, Lane, Little, Love, Mann, Morisey, Murphy, Outerbridge, Person, Powell, Reinhardt, Russ, Shepherd, Smith, of Cabarrus, Stancill, Strong and Wooten—42.

For Mr. Edwards—Messrs. Simmons and Smith, of Duplin—2.


Mr. Kingsbury, receiving a majority of all the votes, is declared duly elected Principal Doorkeeper of the House.

The next business in order being the election of an Assistant Doorkeeper, Messrs. Tinley, Lashley, Toler, Cannon, Hull, Roberts, Steed, Rives and Hill are placed in nomination.

Messrs. Costner and McAden are appointed to superintend the election.

The House proceeds to vote with the following result:

For Mr. Cannon—Messrs. Alston, Cunningham, Davis, of Halifax, Gaskins, Judkins, Lane, Stancill and Wooten—8.
For Mr. Roberts—Messrs. Carter, McMillan, Simmons and Smith, of Duplin—4.
For Mr. Steed—Messrs. McAden, Hadley, Harrington, Herbert, Jordan, Little, Lowe, McLean and Murphy—9.

Mr. Hill, receiving a majority of the votes, is duly elected Assistant Doorkeeper of the House.

Upon Mr. Waugh's motion, it is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate, informing that body that the House has organized, and is ready to proceed to the dispatch of the public business.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., the House, upon Mr. Carter's motion, adjourns, until 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.
TUESDAY, Nov. 22, 1864.

Speaker calls the House to order at 11 o’clock, A. M.

Messrs. Alford, of Wake, W. K. Davis, of Franklin, Beam, of Cleveland, Crawford, of Wayne, Hassell, of Tyrrell, and Grier, of Mecklenburg, appeared, presented certificates of election, and are duly qualified.

Mr. Phillips explains to the House that Mr. Calvert, of Northampton, declined to participate in the organization of the House on yesterday, farther than to present his credentials and qualify, owing to the fact that another gentleman from his county has a certificate of election, and may contest his seat. Mr. Calvert is erroneously reported in the journal of yesterday’s proceedings as having voted for officers of the House.

A message is received from the Senate informing the House of its organization.

A message is received from the Senate proposing to raise a joint Select Committee of two on the part of each House, to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the two Houses of the General Assembly are duly organized, and ready to receive any communication he may desire to make, which is concurred in by the House, and Messrs. Carter and Shepherd are appointed the House branch of said Committee, and the Senate informed of such concurrence and appointment.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to raise a joint Select Committee of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, to prepare and report joint rules for the government of the two Houses, which is concurred in, and Messrs. Mann, Love and Shober are appointed the House branch of said Committee. The Senate is informed of such concurrence and appointment.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, it is ordered that the rules
of the last House of Commons be adopted for the government of this body until further orders.

On motion of Mr. Waugh, a Committee of five is ordered to be raised to prepare rules for the government of this body. Messrs. Shepherd, Amis, Fowle, Persen and Phillips are appointed said Committee.

Mr. Waugh introduces a "Resolution in favor of Wm. S. Webster," which passes the first reading, and the rules being suspended, passes its second and third readings.

Mr. Phillips introduces "A bill to incorporate the Bingham School," which passes the first reading.

Mr. Love introduces "A bill repealing all laws exempting certain officers and employees of the State from conscription," which passes its first reading.

Mr. Fowle introduces "A bill to amend the 5th sec. of an act to restore the courts and for other purposes, ratified 14th December, 1863," which passes its first reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, passes its second and third readings.

Mr. Shepherd, from the committee to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, reports that the Governor will communicate with the House in writing, at 12 o'clock M, to-day.

At 12 o'clock M, a communication with sundry accompanying documents, is received from his Excellency, the Governor. His excellency's communication, together with the report of the Treasurer, is read.

Upon Mr. Shepherd's motion, the reading of the other accompanying documents is dispensed with, and the whole is ordered to be sent to the Senate with a proposition to print five copies of the message and two of the accompanying documents for each member and officers of the General Assembly. Transmitted accordingly.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing that the two Houses go into an election of Public Printer at 2 o'clock, P. M., to-day, which is not conurred in by the House.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, a message is ordered to
be sent to the Senate proposing to go at once into an election of Public Printer. Message is sent. Messrs. Cunningham and Lyle are appointed a committee to superintend said election on the part of the House, if the Senate concurs in the proposition of the House.

Message received from the Senate, informing the House of its concurrence in the proposition to go at once into an election of Public Printer, and informing the House that Messrs. Wiggins and Adams constitute the Senate branch of the committee to superintend said election, and informing the House that J. B. Neathery, Esq., has been placed in nomination in the Senate.

Mr. Rogers, of Wake, announces to the House that he had been requested to state by W. W. Holden, Esq., late Public Printer, that he did not desire a re-election, and did not wish to be voted for.

The House proceeds to vote as follows:


For Mr. Pennington—Messrs. Alford, Banks, Rogers, of Wake and Waugh—4.

For Mr. A. M. Gorman—Messrs. Alston, Baxter, Boyd,
Brown, of Mecklenburg, CaHo, Cobb, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Farmer, George, Grier, Hassell, Hawes, McLean, Outterbridge, Person, Reinhardt, Shipp, Stancil and Wooten—20.


Mr. Costner votes for Mr. Yates.

Mr. Dargan votes for Mr. Frank Darby.

Mr. Cunningham, from the committee to superintend the election of Public Printer, reports that there were 139 votes cast, of which Mr. Neathery receives 104, and that Mr. Neathery is therefore duly elected Public Printer.

On motion of Mr. Mann, leave of absence is granted to Mr. Pool until Monday next.

At 2½ o'clock, P. M., on Mr. McCormick's motion, the House adjourns until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1864.

Speaker calls the House to order at 11 o'clock, A. M. Messrs. J. A. Vann, of Hertford, James H. Riddick, of Perquimans, R. H. L. Bond, of Gates, and L. Q. Sharpe, of Iredell, presents certificates of their election and are duly qualified.

Mr. McCormick introduces "A resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of the enactment of a law to protect the citizens of this State from specie payments during the existence of the present war, and that they report by bill or otherwise," which is agreed to by the House.

Mr. Mann, from the Joint Select Committee to prepare rules for the government of the two Houses reports, recommending the adoption of the following rules, to wit:
JOINT RULES OF BOTH HOUSES.

1. Each House shall perfect, finally act on all bills, resolutions and orders, before the same shall be communicated to the other for its concurrence; and, if amended in the House, to which it is transmitted, it shall be communicated to the House in which it originated, asking the concurrence of that House in which it originated.

2. In any case of amendment of a bill, resolution or order, agreed to in one House, and disagree to in the other, if either House shall request a conference, and appoint a Committee for that purpose, the other House shall also appoint a Committee to confer, each Committee shall consist of an equal number, and they shall meet and state to each other the reasons of their respective Houses, for and against the amendment, and confer freely thereon, and make a report in writing to their respective Houses of the result of their conference.

3. Messages from one House to the other shall be sent by the Assistant Clerk of each House unless otherwise ordered.

4. When a message shall be sent from one House to the other, it shall be announced at the door of the House to which it is sent by the Doorkeeper, and shall be respectfully delivered to the chair, by the person by whom it may be sent.

5. After a bill shall have passed the House in which it originated, it shall be under the signature of the Clerk, and engrossed under his direction and inspection before it shall be communicated to the other House.

6. After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled on suitable paper by the engrossing clerks, before it shall be presented for ratification.

7. When bills are enrolled, they shall be carefully exam-
ined by a Joint Committee of three from the Senate and five from the House of Commons, whose duty it shall be to carefully compare the enrollment with the engrossed bills, as passed by the two Houses, and to correct any errors that may be discovered in the enrolled bills, and make their report of the said bills to the House.

8. After examination and report, each bill shall be ratified and signed in the respective Houses, first by the Speaker of the House of Commons, and then by the Speaker of the Senate.

9. All orders, resolutions and votes of the Houses shall be examined, engrossed and signed in the same manner as bills.

10. When a bill or resolution which has been passed in one House is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same may have passed.

11. The committee in each House shall, in all cases, make, in writing, a statement of facts on which their report is founded; which statement, with all other papers on which any bill or resolution may be formed, shall be transmitted to the other House.

12. The Committee on Finance shall be joint, consisting of eight members from each House; the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, shall be a Joint Committee of two from the Senate and three from the House of Commons. The Library Committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee, consisting of three members from each House, appointed by the Speakers thereof respectively; the Committees on the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum, the Insane Asylum, Military Affairs, Swamp Lands, and on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes, shall be Joint Standing Committees, consisting each of three members from the Senate and five from the House of Commons.

13. In all Joint Committees, the member first named on
the committee, on the part of the House proposing to raise such committee, shall convene the same, and when convened, they shall choose their own chairman.

14. Either House may make reference to any Joint Committee, and all reports shall be made to the House ordering such reference.

15. Whenever either House shall order any paper or document to be printed, it shall be printed in octavo form, on good paper, and with fair type; and those documents ordered to be printed by the Senate, shall be printed as "Senate Documents," and those ordered to be printed by the House of Commons shall be printed as "House Documents," and numbered in regular order, except when communications are made to either House by the Governor, Treasurer, Comptroller or Secretary of the State, and are ordered to be printed, they shall be designated "Executive Documents," and said papers and documents shall be distributed in the following manner:—one copy thereof to each member of the General Assembly, one copy to the clerks of each House for the use thereof, and two copies shall be deposited in the Public Library, and the Public Librarian required to have them neatly bound.

16. All elections requiring a joint vote shall be viva voce, and a Select Committee of two members in each House shall be appointed to superintend the same in their respective Houses. After the vote shall have been taken, said Select Committee shall confer together, and report the result of such election to their respective Houses.

17. The foregoing Rules shall be permanent Joint Rules of the Legislature of North-Carolina, until altered or amended.

The Speaker announces the following as the House branch of the Joint Standing Committees, viz:

Joint Committee on Finance:—Messrs. Shepherd, McGehee
Cunningham, Amis, Murphy, Lowe, Brown, of Mecklenburg and Phillips.

Joint Committee on Military Affairs—Messrs. Grissom, Cowles, Stancill, Pool and Gaskins.

Joint Committee on Public Buildings—Messrs. Albritton, Caho and Calloway.

Joint Committee on Library—Messrs. Benbury, Smith, of Duplin and Stipe.

Joint Committee on Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum—Messrs. McCormick, Holton, Joyner, Costner and Latham.


Joint Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes—Messrs. Young, Gudger, Asheworth, Banks and Polk.

Message is received from the Senate announcing the Senate branch of the Joint Standing Committees, viz:

On Finance—Messrs. Wiggins, Pool, Courts, Patterson, Berry, Long, Harris and Lassiter.

On Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum—Messrs. Arendell, Odum and Crump.

On Swamp Lands—Messrs. Lindsay, Wynn and Mann.


On Public Library—Messrs. Ellis, Speight and Lassiter.


On Insane Asylum—Messrs. Pool, Miller and Arendell.

On Military Affairs—Messrs. Stubbs, Patton and Pitchford.

The House is informed that Messrs. Winstead, Lassiter,
and Leitch, constitute the Senate branch of the Joint Committee on enrolled bills, for the present week.

Messrs. Patterson, Harrington and Peace constitute the House branch of said committee.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a resolution instructing the Committee on Military Affairs, to enquire into the expediency of relieving from Home Guard duty, such agriculturists in this State as are now exempt from Confederate military service, by reason of their contracts to furnish supplies under the terms of the act of Congress, adopted in February 1864, which is agreed to by the House.

Mr. Shepherd introduces "A bill concerning the expenses of the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts," which passes its first reading.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, introduces "A bill to punish persons removing from the State and joining the enemy," which passes its first reading, is ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On Mr. Waugh's motion, it is ordered that hereafter; the House meet at 10 o'clock, unless otherwise ordered.

Message is received from the Senate, proposing to go into an election at 12½ o'clock this day for three Engrossing Clerks, and placing in nomination the following gentlemen, viz: Messrs. M. J. Moore, Neill McKay, W. W. Fife, N. Alston, F. Phillips, A. Peace, W. A. Huske, W. F. Hilliard, J. T. Leach, J. Q. Barham, C. A. Cameron, S. S. Cooper, S. A. Taylor, E. Newsom, W. W. Dunn and J. B. Mason, which is concurred in by the House.

Messrs. T. H. Hill and J. L. Ewell are placed in nomination in this House, and Messrs. Smith, of Johnston and Powell are appointed a committee to superintend said election on the part of the House, of all of which the Senate is informed.

The House is informed that Messrs. Patterson and Ellis-
constitute the Senate branch of the committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerks.

At 12 1/2 o'clock A. M., the House proceeds to vote for Engrossing Clerks.


For Mr. Fife—Messrs. Faison, Gaskins, Gibbs, Harris, Lane, Lowe, Simmons, Smith, of Duplin and Wooten—9.


For Mr. Phillips—Messrs. Austin, Boyd, Brown, of


For Mr. Hilliard—Messrs. Baxter, Davis, of Franklin, and Judkins—3.

For Mr. Leach—Messrs. Alford, Best, Banks, Caldwell, Clapp, Herbert, Holton, McLean, Rogers, of Wake, and Smith, of Johnston—10.

For Mr. Barham—Messrs. Fowle and Judkins—2.

For Mr. Cameron—Messrs. Costner, Harrington, McCormick, McLean, Murphy, Shepherd, Shipp and Vann—8.

For Mr. Cooper—Messrs. Alston, Amis, Cunningham, Harrison, McGehee and Peace—6.

For Mr. Taylor—Messrs. Ashworth, Blair, Caldwell, Horton, of Wilkes, McLean and McMillan—6.

For Mr. Newsom—Messrs. Ashworth, Hadley and Waugh—3.

For Mr. Dunn—Messrs. Speaker, Albritton, Alford, Amis, Best, Blair, Calloway, Carson, of Alexander, Carter,


For Mr. Hill—Messrs. Speaker, Allison, Blair, Calho, Cowles, Crawford, of Wayne, Fowle, George, Hanes, Hassell, Hawes, W. J. Headen, Lewis, Lyle, Mann, Morrisey, Murrill, Patterson, Powell, Russell, Russ, Sharp and Stancill—23

For Mr. Ewell—Mr. Outterbridge—1.

Mr. Powell, from the Committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerks, reports that Neil McKay, Esq., having received a majority of the votes of both Houses, is duly elected chief Engrossing Clerk, and that farther there was no election; no other candidate receiving a majority of the votes.

Upon Mr. Carter's motion, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to go at once into an election of two Engrossing Clerks.

Messrs. Newsom, Cameron, Ewell, Mason and Leach are withdrawn from nomination in this House.

Messrs. Smith, of Johnston, and Powell are appointed to superintend said election on the part of the House, of all of which the Senate is informed. The Senate concurs in the proposition of the House and names Messrs. Odom and Blount a Committee on the part of the Senate to superintend said election.

The House proceeds to vote for two Engrossing Clerks as follows:

For Mr. Moore—Messrs. Albright, Allison, Amis, Asheworth, Austin, Best, Beam, Boyd, Brown, of Madison,

For Mr. Alston—Messrs. Alston, Baxter, Calvert, Crawford, of Rowan, Cunningham, Davis, of Halifax, Davis, of Franklin, Gibbs, Gidney, Harris, Jordan, Joyner, Judkins, Peace, Perkins, Person and Smith, of Johnston—17.


For Mr. Huske—Messrs. Alston, Bryan, Costner, Erwin, Faison, George, Harris, Hassell, Hawes, J. H. Headen, W. J. Headen, Little, Mann, McCormick, McLean, Morrisey, Murphy, Person, Powell, Reinhardt, Russ, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, and Wooten—26.

For Mr. Hilliard—Messrs. Baxter, Davis, of Franklin, and Judkins—3.

For Mr. Barham—Messrs. Alford, Banks, Fowle and Rogers—4.

For Mr. Cooper—Mr. Peace—1.

For Mr. Dunn—Messrs. Speaker, Albritton, Alford, Allison, Amis, Ashworth, Best, Banks, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Bond, of Gates, Caldwell, Calloway, Carson, of Alexander, Carson, of Rutherford, Carter, Clapp, Cowles, Craig,
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1864.

House called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Shepherd, from the Select Committee of five, to report rules for the government of the House, reports the following rules, to wit:

RULES AND ORDER OF CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TOUCHING THE DUTY OF THE SPEAKER.

1. It shall be the duty of the Speaker to invite the pastors of the several churches of this City, under such arrangements as they may make among themselves, to perform the service of prayer at the opening of the daily sessions of the House.

2. He shall take the chair every day precisely at the hour to which the House on the preceding day adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order, and, on the
appearance of a quorum, cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

3. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the House.

4. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5. Questions shall be distinctly put in this form, namely:
   "As many as are of the opinion that (as the question may be,) say Aye," and after the affirmative voice has been expressed, "As many as are of the contrary opinion, say No."

Upon a call for a division, the Speaker shall count, if required, he shall appoint tellers.

6. The Speaker shall examine and correct the journal before it is read; he shall have a general direction of the Hall. He shall have a right to name any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment, except in case of sickness.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise specially ordered by the House.

8. In all elections the Speaker shall vote; in other cases he shall not vote unless the House be equally divided, or unless his vote, if given in a minority will make the division equal, in case of such equal division the question shall be lost.

9. All acts, addresses, and joint resolutions shall be signed by the Speaker, and all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House, shall be under his hand and seal, attested by the clerk.

10. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or lobby, the Speaker (or chairman of the com-
mittee on the whole,) shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

11. No person, except members of the Senate, officers and clerks of the two Houses of the General Assembly, Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts, officers of the State, resident at the seat of government, members of Congress, persons particularly invited by the Speaker, and such gentlemen as have been members of either House of the Legislature, or of the Conventions of the people of the State, shall be admitted within the hall of the House.

12. Stenographers wishing to take down debates may be admitted by the Speaker, who shall assign such places to them on the floor, or elsewhere, to effect their object as shall not interfere with the convenience of the House.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY.

13. After the reading of the Journal of the preceding day the House shall proceed to business in the following order, viz: 1st. The receiving petitions, memorials, pension certificates, and papers addressed either to the General Assembly or to the House. 2d. The reports of Standing Committees. 3d. The reports of Select Committees. 4th. Resolutions. 5th. Bills. 6th. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, messages, pension certificates, and other papers on the table. Then the orders of the day. But motions and messages to elect officers shall always be in order.

14. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the last preceding adjournment, shall have preference of orders of the day, and no motion or any other business shall be received without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of. All elections of the House shall be viva voce, unless there be but one nominee, in which case appointments may be made on motion, and on such
elections, the roll shall be called a second time for absentees before the result is announced.

OF DECORUM AND DEBATES.

15. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the Speaker.

16. When the Speaker shall call a member to order, he shall sit down, as also he shall, when called to order by another member, unless the Speaker decide the point of order in his favor. By leave of the House, a member called to order may clear a matter of fact or explain, but shall not proceed in debate, so long as a decision stands, but by the permission of the House. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, and if, upon the appeal, the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he may proceed, if otherwise, he shall not, except by leave of the House, and if the case, in the judgment of the House require it, he shall be liable to its censure.

17. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member to speak.

18. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the House.

19. Whilst the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, no person shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the House; nor when a member is speaking entertain private discourse, stand up or pass between him and the Chair.

20. No member shall vote on any question touching his right to a seat in the House, or on the passage of any private bill or resolution, in the event of which he is immediately and directly interested, or in the case where he was not present when the question was put by the Speaker.
Upon a division and count of the House on any question, no member without the bar shall be counted.

21. Every member who shall be in the House when the question is given shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, excuse him.

22. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Speaker, or if written, it shall be handed to the Chair and read aloud by the clerk before debated.

23. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any two members desire it.

24. After a motion is stated by the Speaker, or read by the clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House, but may be withdrawn before a decision or amendment, except in case of a motion to reconsider, which motion, when made by a member, shall be deemed and taken to be in possession of the House, and shall not be withdrawn without leave of the House.

25. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit or amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged, and no motion to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, being decided shall be again allowed on the same day and at the same stage of the bill or proposition.

26. A motion to adjourn or lay on the table shall be decided without debate, and a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when the House is voting or some member is speaking.

27. When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session.

28. Any member may call for a division of the question
when the same shall admit of it, which shall be determined by the Speaker.

29. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof on the same or succeeding day, and no motion to reconsider shall be taken from table, except by a two-third vote.

30. When the reading of a paper is called for which has been read in the House, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the House.

31. Petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the House shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place, a brief statement of the contents thereof shall verbally be made by the introducer, and shall not be debated or decided on the day of their being first read, unless the House shall direct otherwise, but shall lie on the table, to be taken up in the order they are read.

32. No bill, petition, memorial, or other paper that may be introduced, shall be taken out of the possession of the House, or sent to the Senate, until the time of reconsideration shall have elapsed.

33. When the yeas and nays are called for on any question, it shall be on motion before the question is put, and if seconded by one-fifth of the members, the question shall be decided by yeas and nays, and in taking the yeas and nays, or on the call of the House, the names of the members shall be taken alphabetically.

34. No member shall be called upon for words spoken in the House, but on the day they were spoken; decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections carefully avoided.

35. Any fifteen members, including the Speaker, shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members.

36. No member or officer of the House shall absent him-
self from the service of the House without leave, unless from sickness or inability.

37. Any member may excuse himself from serving on any committee at the time of this appointment, if he is a member of the Standing Committee.

38. If any member shall be necessarily absent on any temporary business of the House when the vote is taken on any question, upon entering the House, he shall be permitted, on motion, to vote.

39. No standing rule or order shall be rescinded, altered or suspended, without one day's notice given of the motion thereof; and to sustain such motion, two-thirds of the House shall be required.

40. The members of this House shall uncover their heads upon entering the Hall whilst the House is in session, and shall continue so uncovered during their continuance in the Hall.

Committees.

41. Upon motion of any member there shall be a call of the House, a majority of the members present assenting thereto, and upon a call of the House, the names of the members shall be called over by the clerk and absentees noted, after which the names of absentees shall again be called over; the doors shall then be closed, and those from whom no excuse, or insufficient excuses are made, may, by order of those present, if fifteen in number, be taken into custody as they appear, or may be sent for, or taken into custody wherever to be found, by special messengers appointed for that purpose.

42. Seven Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz: A committee on Claims; A committee on Propositions and Grievances; A committee
on Agriculture; a committee on Internal Improvements; a committee on Privileges and Elections, and a committee on Corporations. Each of said committees shall consist of eleven members, one from each Congressional District, and one at large, to be appointed by the Speaker; in addition to the above Standing Committees, the Speaker shall appoint another two members from each Judicial Circuit, to be denominated the "Committee on Private Bills."

43. A Select Standing Committee, consisting of eleven members, shall be appointed at the commencement of the session by the Speaker, and be denominated the "Committee on the Judiciary." There shall also be appointed on Monday of each week, a Select Committee of three to be known as the "Committee on Engrossed Bills," whose duty it shall be to examine all bills engrossed by order of the House.

44. Select Committees shall consist of five members. It shall be the duty of the person first named on any committee, to cause the members of the committee to convene when necessary, and when so convened, they may appoint some one of their number chairman.

45. In forming a committee of the whole House, the Speaker shall leave the Chair, and a Chairman to preside in committee shall be appointed by the Speaker.

46. Upon bills committed to a committee of the whole House, the bill shall be first read throughout by the clerk, and then again read and debated by sections, leaving the preamble to be last considered, the body of the bill shall not be defaced or interlined, but all amendments noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee and so reported to the House. After report, the bill shall again be subject to be debated and amended by sections before a question on its passage be taken.
47. All questions, whether in committee or in the House, shall be propounded in the order in which they were moved, except that in filling up blanks the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

48. The rules of proceeding in the House shall be observed in a committee of the whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the time of speaking.

49. In a committee of the whole House, a motion that the committee rise shall always be in order, except when a member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, &C.

50. Every bill shall be introduced by motion for leave, or by order of the House, on the report of a committee.

51. Every bill shall receive three several readings in the House previous to its passage, and the Speaker shall give notice at each, whether it be its first, second or third. The first reading of a bill shall be for information, and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "Shall this bill be rejected?" if no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without question.

52. Upon the second reading of the bill, the Speaker shall state it as ready for commitment or amendment.

53. The clerk of the House shall keep a separate calendar of the public and private bills in the order in which they are introduced, and all private bills and private business only, shall be considered on Saturday of each week, and then in preference to all other business, unless the House shall otherwise direct, and all bills shall be disposed of in the order they stand upon the calendar, except the Revenue bill and bills otherwise specially ordered. No public bill shall be twice read on the same day, without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.
54. All resolutions which may grant money out of the Treasury, or such as shall be of a public nature, shall be treated in all respects in a similar manner with public bills.

55. When a bill is introduced to repeal a public law, or any part thereof, the law or part intended to be repealed, shall be read at the second reading of the repealing bill; and shall not be read at any other reading of the said repealing bill, unless required by one-third of the House.

56. When a bill has been once rejected, no other of the same purport shall be introduced again during the session.

57. The clerk of the House shall be deemed to continue in office until another is appointed.

Which are adopted by the House.

W. H. Flynt, Esq., of the county of Stokes, presents the certificate of his election, and is duly qualified.

Mr. Powell, from the committee to superintend the election of engrossing clerks, on yesterday, reported that Mr. M. J. Moore having received a majority of all the votes, is duly elected.

The Speaker announces the following Standing Committees, viz:

Committee on the Judiciary—Messrs. Carter, Fowle, Person, Shober, Caldwell, George, McAden, Dargan, Sharpe, Morrisey and J. H. Headen.


Committee on Education—Messrs. Henry, Best, Crawford, of Wayne, Hawes, Davis, of Franklin, Clapp, Polk, Beam, Erwin, Patton and Bryan.

Committee on Agriculture—Messrs. Perkins, Outerbridge,
Simmons, Little, Alford, Strong, Harris, Shipp, Johnston, Brown, of Madison and Davis of Halifax.

*Committee on Internal Improvements*—Messrs. Mann, Joyner, Powell, McLean, Rogers, Harrison, Jordan, Crawford, of Rowan, McMillan, Love and Gidney.

*Committee on Private Bills*—Messrs. Horton, of Wilkes, Austin, Bond, of Bertie, Hassell, Lane, Farmer, Lewis, Judkins, Blair, Faucette, Bethune, Powell, Waugh, McMillan, Carson, of Rutherford, Craig, Herbert, and Enloe.


Mr. Shepherd introduced "A bill to aid the Florence Railroad Company," which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Message is received from the Senate proposing to go at once into an election for one Engrossing Clerk, which is agreed to by the House.

Messrs. Huske, Alson, Cooper and Barham are withdrawn from nomination. Messrs. F. Phillips, W. W. Dunn and T. H. Hill are nominated. Messrs. Horton, of Wilkes, and Davis, of Franklin, are appointed to superintend said election on the part of the House—of all of which the Senate is informed.

The House proceeds to vote as follows, viz:

For Mr. Phillips—Messrs. Alston, Austin, Baxter, Beam, Bond, of Bertie; Bond, of Gates; Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg; Calvert, Caho, Carson, of Rutherford, Carter, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Enloe, Erwin, Farmer, Faison, George, Gidney, Grier, Grissom, Gudger, Hadley, Hassell, Hawes, Joyner, Judkins, Lewis, Little, Love, Lowe, McLean, Morrisey, Murphy, Person,
Powell, Reinhardt, Riddick, Russ, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus, Stancill, Strong, Vann and Wooten—53.


Mr. Davis, of Franklin, from the committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk, reports that Mr. Phillips having received a majority of all the votes, is duly elected.

The Speaker announces to the House that he has received sundry papers relative to the seats occupied in this House by Messrs. Faison, of Duplin, and Calvert, of Northampton, which are, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Shober introduces "A bill to amend an act for the relief of the wives and families of the soldiers in the army," which passes its first reading. Mr. Shober's motion to suspend the rules, in order to place said bill upon its second reading, is not agreed to.

A bill to incorporate the Bingham School, is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill repealing all laws exempting certain officers of the State from conscription is referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill concerning the expenses of the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts, passes its second reading. The House refuses to suspend the rules, in order to place said bill upon its third and last reading.
C. F. Faucette, Esq., member elect from the county of Alamance, is duly qualified.

Message received from the Senate, proposing to go into an election for Auditor of Public Accounts at 12 M., tomorrow, which is not agreed to.

Upon Mr. Phillips' motion, a message is sent to the Senate proposing to proceed forthwith to the election of an Auditor of Public Accounts, and placing in nomination R. H. Battle, Jr.

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, places in nomination T. H. Hill, Esq. The Senate agrees to the proposition. Messrs. Johnson and Simmons are appointed to superintend said election on the part of the House.

The House proceeds to vote for an Auditor as follows:


For Mr. Hill—Messrs. Banks, Blair, Isbell, Morrisey and Smith, of Johnston—5.
Messrs. Herbert, Hassell and Lane constitute the committee on engrossed bills for the present week.

Upon Mr. Shepherd's motion, so much of the Governor's message as relates to the military establishment of the State; the abolishing of the Home Guard organization, and the resolutions of the Convention of Governors at Augusta, be referred to the joint committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnston, from the committee to superintend the election of Public Auditor, reports that Mr. R. H. Battle, Jr., having received a majority of all the votes, is duly elected, which said report is concurred in.

Upon Mr. Shepherd's motion, a message is sent to the Senate proposing to proceed forthwith to the election of a Comptroller of Public Accounts. Mr. C. H. Brogden is placed in nomination. The Senate concurs in the proposition. Messrs. Isbell and Costner constitute the committee to superintend said election on the part of the House.

The House proceeds to vote for a Comptroller of Public Accounts, as follows:

Mr. Isbell votes for Mr. Cowles.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves that the rules of the House be printed for the use of the members and officers of the House.

Mr. Caldwell amends the motion so as to provide for the printing of the Constitution of the Confederate States, with the rules; as amended, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. Costner, from the committee to superintend the election of Comptroller of Public Accounts, reports that Mr. C. H. Brogden having received a majority of all the votes, is duly elected, and said report is concurred in.

At 2 P. M., the House adjourned, upon motion of Mr. Caldwell.

FRIDAY, November 25, 1864.

House called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Rogers, who was unavoidably absent during the balloting for Auditor and Comptroller on yesterday, was permitted to record his vote. Mr. Rogers votes for Mr. R. H. Battle, Jr., for Auditor of Public Accounts, and for Mr. C. H. Brogden for Comptroller.

Mr. Shepherd introduces the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to refer to joint select committees of five in the House and three in the Senate, the following portions of the Executive message, viz:

1st. The proposition for a system of tithing by the State, with a view of changing the money tax by the several counties for the support of soldiers families.
2. The several matters relating to the importation of goods by the State, and the loss of the steamer Advance.

3d. The supply of salt. Agreed to, and message sent.

And be it further resolved, That so much of the said message that relates to the proposed changes in the law concerning deserters and the punishment of persons who have fled to the enemy, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2d. That all the matters relating to the State debt and the Treasurer’s report, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

3d. That the subject of exemptions from military service, and the giving of power to the Executive to dismiss unfaithful officers in a summary way, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; which are agreed to.

Mr. Harrington introduces "A resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to increase the wages of the private soldier to forty-five (§45,) dollars a month."

2. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with the request that they be laid before their respective bodies. Agreed to.

Messrs. Shober and Gudger are granted leave of absence until Monday next.

Mr. Fowle introduces a resolution directing the Committee on Propositions and Grievances to enquire into the expediency of amending the act concerning "Distillation of Spirituous Liquors." Agreed to.

Speaker announces having received communications concerning the contested seat of the gentleman from Northampton, and, on motion, they are referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Craig introduces "A resolution instructing the Committee on Military Affairs, to enquire into the necessity of
xempting mechanics from performing military duty in the Home Guard organization, and report by bill or otherwise;” and on motion of Mr. Hanes, the resolution is amended by inserting after the word mechanics, “Professors of Colleges and Teachers of Academies.”

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, introduces “A resolution in relation to the Senior Reserves of North-Carolina, which is referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. J. H. Headen introduces “A bill to incorporate the Trustees of Wilson Academy, in the county of Chatham,” which passes its first reading. The House refuses to suspend the rules to place said bill upon its second reading.

The Speaker lays before the House a communication from J. B. Neathery, accepting of the office of Public Printer.

Mr. Phillips introduces “A bill for the relief of Power. Lowe & Co,” of Wilmington, N. C., passes first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Claims.

A bill concerning the expenses of the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts,” is read the third time. Mr. Morrisey moves to amend by inserting “Provided, such allowance shall not exceed four thousand dollars per annum.” Upon Mr. McCormick’s motion, the yeas and nays are ordered, on Mr. Morrisey’s amendment.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Smith, of Johnston, Stipe, Strong, Waugh, Wheeler and Young—56.

Those who voted in the negative are:


So the amendment is agreed to.

The question then recurring upon the passage of the bill as amended, upon Mr. Cunningham’s motion, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Albritton, Alston, Austin, Banks, Baxter, Best, Bond, of Bertie, Brown, of Madison, Carson, of Alexander, Cobb, Cowles, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Franklin, Enloe, Faison, Farmer, Faucette, Harris, Har-

The bill passes its third and last reading.

An act to amend "An act for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army," is read the second time.

Mr. Amis moves to amend the bill, so as to limit its operation to the county of Rowan; which is not agreed to.

Mr. McAden moves to strike out the words "any (12) twelve," and insert the words "one-third of the;" which is agreed to.

Mr. Stancill moves to amend, by adding the words "Provided, That no man shall be appointed commissioner between the ages of 17 and 45 years, unless otherwise exempt from conscription;" upon this amendment the yeas and nays are ordered.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Patterson, Perkins, Phillips, Russell, Sharpe, Simmons, Smith, of Johnston, Stipe, Vann, Waugh, Wheeler and Young—54.

So the amendment is not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon the passage of the bill, it passes its second reading.

Message is received from the Senate, proposing to go into an election for Secretary of State this day at 12 o'clock, and putting in nomination the following gentlemen: Messrs. J. P. H. Russ, Henry G. Williams, Walter A. Huske and D. W. Bain. Mr. McCormick moves the message be laid on the table. Agreed to.

Message is received from the Senate, proposing to have printed for each member and officer of the General Assembly, three copies of the rules of order of each House, the joint rules of both Houses, the committees of each House, and the joint standing committees, the names of members of the General Assembly, their place of residence and post-offices, together with one copy of the Constitution of the State, and the Constitution of the Confederate States.

Mr. Hanes moved that the House do not concur, and that a message be sent to the Senate proposing to print one copy for each member of the General Assembly, Principal and Assistant Clerks, and Engrossing Clerks. Agreed to, and the Senate is so informed.

On Mr. Fowle's motion, message is sent to Senate proposing to go into the election of Superintendent of Common Schools, and placing in nomination Mr. C. H. Wiley. The Senate concurs in the proposition. Messrs. Baxter and Wheeler are appointed a committee to superintend the election on the part of the House.

Those who vote for Mr. Wiley, are:

Messrs. Allison, Albritton, Amis, Asheworth, Austin, Banks, Baxter, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Bond, of Gates,

Speaker announces committee on Enrolled Bills, to be Messrs. Waugh, W. J. Headen, Gaskins, Harrison and McLean.

Mr. Shepherd introduces "A resolution in favor of Perrin Busbee," passes first reading.

Message from his Excellency, the Governor, transmitting report of the Principal of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind. On Mr. McCormick's motion, the report is sent to the Senate, with a proposition to print.

Mr. Shepherd introduces "A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Factory." Passes first reading.

The Speaker announces the ratification of "A resolution in favor of Wm. S. Webster," and "A bill to amend the 5th section of an act entitled an act to restore the courts and for other purposes," ratified 14th December, 1863.

Mr. Calloway moves a message to the Senate, proposing to go into the election of Secretary of State. On motion of Mr. Hanes it is laid on the table.
Mr. Shepherd introduces "A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville North-Carolina Iron Works," which passes its first reading.

Mr. Baxter, from the committee to superintend the election of Superintendent of Common Schools, reports that Mr. Wiley having received a majority of all the votes, is duly elected.

At 12½ o'clock, on motion of Mr. Grissom, the House adjourns.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1864.

Speaker calls the House to order at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Speaker announces the Committee on Corporations to consist of Messrs. Waugh, Mann, Cobb, Powell, Morrisey, Peace, Stipe, Asheworth, Grier, Carson, of Alexander, and Gudger.

Mr. M. M. Patton, of Henderson, presents credentials, is qualified, and takes his seat.

Messrs. Hawes, Crawford, of Wayne, Harrington and Wheeler, are granted leave of absence until Monday—Messrs. Holton, and Lowe until Tuesday, and Mr. Phillips until Wednesday next.

Mr. Craig asks permission of the House to vote for Superintendent of Common Schools; which is granted, and he votes for C. H. Wiley.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Claims, reports favorably the "Bill for the relief of Power, Lowe & Co.

Mr. Craig introduces "A resolution in regard to Salisbury Distillery;" which passes its first reading.

Mr. Grissom, from the Joint Committee on Military Affairs, reports on "A bill repealing all laws exempting cer-
tain officers and employees of the State from conscription," with a recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. J. H. Headen introduces "A resolution that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what laws are necessary and proper to be passed by the General Assembly, for the purpose of sequestering or confiscating the property of alien enemies, or of persons who may have abandoned the State and gone over to the enemy, and report by bill or otherwise;" which is agreed to.

Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, introduces "A resolution instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to report by bill or otherwise the propriety of allowing all North-Carolina soldiers free transportation in going to their homes and in returning to their commands, upon their second furlough of indulgence;" which is agreed to.

Upon Mr. Johnston's motion, the Committee on Military Affairs is instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from Home Guard duty one miller, or the proprietor of each mill, whose custom amounts to three thousand bushels per annum."

Mr. Phillips introduces "A bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of Chemists;" which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Murphy introduces "A bill to aid in reclaiming swamp lands;" which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, introduces "A bill in reference to the Trustees of Sardis Academy, in Mecklenburg county;" which passes its first reading.

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army;" passes its third reading.
A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville North-Carolina Iron Works; passes its second reading.

A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Factory, is read the second time; upon motion of Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, it is referred to the Committee on Corporations, and upon motion of Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, the vote of reference is reconsidered. The bill then passes its second reading, and, on Mr. Shepherd's motion, is referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Resolution in favor of Perrin Busbee is read the second time.

Mr. Waugh moves its indefinite postponement, and, upon this question asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays; which are recorded as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

And as the House refuses to indefinitely postpone, the resolution is then rejected by the House—(yeas 34, nays 43.)

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of Wilson Academy, in the county of Chatham, passes its second reading.

The following engrossed bills are received from the Senate and pass their first reading, viz:

A bill authorizing and empowering twenty-one magistrates to transact all county business in the county of Wake; and

A bill to allow further time for the registration of grants, conveyances, and other instruments.

Upon motion, the rules are suspended, and the latter bill passes its second and third readings.

Message is received from the Senate announcing the following Senate branches of Joint Select Committees, viz: On so much as relates to the system of tithing, and changing the money tax by the several counties for the support of soldiers families, Messrs. Odom, Aycock and Crump.

2d. On the importation of goods, Messrs. Wright, Ellis and Speight.

3d. On supply of salt, Messrs. Leitch, Courts and Blount.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd, it is ordered that so much of the report of the Public Treasurer as relates to the Asylum for the Insane, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Asylum, and so much of the report that relates to Burke Square in the City of Raleigh, be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Shepherd introduces "A bill to incorporate the Ocknock Iron Company," which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.
At 12 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Clapp, the House adjourns until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, November 28, 1864.

House called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Erwin presents a memorial of sundry physicians of the county of Burke, concerning the "distillation of grain, &c.," which, upon his motion, is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Messrs. L. C. Latham, of Washington county, and L. C. Benbury, of Chowan, appear, present their credentials, and are qualified.

Mr. Craig introduces a "Resolution in regard to supplying Western North-Carolina with salt," and, on his motion, it is referred to the Joint Select Committee on Salt.

Mr. Haughton, of Watauga, introduces a "Resolution that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to consider the propriety of so amending the existing criminal laws of this State, so as to allow the removal of criminal causes, when there is danger of the enemy or mob violence of any sort whatever, to a place of security for trial." And that the said committee report by bill or otherwise. Which is agreed to.

Mr. McLean introduces a resolution that the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to enquire whether or not it be expedient so to amend the law as to exempt from taxation of costs, persons accused of crime, who may be acquitted on trial. Agreed to.

Mr. Carter introduces "A bill for the relief of suffering and needy prisoners of war from North-Carolina," which passes its first reading, and, on motion, is referred to the Military Committee.
The Speaker announces the House branch of Joint Committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to a system—


2d. To Importation of Goods—Messrs. Person, Hanes, Cunningham, McAden and Murphy.


A bill repealing all laws exempting certain officers and employees of the State from conscription, is read the second time.

Mr. Grissom moves the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Love moves, and the House orders, the yeas and nays on this motion.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Austin, Beam, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Caho, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Davis, of Franklin, Enloe, Faison, Farmer, George, Grier, Harris, Hassell, Hawes, Latham, Lewis, Love, Murphy, Outerbridge, Peace,
Person, Powell, Reinhardt, Russ, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus, Stancill, Strong and Wooten—32.

So the bill is indefinitely postponed.

Mr. McCormick introduced "A resolution that so much of the Governor's message as refers to the Surgeon General's report, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. Agreed to.

A bill for the relief of Power, Lowe & Co., of Wilmington, is read the second time, and its further consideration postponed until Wednesday next, upon motion of Mr. Carter.

A resolution in regard to the Salisbury Distillery is read the second time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Shepherd, to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances. The vote of reference is reconsidered, and, on motion of Mr. Shepherd, the resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill in reference to the Trustees of Sardis Academy, in Mecklenburg county, passes its second reading.

The Speaker ratifies "A bill to allow further time for the registration of grants, conveyances, and other instruments."

A message is received from the Senate, announcing that Messrs. Winstead, Lassiter and Leach constitute the Senate branch of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills for the present week. Messrs. Waugh, W. J. Headen, Gaskins, Harrison and McLean constitute the House branch of said committee, of which the Senate is informed.

Messrs. Herbert, Hassell and Lane constitute the Committee on Engrossed Bills for the present week.

A Bill to authorize and empower twenty-one magistrates to transact all county business in the county of Wake is read the second time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Fowle, to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of Wilson Academy, in the county of Chatham, passes its third reading.
A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville North-Carolina Iron Works, passes its third reading.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing the raising a Joint Select Committee, to consist of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, to be styled "the Joint Select Committee on Public Printing." Concluded in. Messrs. Mann, Grier and Best constitute the House branch of this committee.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee, to consist of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, to whom shall be referred the "resolutions to initiate negotiations for an honorable peace." Concluded in. Messrs. Caldwell, Brown, of Mecklenburg, and Cowles constitute the House branch of this committee.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, to inquire into the power of the Legislature, under the Constitution, to authorize the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief, to employ the militia beyond the limits of the State; and further, to inquire into the power of the Legislature, under the Constitution, to confer upon the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief, summary power to deprive officers of the militia of their commissions, and ask the concurrence of the House therein. Concluded in.

Messrs. Fowle, Shepherd and Phillips constitute the House branch of this committee.

Mr. Shepherd introduces "A bill in reference to the right of challenging Jlors." Passed first reading, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

At 12 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Powell, the House adjourns until 10 o'clock to-morrow.
TUESDAY, Nov. 29, 1864.

House called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. David Bethune, of Robeson county, appears and is duly qualified.

Mr. Bryan presents a memorial of R. O. Ledebetter and Jas. N. Whiteside, owners of the "Hickory Nut Turnpike Road," and, on his motion, it is referred to the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes.

Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee, reports on the following bills:

A bill to aid in reclaiming Swamp Lands, and recommends it do not pass.

A bill to authorize and empower twenty-one magistrates to transact all county business in the county of Wake, and recommends its passage.

A bill to incorporate the Bingham School, and recommends its passage, with the following amendment:

That the second section, which "exempts one hundred thousand dollars worth of property of the corporation, from taxation, be stricken out.

A bill to incorporate the Ocknock Iron Company, and recommends its passage, with the following amendments:

That the word "perpetual," in the first section of the bill be stricken out; and also, the entire second section be stricken from the bill; and that the words "shall so continue for forty years, from and after the ratification hereof," which conclude the first section, be omitted.

Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee, asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the "Resolution of inquiry as to specie payments." Committee is discharged.

Mr. Mann, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reports, recommending its passage, "A bill to aid the Florence and Fayetteville Rail Road Company."
Mr. Grissom, from the Joint Select Committee on Military Affairs, reports, recommending its passage, "A bill for the relief of suffering and needy prisoners of war from North-Carolina."

Mr. Waugh, from the Committee on Corporations, reports on "A bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of Chemists," with amendments.

Mr. Grissom, from the Joint Select Committee on Military Affairs, asks to be discharged from the further consideration of a "Resolution relative to exemptions from Home Guard duty," and the "Resolution of inquiry as to the propriety of furnishing transportation to North-Carolina soldiers on second furlough of indulgence, at the expense of the State." Committee is discharged accordingly.

Mr. Shepherd, on behalf of the Committee of Finance, introduces "A bill to authorize the Public Treasurer to issue certain coupon bonds."

"A bill to authorize the chief clerk in the Treasury Department to register coupon bonds, and witness their transfer."

A resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Watauga county; and,

A resolution in favor of the Tax collector of Madison county.

All of which pass their first readings.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to rescind so much of the joint order for the printing of the documents accompanying the Governor's message, as comprehends the printing of the correspondence relating to the State Salt Works at Wilmington; and that said correspondence be withdrawn from the Public Printer, and referred to the Joint Select Committee upon the supply of salt.

Upon their motion, Messrs. McGehee and Amis are ex-
cused from serving on the Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor’s message “as relates to a system of tithing for the State,” and Messrs. Allison and J. H. Headen are appointed to supply their place upon said committee.

Mr. Enloe introduces “A bill authorizing the County Court of Jackson to appoint or elect a Tax Collector for said county,” which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Brown, of Madison, introduces “A bill to legalize certain acts of the County Court of Madison county,” which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. McAden introduces “A bill to be entitled an act, to amend an act entitled an act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence,” which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Russ introduces “A bill to prevent the fermentation and brewing of grain and other produce,” which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Fowle introduces “Resolutions concerning negotiations for an honorable peace.” Read, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fowle introduces “A resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of increasing the power of County Courts in certain cases,” which is agreed to.

Mr. Allison introduces “A bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Orphan’s Educational Fund,” which passes its first reading.

Received from the Senate “A bill to prevent the spread
small pox;" which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Person introduces the following resolution:

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to inform this House who the officers, or classes of officers may be, spoken of in his message as "officers whose official services are not indispensible," and who may be "turned over to conscription without detriment to the public," which Mr. Grissom moves be laid on the table; and upon this motion, Mr. Smith, of Johnston, calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Alston, Austin, Baxter, Bethune, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Caho, Cobb, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Davis, of Halifax, Faison, Farmer, Gaskins, George, Grier, Harris, Hassell, Hawes, Joyner, Judkins, Lane, Latham, Lewis, Love, Murphy, Outterbridge, Person, Reinhardt, Shipp, Smith, of Ca-
barrus, Smith, of Duplin, Stancill, Strong, Vann and Wooten—37.

So the resolution is laid upon the table.

A message is received from the Senate announcing the following Joint Select Committee on the part of the Senate:

1st. Messrs. Warren and Bryson, "to enquire into the power of the Legislature, under the Constitution, to authorize the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief, to employ the Militia beyond the limits of the State."

2d. Messrs. Pool and Ellis, to whom is referred the resolution entitled "Resolutions to initiate negotiations for an honorable peace."

3d. Messrs. Odom and Speight, on Public Printing.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to go into an election at 12½ o'clock this day, for Secretary of State, and placing in nomination Messrs. Henry G. Williams, D. W. Bain, O. H. Dockery, W. A. Huske and W. R. Richardson. Concurring in by the House, and on motion of Mr. Peace, Mr. G. H. Faribault is added to the list of nominations, and the Senate is so informed.

Messrs. Horton, of Watauga, and Davis, of Franklin, constitute the House branch of Joint Committee to superintend the election.

A message is received from the Senate announcing that Messrs. Speight and McCorkle constitute the Senate branch of Joint Committee to superintend the election of Secretary of State.

The hour for the election of Secretary of State having arrived, the roll is called, and those who vote for Mr. Faribault, are: Messrs. Beam, Costner, Gaskins, Lane, Lewis, Peace and Shepherd—7.

For Mr. Huske—Messrs. Amis, Bryan, Dargan, Erwin, Johnston, Little, McCormick, McLean, Morrisey, Murphy, Russ, Sharpe, Shober and Wooten—14.
For Mr. Dockery—Messrs. Albritton, Best, Caldwell, Clapp, Grissom, Hanes, Holton, McMillan, Murrill, Patterson, Perkins, Riddick and Simmons—13.

For W. R. Richardson—Messrs. Banks, Bond, of Bertie, Mann and Smith, of Johnston—4.


Mr. Davis, from the Joint Committee to superintend the election, reports the whole number of votes cast were 161, necessary to a choice 81; and no one having received a majority, there is no election.

On Mr. Hanes' motion, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to go immediately into the election of Secretary of State, and placing in nomination W. R. Richardson. Mr. G. H. Faribault is withdrawn.

The House branch of committee to superintend the election consists of Messrs. Horton, of Watauga, and Davis, of Franklin.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the
proposition of the House, and the Senate branch of Joint Committee to superintend the election of Secretary of State, consists of Messrs. Wiggins and Aycock.

The House proceeds to vote.

Mr. Stipe votes for Mr. Russ.

For Mr. Dockery—Messrs. Grissom, Jordan, Sharpe and Simmons—4.

For Mr. Huske—Messrs. Dargan, Little, McCormick, McLean, Morrissey and Shepherd—6.

For Mr. Richardson—Messrs. Asheworth, Banks, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Caldwell, Calloway, Carson, of Alexander, Clapp, Hanes, Holton, Horton, of Wilkes, Mann, Rogers, Smith, of Johnston, Waugh and Wheeler—17.


At 1½ o'clock, on motion of Mr. Fowle, the House adjourns to 10 o'clock to-morrow.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1864.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a "Resolution that a committee be appointed to ascertain and report whether Samuel J. Calvert or William J. Rogers has the due evidence of election as a member from the county of Northampton, and which of the said parties is elected to a seat in this body.

Mr. Phillips moved that the "Resolution" be laid on the table.

Upon this motion Mr. Person asks, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

And so the resolution is tabled.
The Speaker ratifies "A bill concerning the expenses of the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts."

Mr. Grissom, from the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs, reports "A bill to amend the several acts heretofore passed, in relation to the militia and a guard for home defence;" which passes its first reading, and asks that the committee be discharged from further consideration of "A resolution in relation to Senior Reserves." The committee is discharged.

Mr. Davis, of Franklin, from the committee to superintend the election of Secretary of State, on last ballot of yesterday, reports that no one having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, there is no election.

Mr. Phillips introduces "Resolutions upon the subject of impressments by the Confederate Government;" which, upon his motion, are ordered to be printed, and are made a special order for Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Amis introduces the following resolution, which is agreed to, viz:

Whereas, many citizens of this State, pronounced by the proper Medical Examining Boards unfit for field service, have, nevertheless, been required to perform such service in the battalion commanded by Maj Hahr, contrary to law, and without necessity:

Resolved, That his Excellency, Governor Vance, be requested to bring the matter to the attention of the proper Confederate authorities, and use every proper means to effect their release.

Mr. Herbert introduced "Resolutions in favor of abolishing Provost Guards." Agreed to.

Mr. Best introduces a resolution in relation to election frauds, in the county of Lenoir; which is referred, together with a copy of the poll books of Kinston precinct, Lenoir county, to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.
On motion of Mr. J. H. Headen, the Committee on Finance is instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of exempting from taxation the property of all soldiers from North-Carolina in the service of the Confederate States, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Sharpe, the Committee on the Judiciary is instructed to inquire into the propriety of making horse-stealing and house-breaking in day-light a felony, and punishable with death; and also, as to the propriety of subjecting to outlawry certain organized bands of deserters, who live by robbery and theft.

Mr. Carter introduces a bill in relation to Alimony; which passes first reading, and is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Reinhart introduces a bill to increase the punishment for stealing horses and mules. Passes first reading, and is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. George introduces a bill to repeal an act, entitled "An act to prevent obstructions in the Big Swamps, by means of fish traps." Passes first reading, and is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a bill to incorporate the Confederate Joint Stock Publishing Company. Passes first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The bill for the relief of Power, Low & Company, being the special order for the day, is read, and, on motion of Mr. Phillips, is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to incorporate the Bingham School, is read the second time.

Mr. Calloway moves to amend, by adding to the second section the words "Provided, twenty-five male children of deceased soldiers' families be educated, free of cost." Not agreed to.

The amendment proposed by the Committee on the Judi-
ciary, viz: "to strike out the second section," is agreed to.
The bill, thus amended, passes its second reading.

The House refuses to suspend the rules, and put the bill
on its third reading.

A bill to aid the Florence and Fayetteville Railroad Com-
pany, is read.

Mr. J. H. Headen moves that the bill be laid on the

table, and printed. Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill on its second reading;

Mr. Cobb asks, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Alford, Blair, Duke, Harrington, J. H. Headen,
Jordan, Love, Lyle, McCormick, McLean, Murphy and
Shepherd—12.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Allison, Albritton, Alston, Amis, Asheworth,
Austin, Banks, Baxter, Beam, Benbury, Best, Bond, of
Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg,
Bryan, Caho, Caldwell, Calloway, Calvert, Carson, of Al-
xander, Carson, of Rutherford, Carter, Clapp, Cobb, Cost-
ner, Cowles, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of
Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Halifax, Davis, of Frank-
lin, Enloe, Erwin, Faison, Farmer, Faucette, Flynt, Fowle,
Gaskins, Gibbs, Grier, Hadley, Hanes, Harris, Harrison,
Hassell, W. J. Headen, Henry, Herbert, Holton, Horton,
of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Isbell, Johnston, Joyner,
JutJkins, Lane, Latham, Lewis, Little, Lowe, McAden, Mc-
Gehee, McMillan, Morrisey, Morrill, Outterbridge, Patter-
son, Patton, Peace, Person, Perkins, Phillips, Powell, Kid-
dick, Rogers, Russ, Russell, Sharpe, Shipp, Shoher, Sim-
mons, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Smith, of
Johnston, Stancill, Stipe, Strong, Vann, Waugh, Wheeler,
Wooten and Young—95.
So the bill does not pass.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting an engrossed "bill to legalize advancements to the Insane Asylum, and to authorize a further advancement," which passes first reading;

Also, the "resolution relative to the increase of the pay of private soldiers, with amendments; in which the House concurs.

The House concurs in a message from the Senate, proposing to go forthwith into an election for Secretary of State, and withdrawing the name of O. H. Dockery.

Messrs. Simmons and Enloe constitute the House Branch of Joint Committee to superintend the election.

The House proceeds to vote.

Mr. Cowles votes for Mr. Russ.

Those who vote for Mr. Huske, are Messrs. Little, McLean and Shepherd—3.

For Mr. Richardson—Messrs. Alford, Asheworth, Banks, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Caldwell, Calloway, Clapp, Craig, Grissom, Hanes, Henry, Holton, Horton, of Wilkes, Isbell, Jordan, Mann, Murrill, Patterson, Rogers, Sharpe, Simmons, Smith, of Johnston, Stipe, Waugh and Wheeler—27.


For Mr. Williams—Messrs. Alston, Baxter, Beam, Benbury, Bethune, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Cafo, Calvert, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Halifax, Davis,

Mr. Simmons, from the committee to superintend the election, reports that no one having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, there is no election.

The Senate proposes to go into an election to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M., for Confederate States Senator, which is concurred in by the House. The Senate places in nomination the Hons. E. G. Reade and W. T. Dortch.

Upon motion of Mr. Dargan, the Hon. Thos. S. Ashe is placed in nomination.

The Senate proposes to raise a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, and four on the part of the House, to whom shall be referred certain resolutions entitled "Resolutions protesting against the policy of emancipation for public services," and propositions to amend the same, which is not concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Fowle, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee, to be styled the Committee on Confederate Relations, to be composed of three members upon the part of the Senate, and five members upon the part of the House, to which may be referred all matters involving our relations with the Confederate Government.

Mr. Fowle introduces a resolution in favor of Mrs. Green, T. H. Selby, and others. Passes first reading and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lowe, a message is sent to the Senate proposing to proceed forthwith to the election of Secretary of State. The Senate concurs.
Messrs. Simmons and Enloe constitute the House branch of the committee to superintend the election.

The House proceeds to vote.

Mr. Cowles votes for Mr. Wiley.

Messrs. McAden and Riddick for Mr. Faribault.

Messrs. McLean and Shepherd for Mr. Huske.

Messrs. Albritton, Carter, Grissom and Perkins for Mr. Dunn.

For Mr. Richardson—Messrs. Alford, Asheworth, Banks, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Caldwell, Calloway, Carson, of Alexander, Clapp, Craig, Gibbs, Hanes, Henry, Holton, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Isbell, Jordan, Mann, Murrill, Patterson, Rogers, Sharpe, Simmons, Smith, of Johnston, Stipe, Waugh and Wheeler—29.


Mr. Simmons, from the committee to superintend the election, reports that no one having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, there is no election.

A bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of
Chemists, is read with amendments proposed by the committee, viz: Strike out in the 28th line, 5th section, the word "one," and insert "three," agreed to; and add to the 6th section the following words: "and shall continue in force for thirty years." Not agreed to.

The bill as amended passes its second reading.

A bill to aid in reclaiming Swamp Lands, fails to pass second reading.

A bill to incorporate the Ocknock Iron Company, the amendments proposed by the committee, viz: to strike out the word "perpetual" in the first section, and the entire second section, having been adopted, is further amended, on Mr. Shepherd's motion, by the additional section: "This act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

The bill as amended passes its second reading.

The following bills and resolutions pass their second reading, viz:

An engrossed bill from the Senate, to authorize and empower twenty-one magistrates to transact all county business in the county of Wake;

A bill to authorize the Public Treasurer to issue certain coupon bonds;

A bill to authorize the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department to register coupon bonds, and witness their transfer;

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund;

A bill for the relief of suffering and needy prisoners of war from North-Carolina;

A resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Watauga county; and

A resolution in favor of the Tax Collector of Madison county.

A message is received from the Senate, announcing its
concurrence in the proposal of the House to raise a Joint Select Committee on Confederate Relations. Messrs. Pool, Hall and Wright constitute the Senate branch of said committee.

Also, a message proposing to proceed forthwith to the election of Secretary of State, which is not concurred in by the House.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Hanes, the House adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 1, 1864.

Speaker announces the House branch of Select Committee on Confederate Relations. Messrs. Fowle, Cunningham, Hanes, Love and Allison.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, presents a memorial of sundry magistrates of Mecklenburg county, and introduces a bill to repeal "An act appointing a tax collector for the county of Mecklenburg;' which passes first reading, and, together with the memorial, is referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a resolution directing Maj. Henry A. Dowd to make payment of money to Public Treasurer. Passes first reading.

Mr. Shepherd introduces the following resolution of inquiry:

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to inform, the General Assembly what has been the expense incurred by the State, in the execution of the conscript laws, passed by the Congress of the Confederate States, and in the arresting of deserters.

Agreed to.

Mr. Waugh, from the Committee on Corporations, reports
on a bill to incorporate the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Factory, with amendments, and recommends its passage.

Mr. Carter, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reports on the Senate engrossed bill—a bill to prevent the spread of small pox, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Also, on a bill to punish persons removing from the State and joining the enemy, with a recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. George, from the same committee, reports unfavorably upon the resolution to inquire whether or not it be expedient to amend the law, so as to exempt from taxation of costs, persons accused of crime, who may be acquitted on trial; and asks that the committee be discharged from further consideration. Committee is discharged.

Mr. George, from the same committee, reports on a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to consider the propriety of so amending the existing criminal laws, as to allow the removal of criminal causes, where there is danger of the enemy or mob violence of any sort whatever, to a place of security for trial, asking that the committee be discharged from its further consideration. Committee is discharged.

Mr. Sharpe, from the Judiciary Committee, reports on a resolution in regard to the "Salisbury Distillery," with a recommendation that it do pass.

Mr. McLean, from the Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of his Excellency, the Governor's message, as relates to the supply of salt, reports a bill to be entitled "An act in addition to an amendment of the ordinances of the Convention in relation to a supply of salt;" which passes its first reading, is ordered to be printed, and is made the special order for Monday next, December 5th, at 11 o'clock, A. M.
Mr. Little introduces a bill authorizing the payment of bounty to citizens of the State enlisted in the naval service of the Confederate States; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Patterson introduces a bill for the relief of Hugh B. Guthrie, late sheriff of Orange county; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Caldwell introduces a resolution that his Excellency, Z. B. Vance, be requested to furnish this House with a copy of the correspondence between himself and General Whiting, relative to the removal of the salt works near Wilmington, in this State. Agreed to, and, on his motion, the vote of agreement is reconsidered, and the bill laid on the table.

A bill to incorporate the Bingham School, passes its third reading.

A bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of Chemists, passes its third reading.

A bill to authorize and empower twenty-one magistrates to transact all county business in the county of Wake, passes its third reading.

On Mr. Waugh's motion a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to go immediately into an election for Secretary of State, and Messrs. Lowe and Farmer constitute the House branch of joint committee to superintend said election. The Senate concurs, and Messrs. Sanders and Berry constitute the Senate branch of joint committee to superintend said election.

Mr. McAden adds the name of Mr. Faribault to the nomination. The House proceeds to vote:

For Mr. Huske—Messrs. Little, McCormick, McLean, Morrissey and Shepherd—5.


Mr. Lowe, from the Joint Committee on the part of the House to superintend the election, reports that no one having received a majority of the votes, there is no election.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to go into an election of Confederate States Senator at 12 o’clock, M. Concurred in, and Messrs. Perkins and Wooten are appointed on the Committee to superintend said election.

Mr. Shober nominates Hon. John A. Gilmer.

Mr. Vann the Hon. W. N. H. Smith.
Mr. Calloway, Mr. Tod R. Caldwell.
Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, Hon. John M. Morehead.
The Speaker announces that he has received certain documents relative to the contested seat of the gentleman from Northampton, which, on motion, is referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.
Leave of absence is granted to Messrs. Best, Faison, Powell and Murphy until Monday next, and to Mr. Amis, until Tuesday next.
A bill to incorporate the Ocknokk Iron Company, passes its third reading.
A bill for the relief of suffering and needy prisoners of war from North-Carolina, passes its third reading.
A message is received from the Senate, proposing to go immediately into an election for Secretary of State. Concluded in, and Messrs. Lowe and Farmer constitute the House branch of the committee to superintend said election.
The House proceeds to vote.
For Mr. Dunn—Messrs. Albritton and Phillips—2.
For Mr. Huske—Messrs. Dargan, Hadley, J. H. Headen, W. J. Headen, Little, McCormick, McLean, Morrisey, Russ, Russell and Shepherd—11.
For Mr. Faribault—Messrs. Allison, Austin, Beam, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Cahó, Carson, of Rutherford, Costner, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Enloe, Erwin, Faison, Gidney, Gudger, Harrington, Hawes, Herbert, Johnston, Lewis, Love, McAden, Murphy, Patton, Peace, Powell, Reinhardt, Shipp, Shober, Strong and Young—34.
For Mr. Richardson—Messrs. Alford, Asheworth, Banks, Best, Blair, Caldwell, Calloway, Carson, of Alexander, Clapp, Gibbs, Hanes, Henry, Holton, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Isbell, Jordan, Mann, Murrill, Patterson, Rogers, Sharpe, Simmons, Smith, of Johnston, Stipe, Waugh and Wheeler—27.


Mr. Lowe, from the Joint Committee to superintend the election, reports that no one having received a majority of the votes cast, there is no election.

Received from the Senate a report from the Committee on Finance, stating they had examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer, &c., and find the same to be correct.

A bill to authorize the Public Treasurer to issue certain coupon bonds, passes its third reading.

A bill to authorize the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department to register coupon bonds and witness their transfer, passes its third reading.

And the following resolutions,

A resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Watauga county:

A resolution in favor of the Tax Collector of Madison county, passes their third readings.

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund, passes its third reading.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, a message is sent to the Senate proposing to proceed forthwith into an election of Public Treasurer, and placing Jonathan Worth, Esq., in nomination.

The Senate agrees to this proposition. Messrs. Johnston and Crawford, of Wayne, constitute the committee to superintend the election on the part of the House.

For Mr. Worth—Messrs. Allison, Albritton, Alford,

The hour of 12 having arrived, the House proceeds to the election of a Confederate States Senator.

Those who vote for the Hon. Richard Donnell, are:


For Hon. W. T. Dortch—Messrs. Alston, Austin, Baxter, Boyd, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Cahoe, Cobb, Crawford,
of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Davis, of Halifax, Davis, of Franklin, Enloe, Faison, Farmer, George, Grier, Judkins, Lane, Lewis, Love, Murphy, Outerbridge, Patton, Powell, Reinhardt, Shepherd, Smith, of Duplin, Stancill, Strong and Wooten—30.


Mr. Joyner votes for Mr. Carter.

Message is received from the Senate, proposing to proceed forthwith into an election of Secretary of State, which is concurred in by the House.

David Bethune, Esq., is placed in nomination by Mr. Morrisey.

Henry G. Williams, Esq., is withdrawn from nomination. Messrs. Morrisey and Costner constitute the committee to superintend the election on the part of the House.

The House proceeds to vote.

Those who vote for Mr. Dunn, are


For Mr. Huske—Messrs. McCormick, McLean and Shepherd—3.

For Mr. Bay—Messrs. Amis, Grissom, Horton, of Wilkes, Lowe, McMillan and Young—6.

For Mr. Faribault—Messrs. Allison, Alston, Beam, Benbury, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Brown, of Madison, Bryan, Caho, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Craig,
Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Franklin, Enloe, Erwin, Faison, Gaskins, Gidney, Gudger, Herbert, Lane, Love, Lyle, McAden, Murphy, Outerbridge, Patton, Peace, Powell, Reinhardt, Shipp, Strong, Vann and Wooten—37.


Mr. Morrissey reports no one having received a majority of the votes cast, consequently there is no election.

Mr. Perkins reports, that no one having received a majority of the votes cast for Confederate States Senator, there is no election.

Message is received from the Senate, proposing to go immediately into the election of Confederate States Senator, and placing in nomination the Hon. David Outlaw. The House concurs. The Hon. W. N. H. Smith is withdrawn from nomination by the House. Messrs. Perkins and Wooten constitute the committee to superintend the election on the part of the House.

The House proceeds to vote.


For Hon. Thos. S. Ashe—Messrs. Austin, Costner, Dar
gan, George, Harris, Little, McLean, Russ, Shepherd, Shipp and Smith, of Duplin—11.


Mr. Gaskins votes for Hon. W. N. H. Smith—1.

At 1 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Calloway, the House adjourns until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, December 2, 1864.

Mr. Johnston, from the joint committee to superintend the election of Treasurer, reports the whole number of votes cast were 146, necessary to a choice 74. Jonathan Worth
Mr. Perkins, from the committee to superintend the election for Confederate States Senator, reports that no one having received a majority of the votes cast, there is no election.

Leave of absence is granted to Mr. Shippe until Monday next; to Mr. Austin, until Thursday next; to Mr. Calvert, until Monday week; and to Mr. Wooten, on account of sickness in his family, indefinitely.

Mr. Allison, from the Joint Select Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to a system of tithing, reports, and asks to be discharged from its further consideration. Report concurred in, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Craig introduces the following resolution, which is agreed to:

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of the Legislature, now in session, are due, and are hereby tendered to the officers and soldiers of our State, for the brave and gallant manner in which they have conducted themselves during the campaign of 1864; and we hereby pledge ourselves not only as Legislators, but as private individuals, to sustain them in their noble efforts in the defence of the freedom of our common country, and that every effort in our power shall be rendered them and their families, to make them comfortable while they are thus engaged in trying to free our country of the presence of an invading and cruel foe.

Mr. Brown, of Madison, introduces a resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, of Madison county. Passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Horton, of Watauga, a resolution in regard to a State Hotel. Read, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.
Mr. W. J. Headen introduces a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence;" which passes its first reading.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a resolution in reference to the payment of bounty money to soldiers; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shepherd, a resolution in favor of the Junior Reserves; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Factory. Amended by committee, and passed its third reading.

Mr. Grissom, from the Joint Committee on Military Affair, reports a bill to amend the several acts heretofore passed in relation to the militia and guard for home defence.

Mr. Hanes amends, by inserting after the words "one public miller for every public mill," the words "professors in Colleges and teachers of Academies who have twenty scholars, and who have been engaged as such for the last two years."

Mr. Horton, of Watauga, further amends, by inserting "mill-wrights and tanners, while actually employed in their vocation."

Mr. Cobb moves the bill be laid on the table, and asks for, and the House orders, the yea and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Cobb, Gudger and Love—3.

Those who voted in the negative are:


So the motion to lay on the table does not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, the bill is further amended by exempting "one mail contractor for each route, who is personally engaged in carrying said mails."

Mr. Grissom moves the bill and amendment be re-committed to the Committee on Military Affairs, with instructions to report a general bill. Agreed to.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to go forthwith into an election for Confederate States Senator. Agreed to, and Messrs. Carson, of Alexander, and George are appointed a committee on the part of the House to superintend said election.

The House proceeded to vote.


For Mr. Hale—Messrs. McLean and Shepherd—2.


For Mr. Smith—Messrs. Bond, of Gates, and Joyner—2.


For Hon. Thos S. Ashe—Messrs. Austin, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Dargan, Erwin, Grier, Harris, Hawes, Little, Reinhardt, Russ, Shipp and Smith, of Cabarrus—14.


Mr. George, from the committee to superintend the election, reports that no one having received a majority, there is no election.

Senate engrossed bill to legalize advancements to the Insane Asylum, and to authorize a further advancement, was read the second time and passed, and, the rules being suspended, the bill passes its third reading and was ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to punish persons removing from this State and
joining the enemy, is read, and, on motion of Mr. Henry, of Bertie, tabled.

The Speaker announces the ratification of the following bill and resolution:

A bill in relation to the Trustees of Sardis Academy, in Mecklenburg county; and

A resolution in relation to the increase of the pay of private soldiers.

A bill to prevent the spread of small pox, is placed upon its second reading, and, on motion of Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, is recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to go forthwith into the election of a Secretary of State. Concurred in, and Messrs. McCormick and Morrissey appointed a committee to superintend such election on the part of the House.

Mr. McCormick places in nomination John C. Ballantyne, Esq.

The House proceeds to vote.


For Mr. Bethune—Messrs. Austin, Beam, Bond, of Gates, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Cowles, Duke, Gidney, Hadley, Harris, Hassell, Hawes, Joyner, Little, McLean,
Morrisey, Russ, Russell, Simmons, Smith, of Cabarrus and Smith, of Duplin—20.


Mr. McCormick, from the committee appointed to superintend the election, reports that no one having received a majority of the votes cast, there is no election.

Resolution in regard to the Salisbury Distillery, is read a second time and passed.

The House refuses to suspend the rules to put the resolution on its third reading.

Mr. Fowle introduces the following resolutions in relation to the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus:

Resolved, That the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus extends no farther than securing to the party under arrest, the right to be carried before a civil tribunal to have inquired into his claim to be discharged or admitted to bail, and that the implied power to suspend the writ, contained in the Constitution of the Confederate States, contemplates the suspension of the privilege only.

Resolved, That the provision in the Constitution of the Confederate States that no person shall "be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law," was meant to deny to the Confederate Government, all power to make any arrests, except upon warrant from a civil tribunal, and that any arrests otherwise made, or authorized by Congress or trials, except by due course of law, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when
in actual service in time of war or public danger, are unconstitutional and subversive of every principle of civil liberty, and that North-Carolina could not see a violation of this fundamental and reserved right in regard to her citizens without the deepest concern.

Resolved, That Congress has no constitutional power to impair "the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the State and district, wherein the crime shall have been committed," by authorizing arrests otherwise than under warrants returnable before the regularly established constitutional tribunals of the country, "except in cases arising in the land and naval forces, or in the militia when in actual service, in time of war or public danger."

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be requested to protest at all times, against every infringement of the foregoing principles of civil right and constitutional liberty.

The resolutions are read and ordered to be printed and made the special order for Wednesday next at 12 o'clock, A. M., Mr. Cobb having moved it be indefinitely postponed, to which the House refuses to accede, by the following vote:

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Austin, Baxter, Bond, of Gates; Boyd, Brown, of Mecklenburg; Caho, Cobb, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Erwin, Farmer, George, Grier, Gudger, Harris, Hawes, W. J. Headen, Judkins, Love, Outerbridge, Powell, Shepherd, Strong, Vann, and Young—27.

Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Allison, Alford, Alston, Ashworth, Banks; Beam, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Brown, of Madison, Bryan, Caldwell, Calloway, Carson, of Alexander, Carson, of Rutherford, Carter, Clapp, Costner, Cowles, Craig, Cunningham, Dargan, Euloe, Flynt, Fowle, Gibbs, Gidney, Grissom,

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to go forthwith into the election of Secretary of State, and withdrawing the name of Mr. Bethune. House concurs.

Messrs. Williams and Bethune are withdrawn in the House.

Mr. McGehee places the name of Mr. P. A. Wiley in nomination. Messrs. McGehee and Alston are appointed a committee to superintend the election on the part of the House.

The House proceeds to vote.


For Mr. Faribault—Messrs. Alston, Beam, Benbury, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Cahoon, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Dargan, Davis, of Franklin, Enloe, Erwin, Farmer, Gaskins, George, Gidney, Grier, Gudger, Hadley, Harris, Hassell, Hawes, W. J. Headen, Judkins, Lane, Lewis, Love. McAden, McLean, Morrisey, Outterbridge, Patton, Peace, Powell, Reinhardt,
Riddick, Russ, Shepherd, Shipp, Shober, Smith, of Cabarrus, Strong and Vann—49.


Mr. McGehee, from the committee to superintend the election, reports that no one having received a majority, there is no election.

The Speaker lays before the House the report of Samuel F. Phillips, Esq., Commissioner on blockade business and accompanying papers.

On motion of Mr. McAden, the report and papers are referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Importation of Goods, and, on motion of Mr. Love, the report is ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henry moves that the election of Senator be postponed to Wednesday, 15th inst., at 12 M.

So ordered.

Mr. McAden moves that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to go forthwith into the election of Secretary of State.

Mr. Grissom moves that the motion of the gentleman from Alamance, be amended by proposing to go into said election on the 16th inst., at 12 o'clock, M., which amendment is agreed to by the House.

The question then recurring: Shall a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to go into the election of Secretary of State, on the 16th inst., at 12 o'clock, M? Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, calls for and the House orders the yeas and nays.
Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


And so the motion is not agreed to.

Mr. Waugh moves to adjourn. Not agreed to.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to proceed forthwith to the election of Confederate States Senator.

Mr. Grissom moves that the message be laid upon the table; which the Speaker announces to be agreed to.

Mr. McAden appeals from the decision of the Speaker, Mr. Mann being in the chair, announcing the voice of the House to be, that said message be laid upon the table.

Upon suggestion of Mr. Phillips, Mr. McAden proceeds to place the specifications of his appeal in writing.

Pending which, the House, on motion of Mr. Grissom, adjourns till to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1864.

Messrs. Caho, Smith, of Cabarrus and Farmer are granted leave of absence until Wednesday next.

Mr. Grissom, from the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs, reports back to the House the following bills, to wit:

A bill to amend the several acts heretofore passed, in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence; and

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence," with a substitute therefor, which is read.

Mr. Horton, of Wilkes, from the Committee on Private Bills, reports "A bill to repeal an act appointing a Tax Collector for the county of Mecklenburg, recommending its passage.

Mr. Morrisey, from the Judiciary Committee, reports a substitute for the "bill to prohibit the fermentation and brewing of grain and other produce," which is read.

Upon motion of Mr. Phillips, the Judiciary Committee are instructed to take into consideration the subject of Salaries and Fees, with reference to the present depreciation of the currency, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Jordan introduces a resolution to keep millers and artisans at home to serve the public, which is read and referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Russ introduces a resolution in favor of R. P. Melvin, Sheriff of Bladen county, which passes its first reading.

Upon motion of Mr. Herbert, the Committee on the Judiciary, are instructed to inquire whether the jurisdiction of the Auditor of Public Accounts, with respect to horses of soldiers captured by the enemy should not be enlarged, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Upon motion of Mr. Fowle, the Speaker is authorized to issue commissions to take depositions to be read in evidence
in cases of contested elections before the House, upon the application of either party.

The resolution directing Major Henry A. Dowd to make payment of money to the Public Treasurer, and passes its second reading; the rules are suspended and it passes its third reading.

Mr. Erwin introduces a bill to incorporate the Linnville Steel and Iron Company; which passes its first reading, and is referred to Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Young introduces a bill to incorporate the Cranbury Iron Works; which passes its first reading, and is referred to Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Horton, of Watauga, introduces a bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to land heretofore entered; which passes its first reading, and is referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker ratifies a bill to authorize and empower twenty-one magistrates to transact all county business in the county of Wake; and

A bill to legalize advancements to the Insane Asylum, and to authorize a further advancement.

The first business in order being the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: Mr. McAden’s appeal from the decision of the chair; Mr. McAden withdraws his appeal.

A bill to amend an act entitled “An act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence,” is read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Upon motion of Mr. Sharpe, the House adjourns until Monday next, at 10 o’clock, A. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1864.

Mr. Dargan presents a memorial from sundry citizens of Anson county, relating to the depredations of slaves em-
ployed on Cheraw and Coalfield Railroad; which is read, and, on his motion, is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The following committees are announced for the week:

Committee on Enrolled Bills—Messrs. Patterson, Banks, Enloe, Reinhardt and Hadley.


Mr. Waugh introduces resolutions instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives not to vote for certain laws; which are read, ordered to be printed, and made special order for Thursday, at 11 o’clock.

Mr. Caldwell introduces the following resolution:

Resolved, That all persons who have, or may hereafter be appointed by the Confederate Government to collect and receive the funds realized from the sale of confiscated property in this State, be, and they are hereby required to keep an accurate list of the names of all such persons as have had property sold as aforesaid, with the money received from such sale in each instance, and make an annual return of the same to the Secretary of the State, whose duty it shall be to record and preserve the same in his office.

Which is read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a resolution in reference to the revenue laws; which passes its first reading.

Mr. Cunningham introduces a bill to amend the 143d chapter of the acts of 1858 and 1859, entitled "An act to authorize the Roanoke Navigation Company to discontinue the use of their canal around the grand falls of the Roanoke river, and to make sale of their real estate, water power and other privileges, between the towns of Gaston and Weldon, in the State of North-Carolina," which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Enloe introduces a bill authorizing the sale of lots in
the town of Webster; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. McCormick, from the Joint Standing Committee on the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, makes a report with the following bill:

A bill for the support of the North-Carolina Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind and for other purposes, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Shepherd moves a message be sent to the Senate with the report of the committee, with a proposition to print, which is agreed to, and message is sent.

A message is received from his Excellency, the Governor, enclosing a report of the Adjutant General, of "Expenditures to Militia and Home Guards to Sept. 30, 1864, aiding in the execution of the conscript laws," which is read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A resolution in regard to the Salisbury distillery; passes its third reading.

The bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "An act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence," is read.

The substitute reported by the Committee on Military Affairs, is read.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend by adding another section, in the following words:

"Be it further enacted, That in addition to the exemptions contained in the act to which this is an amendment, there shall be exempt from duty in the Home Guards, shoe makers and tanners skilled in their trade, and now employed in the same; also, overseers on farms belonging to a femme sole, or to minors where there is no other white male adult on said farm not liable to military service," which is not agreed to.
Mr. Caldwell moves to amend by adding another section in the following words, viz:

"Be it further enacted, That there shall be exempt from Home Guard duty, each head of a family who is the father of six children, who live with him and depend upon his daily labor for their support," which is agreed to.

The substitute as offered by the committee, and so amended, is adopted by the House. The bill then passes its second reading.

Mr. Fowle moves that the bill to be entitled "An act in addition to an amendment of the Ordinances of the Convention in relation to a supply of salt," which was made the special order for this day at 11 o'clock, be postponed until Friday, at 11 o'clock. Agreed to.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. McCormick, the vote by which the bill was postponed until Friday, is re-considered, and the House proceeds to its consideration. The bill passes its second reading, and, under a suspension of rules, is placed upon its third reading.

Mr. Dargan moves to strike out the 5th section, viz:

"The sum of two hundred thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated to purchase an engine and train of cars for transporting the salt from the works at Saltville, in Virginia, and calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Allison, Banks, Baxter, Beam, Bond, of Gates,
Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Caldwell, Clapp, Costner, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Enloe, Erwin, Faison, Fowle, George, Gidney, Grier, Grissom, Gudger, Harrington, Harris, Harrison, Hassell, Hawes, W. J. Headen, Herbert, Horton, of Watauga, Lewis, Little, Love, McCormick, McGehee, McLean, Morrisey, Murphy, Patterson, Patton, Peace, Phillips, Pool, Reinhardt, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Johnston, Strong, Waugh, and Young—54.

So the motion to strike out is not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon the passage of the bill on the third reading,

Mr. Henry moves the yeas and nays be called, and the House so ordered.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Benbury, Calloway, Carson, of Alexander, Cowles, Dargan, Henry, Isbell, Jordan, McMillan, Outerbridge,
Russ, Russell, Shober, Simmons, Smith, of Duplin, and Wheeler—16.

So the bill passed its third and last reading.

A bill to amend the several acts heretofore passed in relation to the militia and a guard for home defence, on motion of Mr. Love, is laid on the table.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to go into an election for Confederate States Senator, on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock M. Concurred in.

A bill to prohibit the fermentation and brewing of grain and other products, is read.

Mr. Morrisey, from the Judiciary Committee, reports a substitute, to wit:

A bill to amend an act ratified on the 17th day of December, 1862, entitled "An act to prohibit the distillation of spirituous liquors."

Mr. Phillips moved to strike out the word "vinegar," in the first section, and asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs Baxter, Bond, of Gates, Brown of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Carson, of Rutherford, Costner, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Duke, Faison, George, Gidney, Grier, Hadley, Harrison, Hanes, J. H.
Headen, Lewis, Mann, McLean, Morrisey, Murphy, Outterbridge, Patton, Peace, Pool, Reinhardt, Russ, Russell, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Duplin, and Strong—35.

To the motion to strike out prevails.

The substitute, as offered by the committee and so amended, is adopted, and the bill passes its second reading.

A bill to repeal an act appointing a tax collector for the county of Mecklenburg, passes its second reading.

A resolution in favor of R. P. Melvin, Sheriff of Bladen county, passes its second reading.

At 1½ o'clock, on motion of Mr. Smith, of Johnston, the House adjourns.

TUESDAY, Dec. 6, 1864.

Mr. Waugh, from the Committee on Corporations, reports favorably "A bill to incorporate the Linville Steel and Iron Company;" and

A bill to incorporate the Cranbury Iron Works.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reports favorably "A bill for the relief of Hugh B. Guthrie, late sheriff of Orange county."

Mr. Caldwell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reports the resolution concerning the expediency of increasing the power of the County Courts, asking that the committee be discharged from its further consideration, which is agreed to.

Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee, reports the resolution upon the subject of the jurisdiction of the Auditor, asking that the committee be discharged from its further consideration, which is agreed to.

Mr. Carter, from same committee, also reports to the House the following bills, recommending their passage, viz:
A bill to incorporate the Confederate Joint Stock Publishing Company;
A bill in relation to alimony;
A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to prevent obstructions in the Big Swamp, by means of fish traps;" and
A bill for the relief of Power, Low & Co., of Wilmington.

And the following bill, recommending that the same do not pass, viz:
A bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to land herebefore entered.

Mr. Caldwell introduces a bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Deep River Woolen Mills," which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Lane introduces a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the charter of the Merchant's Bank of Newbern," which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to repeal the act appointing a Tax Collector for the county of Mecklenburg, is read. Upon motion of Mr. Dargan, the bill is amended.

Mr. Grier moves to lay the bill on the table. Upon this question, Mr. Cunningham calls for, and the House orders the yeas and nays, which are taken as follows:

Those who vote in the affirmative are:
Those who voted in the negative are:


And so the House refuses to lay the bill upon the table.

The bill then passes its third reading.

The resolution in favor of R. P. Melvin, Sheriff of Bladen county, passes its third and last reading.

The bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence," is read the third time.

Mr. Bond, of Bertie, moves to amend the bill so as to exempt from Home Guard duty, county trustees.

Mr. Phillips moves to amend the amendment by exempting public and regular shoemakers and tanners. Upon this amendment, Mr. Waugh asks for, and the House orders the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

And so the amendment is adopted.

Mr. Costner moves to amend by inserting the words, "Provided, however, That tanners shall produce the evidence of three responsible and disinterested persons, that they are public tanners, and sell or barter with citizens at least one-half their leather at schedule prices; which is agreed to.

Mr. McCormick moves to amend so as to exempt regular practicing physicians; which is agreed to.

Mr. Dargan moves to amend by exempting only physicians whose income, as per the tax lists of 1860, amounts to one thousand dollars; which is not agreed to.

Mr. J. H. Headen move so to amend as to exempt "one regular blacksmith for each Captain's district." Upon suggestion that the effect of the main provision of the bill will be to exempt all regular blacksmiths, Mr. Headen withdraws his amendment.

Mr. McLean moves to add to the bill the following proviso, viz: "That these exemptions shall not avail wherein the judgment of his Excellency, the Governor, the emergency of the country may require their presence in the field," which is withdrawn.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend so as to exempt "one over-
seer on farms belonging to a *feme sole* or to minor children, where there is no other white male adult on said farms, not liable to military service, unless the county in which such overseers reside shall be invaded," which is not agreed to.

Mr. Davis, of Franklin, moves to amend so as to exempt the chairman of the County Courts, which is not agreed to.

The bill as amended then passes its third and last reading.

Mr. Grissom, from the Military Committee, reports to the House with amendments, the bill authorising the payment of bounty to citizens of the State, enlisted in the naval service of the Confederate States, said amendments being adopted, the committee recommends the passage of the bill.

The following bills and resolutions were read the third time:

- An act to authorize the Public Treasurer to issue certain coupon bonds;
- Resolution in favor of M. J. McBride, sheriff of Watauga county; and
- Resolution of thanks to the officers and soldiers of North Carolina.

The bill and resolutions are ratified by the Speaker of this House, and sent to the Senate for ratification by the Speaker of that body.

The special order for the day viz: "Resolutions upon the subject of impressments by the Confederate Government," are read.

Mr. Shepherd moves to strike out the second and third resolutions, and calls for the yeas and nays. The House so orders.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

- Mesrs. Baxter, Beam, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Dargan, Davis, of Halifax, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, En-
loe, Erwin, Faison, Gidney, Grier, Gudger, Harrington, Harris, Hassell, Hawes, W. J. Headen, Lane, Latham, Lewis, Little, Love, McLean, Murphy, Outerbridge, Patton, Pool, Powell, Reinhardt, Russ, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Strong and Young—45.

Those who vote in the negative are:


And so the House refuses to strike out. Mr. Latham calls for a division of the question. The Speaker rules that the House having refused to strike out the 2d and 3d resolutions, they are not subject to division; the 1st and 4th are subject to division; the question is divided, and the House agrees to said resolutions, the question recurring upon the passage of the resolutions as a whole.

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


And so the resolutions are agreed to.

The Speaker informs the House he has in his possession a statement of the Bank of Fayetteville; which, upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, is transmitted to the Senate.

A message is received from his Excellency, the Governor, transmitting a report of the operations of the Western N. C. Railroad; which, on motion of Mr. Shepherd, is referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Received from the Public Treasurer bank statements for the fiscal year 1863 and '64, ending September 30th; which, on motion, is referred to the Finance Committee.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to go into the election of Secretary of State on Thursday next, at 1 o'clock. Concurred in.

At 1 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Craig, the House adjourned until to-morrow.
The Speaker ratifies the following enrolled bills:

A bill to authorize the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department to witness transfers of coupon bonds, and make endorsements on the same.

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of Wilson Academy, in the county of Chatham.

Mr. Fowle presents a memorial from citizens of Wake county, praying certain exemptions, which is referred to the Military Committee.

A bill to legalize certain acts of the County Court of Madison county, is read.

Mr. Shober, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reports a substitute.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a resolution in reference to the First North-Carolina Regiment of Volunteers. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Stipe introduces resolutions protesting against the overthrow of State sovereignty and civil liberty, which, upon motion of Mr. Hanes, are ordered to be printed and are referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations.

Mr. Pool introduces resolutions in relation to Confederate affairs, which, upon his motion, are ordered to be printed and are referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations.

Mr. Enloe introduces a resolution in favor of William Hicks, of Jackson county, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Bond, of Bertie, introduces a bill for the relief of William Stewart, a free man of color, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Herbert introduces a bill to keep in repair the Western Turnpike Road, and moves its reference to the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes. Agreed to.
Mr. McLean introduces a bill for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army, which passes its first reading, and, on his motion, is referred to the Finance Committee.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed bills and resolutions, which pass their first reading:

A bill to provide just compensation to the Public Printer;
A bill to incorporate the Leroyton Mining and Manufacturing Company;
A bill to amend the 8th section of chapter 112, Revised Code, in relation to the Public Treasury;
A bill concerning the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly during its present session;
A bill to enable the County Court of New Hanover to fix the fees of County Solicitor;
A bill to incorporate the Gorgas Mining and Manufacturing Company;
A resolution in favor of W. W. Holden, late State Printer;
Mr. L. L. Polk, of Anson presents his credentials and is qualified.

**BILLS ON THIRD READING.**

A bill to amend an act ratified on the 17th day of December, 1862, entitled "An act to prohibit the distillation of spirituous liquors," which, on motion of Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, is amended by striking out the words "the seed thereof." The bill then passes its third and last reading.

**BILLS ON SECOND READING.**

The following bills are read and pass their second reading:
A bill in favor of Power, Low & Company, of Wilmington;
A bill in relation to alimony;
A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to prevent ob-
struction in the Big Swamp, by means of fish traps;
A bill to incorporate the Confederate Joint Stock Pub-
lishing Company;
A bill authorizing the payment of bounty to citizens of
the State, enlisted in the naval service of the Confederate
States, which is amended by the Military Committee by
striking out the word "citizens" in the first section, and
inserting the word "soldiers," and at the end of the third
section by striking out the words "vice versa," and add
"to this State," amendments agreed to and the bill passes
its second reading.
A bill to incorporate the Linville Steel and Iron Company;
A bill to incorporate the Cranbury Iron Works;
A bill for the relief of Hugh B. Guthrie, late sheriff of
Orange county.
A message is received from the Senate, proposing to count
and compare the votes for Governor, at the late August
election, on Friday next, and asking the concurrence of the
House therein.  House concurs.
A bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to lands here-
tofore entered.
Mr. Shepherd moves to amend, by inserting after the
word "persons," the words "in the military service of the
Confederate or State Government;" pending the considera-
tion of which, the hour arrives for the consideration of the
special order for the day, it being the "resolutions relating
to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of Habeas
Corpus."
Mr. Smith, of Johnston, moves to amend, by striking out
all after the word "and," in the fifth line of the first reso-
lution, and inserting:
"That the clause in the Confederate Constitution, which
authorizes the suspension of the writ, applies only to cases of persons who may stand committed for criminal, or supposed criminal offences; and that to extend it beyond this, in the execution of a conscript law, so as to deny the right to enquire through the Judiciary whether the person arrested is liable or not to military service, is a palpable violation of the Constitution, utterly destroys the power of the States to preserve their separate organization and sovereignty, and reduces them to absolute dependence on the mere courtesy of the Confederate Government for their simple existence; which amendment is accepted by Mr. Fowle.

Pending the consideration of the resolutions as amended, upon Mr. Carter's motion, their further consideration is postponed until to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, an indefinite leave of absence is granted to Mr. Young.

The Speaker lays before the House a report of the condition of the Merchant's Bank of Newbern, which is ordered to be sent to the Senate with a proposition to print.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Pool, the House adjourns.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1864.

Speaker lays before the House a statement of the Bank of Charlotte.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves its reference to the Finance Committee, which is agreed to.

Leave of absence is granted to Messrs. Baxter and Johnston until Monday next, and to Mr. Russ until Tuesday next.

Mr. Allison, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, reports the following resolutions and memorials:
A resolution in favor of William Hicks, of Jackson county, and asks that the committee be discharged from its further consideration.

Committee is discharged.

A resolution directing the Committee on Propositions and Grievances to inquire into the expediency of amending the act, concerning the distillation of spirituous liquors, and reports unfavorably.

A resolution to retain millers and artisans at home to serve the public, and recommends its passage.

A memorial from sundry citizens of Anson county, relative to depredations of negroes employed on the Cheraw and Coal Field Rail Road, and a memorial of sundry physicians of the county of Burke, in reference to the distillation of whiskey for medicinal purposes.

The committee asks to be discharged from their further consideration.

The committee is discharged.

Mr. Fowle, from the Judiciary Committee, reports favorably the following bills:

A bill authorizing the sale of lots in the town of Webster:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend the charter of the Merchant's Bank of Newbern;" and

A bill to amend the 143d chapter of the acts of 1858 and 59, entitled "An act to authorize the Roanoke Navigation Company," &c., and recommends its passage, with the following amendment: "Strike out the second section."

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Claims, reports favorably a resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, of Madison county.

SENATE ENGROSSED BILL.

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to charter the Shelby and Broad River Rail Road Company," passes its first reading.
Mr. Sharpe introduces a bill to make the robbery of dwelling houses a capital offence; which passes its first reading.

Mr. Hanes introduces a bill to incorporate the William R. Davie Lodge, of A. Y. M., in Lexington, N. C.; which passes its first reading.

Mr. Murphy introduces a bill to provide more effectually for reclaiming Swamp Lands; which passes its first reading, and is referred, on Mr. Cobb's motion, to the Judiciary Committee.

The consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: "A bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to land heretofore entered," is resumed.

The question being on Mr. Shepherd's amendment, to insert after the word persons, the words "in the military service of the Confederate or State Government;" which is not agreed to.

The House then refuses to pass the bill on its second reading.

The following bills pass their third and last reading:

A bill for the relief of Power, Low & Company, of Wilmington.

A bill in relation to alimony;

A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to prevent obstructions in the Big Swamp, by means of fish traps."

A bill to incorporate the Confederate Joint Stock Publishing Company;

A bill authorizing the payment of bounty to citizens of the State, enlisted in the naval service of the Confederate States;

A bill for the relief of Hugh B. Guthrie, late sheriff of Orange county;

A bill to incorporate the Linville Steel and Iron Company;

A bill to incorporate the Cranbury Iron Company.
A resolution in reference to the Revenue Law; passes its second reading.

A bill for the support of the North-Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and for other purposes, on motion of Mr. McAden, is referred to the Finance Committee.

A bill for the relief of William Stewart, a free man of color, on motion of Mr. Bond, of Bertie, is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The hour of 11 having arrived, the special order for the day being the consideration of the resolutions instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives not to vote for certain laws, on motion of Mr. Waugh, their consideration is postponed to Tuesday next, the 13th, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; which is agreed to.

The House then proceeds to the consideration of the resolutions relating to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus, which were before the House at the hour of adjournment on yesterday.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the House proceeds to the execution of the joint order for the election of Confederate States Senator. Messrs. Shober and Cunningham will superintend said election on the part of the House.

Mr. Vann withdraws the name of the Hon. David Outlaw, and places in nomination the Hon. W. N. H. Smith.

The following vote for Mr. Read, viz:

Rogers, Russell, Sharpe, Simmons, Smith, of Johnston, Stipe, Waugh, Wheeler and Young—54.

The following vote for Mr. Ashe, viz:


The following vote for Mr. Smith, viz:


The following vote for Mr. Gilmer, viz:


Mr. Benbury votes for Mr. Outlaw—1.

Mr. Shober, from the committee to superintend said election, reports that no one receiving a majority of the votes, there is no election.

The hour of 1 o'clock, P. M., having arrived, the House proceeds to the execution of the joint order for the election of a Secretary of State.

Messrs. Bond, of Bertie, and Reinhardt will superintend said election on the part of the House.

Mr. Caldwell places in nomination Charles R. Thomas Esq., of the county of Carteret.

Mr. Rogers withdraws the name of W. R. Richardson, Esq.

The following gentlemen vote for Mr. Thomas:

Messrs. Speaker, Allison, Alford, Amis, Asheworth, Banks, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Bond, of Gates, Cald-

The following vote for Mr. Faribault:

Mr. Harrison votes for Mr. Bain—1.

Mr. Bond, of Bertie, from the committee to superintend said election, reports that Mr. Thomas having a majority of all the votes, is duly elected Secretary of State.

Mr. Sharpe moves to postpone the further consideration of the resolutions relative to the suspension of the writ of Habeas Corpus, until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; which is not agreed to.

The House concurs in a proposition received from the Senate, to proceed forthwith to the election of a Confederate States Senator.

Messrs. Shober and Cunningham will superintend said election on the part of the House.

The following gentlemen vote for Mr. Beade, viz:
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The following gentlemen vote for Mr. Ashe, viz:


Messrs. Lowe and Shober vote for Mr. Gilmer—2.


Upon motion of Mr. Waugh, the further consideration of the resolutions relative to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus is postponed until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and the House adjourns.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1864.

Mr. Phillips makes a personal explanation in regard to his right to a seat in the House.
Mr. Grissom makes a personal explanation in regard to his absence during the last ballot for Confederate States Senator on yesterday, he being engaged in attending to business for some of his constituents at the time.

Mr. Shober, from the Joint Committee to superintend the election for Confederate States Senator, reports that the Hon. Thos. S. Ashe having received a majority of the votes cast, is elected, the vote being as follows: whole number of votes cast 158; number necessary to elect 80. Of which Mr. Reade received 70; Mr. Ashe received 80; Mr. Gilmer received 5, and Mr. Smith received 3.

Mr. Shepherd, from the Finance Committee, reports a bill for the support of the North-Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and for other purposes, with a recommendation that it pass.

Also, a resolution to enquire whether the property of soldiers in the army from North-Carolina, should not be exempt from taxation, stating that the wants of the Treasury are now so large and so urgent, that even in favor of our faithful and gallant soldiers, this exemption cannot be allowed, and asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution. House so orders.

Also, a resolution that his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to lay before the Congress of the Confederate States, through our Senators and Representatives, the claim of the State for satisfaction of the expenses incurred in executing the conscript laws, and in arresting of deserters from the army by the forces of the State, with a recommendation that it be adopted, which is agreed to.

Also, a bill for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army, proposing certain amendments thereto, and recommending its passage.

Mr. Grissom, from the Military Committee, reports that having considered a resolution in reference to the First
North-Carolina Regiment of Volunteers, and believing that its adoption would lead to inconvenience and confusion, the committee recommend that it do not pass.

Also, a memorial from citizens of Wake county, asking to be discharged from its further consideration. House so orders.

Mr. Caldwell offers a resolution that our Senators and Representatives be requested to use every effort in their power to prevent any tax being levied upon the notes or bills issued by the Treasurer of this State, in obedience to the laws thereof, which resolution is, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Harris introduces a bill to incorporate the Pee Dee Lodge, No. 140, of Ancient York Masons, in the county of Stanly; which passes its first reading.

Mr. Vann introduces a bill to provide for the holding of courts in the county of Hertford; which passes its first reading.

The Speaker announces he has ratified a resolution in regard to Salisbury distillery;

A bill to incorporate the Bingham School;

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund; and

A resolution directing Major Henry A. Dowd to make payment of money to Public Treasury, and sends the same to the Senate for ratification by the Speaker of that body.

Mr. Faison introduces a bill to incorporate the La Place High School; which passes its first reading.

Mr. Waugh moves to reconsider the vote by which the bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to lands already entered, was rejected on second reading. The vote is reconsidered and the bill is referred to the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes.
Mr. Shepherd moves that a message be sent to the Senate, inviting that body to seats in the House of Commons, this day at 12 o'clock, during the counting of the votes for Governor, the seats on the left of the Speaker of the House to be appropriated to the members of the Senate, and the Speaker of that body to be invited to a seat at the Speaker's desk. Agreed to.

The House resumes the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, viz:

The resolutions relating to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus*; pending which, the hour of 12 o'clock, M. having arrived, the two Houses meet in joint convention and proceed to count the votes for Governor.

Messrs. Harrison and Lowe are appointed to superintend the counting of said votes on the part of the House.

The committee to superintend the counting of votes for Governor, report that the Hon. Zebulon B. Vance received 57,873; that W. W. Holden, Esq., received 14,432. Thereupon the Hon. Giles Mebane, Speaker of the Senate, announces that the Honorable Zebulon B. Vance, having received a majority of all the votes cast at the election for Governor in August last, is duly elected Governor of this State for two years from and after January 1st, 1865.

Leave of absence is granted to Messrs. Davis, of Franklin, Murphy and Perkins until Thursday next, and Messrs. Patterson and Shipp to Tuesday next.

Upon Mr. Carter's motion, the evidence submitted with the bill in favor of Power, Low & Company, of Wilmington, are ordered to be transmitted with the engrossed bill to the Senate.

At 2 P. M., on motion of Mr. Henry, the House adjourns.
SATURDAY, December 10, 1864.

Leave of absence is granted to Mr. McKoy, chief Engrossing Clerk, until Monday next, and to Mr. Wheeler, until Tuesday next, and to Messrs. McLean and McMillan, until Wednesday next.

The Speaker ratified the following enrolled bill:

A bill to be entitled an act in addition to an amendment of the ordinances of the Convention, in relation to a supply of salt.

Mr. Shepherd, from the Finance Committee, introduces a bill in reference to the Public Treasurer; which passes its first reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, the bill passes its second and third readings, and its immediate engrossment ordered.

Also, a revenue bill; which passes its first reading.

Mr. Horton, of Watauga, moves it be printed, and

Mr. Shepherd moves the bill be made the special order for Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and every day thereafter, at the same hour, from day to day, until it is concluded; which is so ordered.

Mr. Shober, from the Judiciary Committee, reports a resolution in favor of the Junior Reserves, recommending it do pass.

Also, a bill in reference to the right of challenging jurors, recommending it do not pass.

Also, a bill to increase the punishment for stealing horses or mules, with a like recommendation.

Also, a resolution in reference to the payment of bounty money to soldiers, with recommendation it do pass.

Mr. McGehee presents a statement of various banks of the State; which, on motion, is sent to the Senate, with a proposition to print.

Mr. Gudger, from the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes, to whom was referred the petition of
R. O. Leadbetter and James N. Whiteside, reports that
the committee having had the same under consideration,
report a bill to amend Hickory Nut Turnpike; which passes
its first reading.

Mr. W. J. Headen introduces a resolution that the Judi-
 ciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill in relation to
putting members of the Legislature in the Home Guard
service, be instructed to report as soon as practicable; which
is agreed to.

Mr. Asheworth introduced a resolution to allow J. W.
Steed, formerly sheriff of Randolph county, to collect all-
rears of taxes due to him while he was in office; which
passes its first reading.

Mr. Lyle introduces a resolution, that during the present
session, no member be permitted to occupy the floor for
more than ten minutes at a time, and not more than twice
on the same subject; which resolution lies over.

Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, introduces resolutions on the
state of the country, and moves they be printed; and Mr.
Grissom moves they be referred to the Committee on Con-
federate Relations. House so orders.

Mr. Horton, of Watauga, introduces a bill to provide for
keeping up the public roads in the county of Watauga; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Com-
mittee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes.

Mr. Strong introduces a bill to incorporate Leaksville
Lodge, No. 136, Ancient York Masons; which passes its
first reading.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to raise
a joint committee on the subject of salaries and fees; to
which the House agrees.

Messrs. McAden, Allison and Shepherd are appointed
such committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a bill to amend the laws regu-
lating the appointing of Flour Inspectors, in the town of Fayetteville; which passes its first reading.

Also, a bill to authorize the Mayor and Commissioners of Fayetteville to supply said town with water; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a resolution in reference to re-arranging the rooms in the Capitol; which is referred to a committee of three on the part of the House, and two on that of the Senate.

Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, presents a petition in favor of R. J. McCurry; which is referred to the Committee on Proposals and Grievances.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed bills:

A bill to incorporate the Confederate Cotton and Woolen Mills, in the county of Richmond;

A bill to incorporate the Oak Hill Cemetery, in the county of Buncombe;

A bill to legalize a special order of the County Court of Bertie county;

A bill to incorporate the Jamestown Cotton Mills;

A bill to incorporate Cavanah Button Factory and Machine Shops; which pass their first reading.

And a bill to incorporate the Chicora Collegiate Institution, in the county of Robeson, which passes its first reading; and, under a suspension of the rules, passes its second and third readings.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed bills:

A bill to charter the Ocknock Iron Company, with amendments;

A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Company, with amendments;
A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville North-Carolina Iron Works, with amendments, in all of which the House concurs.

At 1 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Cowles, the House adjourns until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1864.

Mr. Dargan introduces a resolution in favor of the Home Guards and Senior Reserves, and moves it be put upon its several readings, under a suspension of the rules, which is agreed to.

Mr. Fowle moves it be laid on the table, and the House so orders.

Mr. Waugh introduces a resolution in reference to the times of holding the sessions of the House which lies over under the rules.

Also a resolution proposing a joint committee to fix the time for adjournment. Agreed to.

Mr. Waugh also moves that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to go into an election of Councillors of State, on Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, M: Agreed to.

Mr. Russell introduces a bill to be entitled "An act to secure the State Salt Works from interruption;" which passes its first reading.

Mr. Gudger introduces a bill to incorporate Mount Herman Lodge, Ancient York Masons, in the county of Buncombe; which passes its first reading.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, introduces a bill to amend the 101st chapter, Revised Code, which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to provide for the mileage and per diem of members, being on its second reading.
Mr. Calloway moves to amend, by making the per diem $60 instead of $45, which proposed amendment is not agreed to.

Mr. Cobb moves to amend by striking out "$45" and inserting "$40;" which is not agreed to.

Mr. Dargan moves to amend by striking out "$45" and inserting "$50," to which amendment the House agrees, by a vote of 33 in the affirmative to 34 in the negative.

The bill, as amended, then passes its second reading.

Mr. Murrill moves the rules be suspended and the bill put upon its third reading, to which the House agrees, and the bill passes and is ordered to be sent immediately to the Senate, with a message, requesting the concurrence of that body in the House amendments.

The Senate concurs.

The unfinished business of Tuesday last, the consideration of the resolutions relating to a suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, is then resumed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions, Mr. Fowle calls for the yeas and nays, and the House so orders.

The resolution are then agreed to, yeas 63, nays 20.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:


Mr. Carter introduces a bill respecting the qualification of magistrates within the enemy's lines, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. McGehee introduces a bill to authorize the Justices of Caswell county, to increase the fees of the jailor of said county, and for other purposes; which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a bill to incorporate the Cumberland Monumental Association; which passes its first reading.

Also resolutions authorizing the Public Treasurer to receive partial payment of taxes due from counties within the lines of the enemy; which passes its first reading.

Mr. Boyd introduces resolutions of thanks to the Junior Reserves.

Mr. Horton, of Wilkes, moves to amend, so as to include the Home Guards. Agreed to.

Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, moves to further amend, by adding after the words "Lieutenant General Holmes," the words "Major General R. C. Gatlin." Agreed to, and the resolutions, as amended, are then agreed to.

Mr. Sharpe introduces resolutions relative to the exemption of certain State employees; which passes it first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Waugh, introduces a bill to amend the 74th chapter, 7th section Revised Code; which passes its first reading.

A bill in reference to the right of challenging jurors, fails to pass its second reading.
Mr. Shober, from the Judiciary Committee, reports a substitute for a bill to legalize certain acts of the County Court of Madison county, and other purposes; which is adopted, and the bill passes its second reading.

A bill to increase the punishment of stealing horses and mules, is rejected on its second reading.

Resolutions in favor of D. M. Rea, of Madison county, pass their second reading.

Resolutions in reference to the payment of bounty money to soldiers, passed its second reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed its third and last reading.

Resolutions in favor of Junior Reserves, pass its second reading, and under suspension of the rules, its third and last reading.

Mr. Fowle, from the Judiciary Committee, reports an amendment to a bill to amend the 143d chapter of the acts of 1858 and 59, entitled "An act to authorize the Roanoke Navigation Company," &c.

Which amendment is adopted, and the bill passes its second reading.

A bill for the support of the North-Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and for other purposes, passes its second reading.

The following bills then pass their second reading:

A bill authorizing the sale of lots in the town of Webster;

A bill to amend the charter of the Merchant's Bank of Newbern.

A resolution in favor of William Hicks, of Jackson county, is tabled.

Mr. Shepherd, from the Finance Committee, reports the following amendments to a bill for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army:

In section first, strike out "two millions" and insert
"three millions." Strike out in the same section the words "in State Treasury notes."

In section 5, after the enacting clause, strike out the word "forward." in the second line, and insert the word "retain" in lieu thereof.

In the fourth and fifth lines, strike out all the words down to "the" before clerk, and before "the" insert "for;" which amendments being agreed to, the bill passes its second reading.

The following bills pass their second reading:

A bill to provide just compensation to the Public Printer;
A bill to incorporate the Leroytown Mining and Manufacturing Company;
A bill to amend the 8th section of chapter 112, Revised Code, in relation to the Public Treasury;
A bill to incorporate the Gorgas Mining and Manufacturing Company;
A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Shelby and Broad River R. R. Company;
A bill to incorporate the Wm. R. Davie Lodge, of Ancient York Masons, in the town of Lexington, North-Carolina;
A bill to incorporate the Trustees of La Place High School;
A bill to provide for the holding of courts in the county of Hertford;
A bill to incorporate the Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, A. Y. M., in the county of Stanly;
A bill to amend Hickory Nut Turnpike Road;
A bill to incorporate Leaksville Lodge, No. 136, Ancient York Masons;
A bill to amend the laws regulating the appointment of flour inspectors in the town of Fayetteville.

The following resolutions pass their second reading:
Resolutions in favor of J. W. Steed, former Sheriff of Randolph county; and

Resolution in favor of W. W. Holden, late State Printer.
A bill to make robbery of dwelling houses in the daytime a capital offence, is recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to enable the County Court of New Hanover, passes its second reading; and, under a suspension of the rules, passes its third reading.

A message is received from the Senate, stating it does not concur in the House proposition to go into the election of Councillors of State on Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, M., and proposing to go into said election on Thursday next at that hour, which proposition is concurred in by the House.

At 2 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Cowles; the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1864.

By leave of the House, Messrs. Cunningham, McAden, Clapp and Patterson are allowed to record their votes in the affirmative, on the adoption of the resolutions respecting a suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, and Mr. Baxter allowed to record his in the negative, said recorded votes not changing the result.

Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee, reports on a bill authorizing the County Court of Jackson to appoint or elect a tax collector for said county, with recommendation that it do pass.

Also, a bill for the relief of William Stewart, a free man of color, with recommendations it do not pass.

Also, a bill relating to the robbery of dwelling houses, with a similar recommendation.
Mr. Fowle, from the Joint Committee on Confederate Relations, reports on resolutions protesting against the overthrow of State sovereignty, and civil liberty, and asks that the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the House so orders.

Mr. Grissom introduces a resolution in favor of D. King; which passes first reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, put upon its several readings, and passed.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a resolution of thanks to Col. Joseph B. Starr and his command, for the successful repulse of the public enemy near Kinston; which is agreed to.

Mr. Herbert introduces a resolution respecting certain members of the Home Guard, in Clay county; which is agreed to, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, introduces resolutions in reference to persons calling themselves agents of the Confederate Government; which pass their first reading.

Mr. Waugh introduces resolutions relative to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus; which is read and referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations.

Mr. Waugh also moves that a bill to amend the 74th chapter and 7th section, Revised Code, introduced on yesterday, be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances; to which the House agrees.

Mr. Love introduces a bill to amend an act to provide for a Turnpike Road from Salisbury, west, to the line of the State of Georgia; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes.

Mr. Fowle introduces a bill to incorporate the Deep River Transportation Company; which passes its first reading.

The Speaker announces the Committee on Engrossed Bills for the week, Messrs. Lyle, Lewis and Latham.
The Committee on Enrolled Bills, are Messrs. Carson, of Rutherford, Bond, of Gates, Stancill, Strong and Duke.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House to raise a joint committee to examine into the unfinished business, and report when the General Assembly can adjourn, and naming Messrs. Courts and Lassiter as such committee on the part of the Senate. Concurred in by the House, and Messrs. Waugh and Harrison are appointed such committee on the part of the House.

Also, a message concurring in the House proposition to raise a joint select committee to re-arrange the rooms of the Capitol; in which the House concurs, and the Speaker appoints Messrs. Carter, Morrisey and McCormick as the House branch of said committee.

Mr. Shepherd moves the resolution in reference to the time of holding the daily sessions be taken up.

Mr. Hanes moves Wednesday be inserted instead of Tuesday; which is agreed to.

Mr. Grissom moves to amend, by striking out the hours of adjournment. Agreed to.

Mr. Wooten moves the resolution be laid on the table. Not agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, reads thus:

Resolved, That from and after Wednesday next, this House shall commence its morning sessions at 10 o'clock, A. M., and after its morning session, shall meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.; is then agreed to.

A message is sent to the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed resolutions:

A resolution in reference to the payment of bounty money to soldiers; and

A resolution in favor of Junior Reserves.

The special order for eleven o'clock, being "A bill entitled the Revenue Bill," is taken up.
Mr. Waugh moves to postpone its consideration until resolutions No. 63, are disposed of, to which the House does not agree.

The following amendments to the revenue bill are then proposed by Mr. Fowle, to insert after the word "notes" in section 1, paragraph 3, line 19, the words "and coupons past due, of the bonds of the Confederate States, or of any State or corporation, except coupons or bonds of the State, issued prior to Feb. 23d, 1861;" which is agreed to.

By Mr. Caldwell, to insert in section 1, paragraph 3, line 19, after the word "shall" the word "not." Not agreed to.

By Mr. McAden, to strike out in the 4th section, the words "money invested in manufacturing and steamboat corporations or companies, according to shares as fixed by the charters, if the shares be in a corporation, and if there be no incorporation, then upon the amount invested." Not agreed to.

By Mr. Clapp, to strike out the word "written," in section 12, line 3. Not agreed to.

By Mr. Sharpe, to strike out in the 12th section, line 21, the word "however" and inserting "further." Agreed to.

By Mr. Hadley, to add to the end of the 38th section, the words "Provided, That when the lands of any citizen in the military or naval service of the State, or of the Confederate States be sold for taxes, he shall have one year after he is discharged from service to redeem the same." Agreed to.

By Mr. Shepherd, to strike out in the 51st section, line 6, the words "for circuits." Agreed to.

By Mr. Henry, to strike out in section 52, clause 3, line 17, the word "forty" and insert "one hundred." Not agreed to.

By Mr. Hanes, to strike out in section 52, clause 3, line 17, the word "forty" and insert "fifty." Agreed to.
By Mr. Hadley, to strike out in section 52, the whole of the fourth paragraph. Not agreed to.

By Mr. Hanes, in section 52, paragraph 5, line 33, to strike out "two" and insert "five." Agreed to.

Mr. Calloway moves to adjourn. Not agreed to.

Amendment proposed by Mr. Latham, to insert after the word "watch" in section 52, paragraph 9, the words "in use." Not agreed to.

By Mr. Henry, to strike out the whole of paragraph eleven in section 52. Not agreed to.

By Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, to strike out the words "resident on his land or" in section 52, paragraph 11, line 77. Agreed to.

By Mr. Waugh, to strike out "two and a half" in section 52, paragraph 11, line 80, and insert "five."

The Speaker rules the motion out of order, the House having already refused to strike out the entire section.

Mr. Sharpe moves to adjourn. Not agreed to.

Amendment proposed by Mr. Horton, of Wilkes, to strike out "five" in section 52, paragraph 12, 97th line, and insert therefor "ten." Not agreed to.

Mr. Herbert moves to adjourn till to-morrow, 10 o'clock. Not agreed to.

Amendment proposed by Mr. McAden, to strike out in section 52, paragraph 15, lines 131 to 134, the words "if equal to twenty thousand dollars, twenty per cent. thereof shall be paid, and if equal to thirty thousand dollars and upwards, a tax of thirty per cent. shall be paid."

Mr. Sharpe moves, at 2 o'clock, to adjourn till to-morrow at 10 o'clock, and the House adjourns.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1864.

Messrs. McMillan and Rogers are allowed to record their votes in favor of the passage of the resolutions in reference to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus.

Mr. J. H. Headen introduces a memorial from certain citizens of Chatham county, asking the appointment of Dr. A. C. Kirkman as a magistrate, which, on motion, is laid on the table.

Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee, reports a bill to amend an act entitled "An act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence," with a recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. McAden introduces a bill entitled an act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Cape Fear Importing and Exporting Company," which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Amis introduces resolutions commendatory of the N. C. Educational Association, which are agreed to.

Mr. Faison introduces a resolution in favor of James C. Farrier, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Lane moves a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to recommend George Green for a Justice of the Peace for Craven county.

Mr. Caldwell moves that Saturday next be set apart as a day for the election of magistrates.

Mr. Henry moves that both motions be laid upon the table, to which the House agrees.

A message is received from his Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the annual report of the Treasurer of the University of North-Carolina, and stating the vacancy of five trusteeships therefor, which, on motion of Mr. Shepherd is sent to the Senate.

Mr. Grissom moves a message be sent to the Senate, pro-
posing to go into the election of five Trustees to-morrow, (Thursday) at 12½ o’clock, to which the House agrees, and the message is sent.

The hour of eleven having arrived, the unfinished business being the consideration of a bill entitled “the Revenue bill,” Mr. Waugh moves to postpone its consideration for an hour, in order to consider some of the private bills on the calendar, which is not agreed to. The House resumes the consideration of the bill. The following amendments are proposed:

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves to amend the 52d section, 15th paragraph, 130th line, strike out the word “ten” and insert the word “eight,” and in the 132d line, strike out the word “twenty” and insert the word “twelve,” and in the 133d line, strike out the word “thirty” and insert “fifteen;” which is accepted by Mr. McAden for his amendment, and the amendment is agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend, by adding to the end of the 15th paragraph of the 52d section the words “Provided further, That the taxes imposed by this paragraph, or by any other law, State or Confederate, shall not be deducted in making up the amount of nett profits;” which Mr. McAden accepts as an amendment to the amendment accepted by him.

Mr. Dargan calls for, and the House order, the yeas and nays on proposed amendments.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Powell, Reinhardt, Riddick, Russell, Shepherd, Shipps, Sho- 
ber, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Strong and 
Wooten—51.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Alford, Austin, Ashworth, Banks, Baxter, 
Beam, Best, Blair, Brown, of Madison, Bryan, Cahio, Cal-
dwell, Calloway, Calvert, Carson, of Alexander, Carson, of 
Rutherford, Clapp, Cobb, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Craw-
ford, of Wayne, Dargan, Enloe, Faison, Gidney, Grier, 
Grisson, Gudger, Harris, J. H. Headen, Herbert, Holton, 
Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Jordan, Lewis, 
Little, Mann, McCormick, McLean, McMillan, Outerbridge, 
Patton, Rogers, Sharpe, Simmons, Smith, of Johnston, 
Stancill and Waugh—49.

So the amendments are agreed to.

Mr. Hanes moves to amend section 52, paragraph 15, 
129th line, by inserting after the words "buying and sell-
ing," the words "or in the manufacture of cotton and 
woolen goods, and leather."

Mr. Waugh calls for the yeas and nays, and the House 
so orders.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allison, Alford, Alston, Amis, Ashworth, Aus-
tin, Banks, Baxter, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Bond, of 
Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, 
Bryan, Cahio, Caldwell, Calloway, Calvert, Carson, of Alex-
ander, Carson, of Rutherford, Clapp, Cobb, Costner, Craig, 
Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, 
Dargan, Davis, of Halifax, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, En-
loe, Erwin, Faison, Farmer, Flynt, Fowle, Gaskins, George, 
Gibbs,"Grier, Grissom, Gudger, Hadley, Hanes, Harris, 
Harrison, Hassell, Hawes, J. H. Headen, W. J. Headen, 
Henry, Herbert, Holton, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of 
Wilkes, Isbell, Johnston, Jordan, Joyner, Judkins, Lane,

Those who vote in the negative are:

So the amendment is agreed to.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves to amend the 52d section, 15th paragraph, 137th line, by striking out the words “of five cents,” and insert the words “in the same relative proportion as other traders are taxed in this section.”

The amendment is agreed to.

Mr. Henry moves to amend 52d section, chapter 1, 161st line, by striking out the words “two and a half,” and Mr. Hanes calls for a division of the question, and the House refuses to strike out.

Mr. Cobb, in the 52d section, class 1, 161st line, moves to strike out after the word “two” the words “and a half;” which is agreed to.

Mr. Dargan, in the 52d section, class 2, 164th line, moves to strike out the word “six” and insert the word “ten,” which is not agreed to.

Mr. Cobb, in the 68th section, paragraph 3, 22d and 23d lines, moves to strike out the word “twenty-five” and insert the word “fifty,” which is not agreed to.

Mr. McCormick moves to strike out in section 68, paragraph 7, 32d line, the word “seven” and insert the word “ten.” Agreed to.

Mr. Latham moves to amend by striking out in section 68, paragraph 18, line 96, the word “one” and insert the word “three.” Not agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend by striking in section 102,
all of the section to the word "whenever," in the 6th line, and in the 8th line, strike out the word "first" and insert the word "second," and in the 14th line, to strike out all from and after the word "Provided," to the end of the section. Agreed to.

The bill then passes its second reading.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the House proposition to go into the election of five Trustees tomorrow, (Thursday,) at 12½ o'clock, and proposing to set apart Saturday for the appointment of magistrates, in which the House concurs.

Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, at 2 o'clock, moves to adjourn, and the House adjourns.

Night Session.

Mr. Shepherd moves a suspension of the rules, and the bill entitled "the Revenue bill," be put upon its third and last reading.

The rules are suspended by a vote of yeas, 65, nays 25, and the House proceeds to the consideration of the bill.

Mr. Caldwell moves to amend the bill by inserting after the figures 1861, 29th line, of paragraph 4, section 1, the words "Confederate bonds," and asks for and the House orders the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allison, Alford, Asheworth, Austin, Banks, Beam, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Bond, of Gates, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Caho, Caldwell, Calvert, Carson, of Alexander, Carson, of Rutherford, Clapp; Costner, Cowles, Craig, Cunningham, Davis, of Halifax, Duke, Enloe, Flynt, Gibbs, Grier, Harrison, Hassell, Holton, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Isbell, Johnston, Jordan, Joyner,

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend, by striking out in 25th line, section 12, all after the word "Provided," to the word "Provided" in the 31st line; and in the 31st line strike out the word "further," and reinstate the word "however." Agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend section 18, by striking out the entire 4th line, and all of the fifth line to the word "in," and in the 6th line, after the word "which," insert the word "shall;" which is agreed to.

Mr. W. J. Headen moves to amend the 52d section, 8th paragraph, 53d line, by inserting the word "females" after the word "males;" which is not agreed to.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves to amend the 52d section, 9th paragraph, 57th line, by inserting the words "owned by soldiers in the service of the State or Confederate States," and striking out the words "kept for sale." Agreed to.

Mr. Baxter moves to amend the 52d section, 10th paragraph, 74th line, by striking out the word "field." Not agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to reconsider the vote by which the
amendment is not agreed to. The House recon­siders the vote—yeas 38, nays 34.

Mr. Shepherd then moves to amend the 52d section, 11th paragraph, by adding at the end thereof the following words:

"Provided further, That nothing herein contained shall apply to the officers disabled, and retired from physical disability."

Which is agreed to.

Mr. Waugh moves to amend the 52d section 11th para­graph, 80th line, by striking out the words "two and a half" and inserting the word "five;" which is not agreed to.

Mr. Horton, of Watauga, moves to amend by adding to the end of 83d line, 11th paragraph, 52d section, the words "or hounds kept for the purpose of hunting;" which is not agreed to.

Mr. Horton, of Watauga, moves to amend the 52d section, 11th paragraph, by adding the words "Provided, That the levying of this tax shall be left to the discretion of the sev­eral County Courts, and when levied and collected, shall be applied to county purposes." Not agreed to.

Mr. Horton, of Watauga, moves to amend the 52d section, by adding to the end of the eleventh paragraph, the words "Provided, however, That the sheriffs and tax collectors shall receive in payment for the tax levied by this para­graph, fox, raccoon and opossum skins, whenever tendered by the tax payer at the usual market price;" which is not agreed to.

Mr. McAden moves to amend the 52d section, 12th para­graph, by inserting the words "except the Governor," after the word "person," in the 84th line; which is agreed to.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves to amend the 52d sec-
tion, paragraph 15, line 129, by inserting after the word “leather” the words “or of leather, iron, tobacco, and in the making of salt;” which is agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend the 52d section, 15th paragraph, by inserting the word “quarterly” after the word “make,” in the 139th line; which is agreed to.

At the hour of 10 P. M., Mr. Clapp moves that the House do adjourn; which is not agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend 68th section, 17th paragraph, by striking out the words “or other property,” in the 83d line; which is not agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend the 68th section, 19th paragraph, so as to read “every manufacturer of garments for males, five per cent. on total amount of profit;” which is agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend the 102d section, by striking out the word “aforesaid” in the 12th line, and insert the words “tax lister;” which is agreed to.

Mr. Costner, moves to reconsider the vote by which section 1, paragraph 4, 29th line, was amended, by inserting the words “and Confederate bonds.” The vote is reconsidered, and Mr. Caldwell withdraws his amendment by which the words “Confederate bonds” was inserted in the bill.

Mr. Caldwell moves to amend section 1, paragraph 3, 18th line, by striking out the words “the Confederate and;” which is agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to amend 1st section, 3d paragraph, 19th line, by striking out the words “of the Confederate States or;” which is agreed to.

The bill then passes its third and last reading, by the following vote, Mr. Horton, of Wilkes, asking for and the House ordering the yeas and nays:

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allison, Alston, Amis, Austin, Baxter, Beam,

Those who vote in the negative are:


At 11 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Dargan, the House adjourns.

THURSDAY, December 15, 1864.

The following gentlemen are permitted to record their votes in the affirmative on the bill entitled "the Revenue bill," on its third reading, which passed the House during the night session on yesterday:


And the following gentlemen were permitted to record their votes in the negative:


Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, moves a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill passed its third and last reading; which is not agreed to.
The following gentlemen are permitted to record their votes in the affirmative on the resolutions relative to a suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus:


And the following gentlemen are permitted to record their votes in the negative upon the same resolution:

Messrs. Alston and McLean—2.

Mr. Grissom asks for, and the House grants leave of absence till Saturday next to Mr. Amis.

Mr. Hanes asks for and the House grants leave of absence until the end of the session to the Assistant Doorkeeper of the House.

Mr. McMillan presents a memorial of citizens of Alleghany county, asking an extension of time for surveying land, &c., which is referred to the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes.

Mr. Murrill presents a memorial from certain citizens of Onslow county, praying a remission of taxes, which is read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee, reports on resolutions relative to the exemption of certain State employees, with a recommendation they do pass.

Mr. McAden, from the Judiciary Committee, reports on a bill to amend the 101st chapter, Revised Code, and asks that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same. House so orders.

Also, a bill to make the robbery of dwelling houses a capital offence, with a like request, and the committee is discharged.

Also, a bill to authorize the Mayor and Commissioners of Fayetteville to supply said town with water, with a recommendation it do pass.

Mr. Cahoe, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reports a resolution in reference to a State hotel, and asks that
the committee be discharged from its further consideration. House so orders.

Mr. Hanes, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, reports on a resolution in relation to election frauds in the county of Lenoir, with a statement that the committee think no further legislation necessary in the premises.

Mr. Dargan, from the Judiciary Committee, reports on a bill entitled an act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Cape Fear Importing and Exporting Company," with recommendation that it do pass.

Also, on a bill respecting the qualification of magistrates in the enemies lines, with a similar recommendation.

Mr. Waugh, from the Committee on Corporations, reports on a bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Deep River Woolen Mills," with a recommendation that it do pass.

Mr. Morrissey, from the Judiciary Committee reports on a resolution in reference to alien enemies and disloyal refugees, with a request the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and the House so orders.

Also, on a bill to provide more effectually for reclaiming Swamp Lands, with a recommendation it do not pass.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Claims, reports on a resolution respecting certain members of the Home Guard, in Clay county, with a request that the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof. House so orders.

Mr. Gudger, from the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes, reports on a bill to amend an act to provide for a Turnpike Road from Salisbury, west, to the line of the State of Georgia, with a recommendation it do pass.

Also, on a bill to provide for keeping up the public roads.
in the county of Watauga, recommending it pass, with an amendment.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reports a petition of R. J. McCurry, and recommends its rejection.

Mr. Waugh, from the Joint Select Committee on an adjournment, reports that the committee are satisfied the public business will permit of an adjournment at 7 o'clock, A. M., on Friday, the 23d inst., and recommend it accordingly.

Mr. Waugh then moves a message be sent to the Senate, proposing a joint order of the two Houses to adjourn on Friday, the 23d, at 7, A. M., and meet again on the 1st Monday in March, 1865.

Mr. Hanes moves to amend, by striking out Friday, the 23d, and inserting Wednesday, the 21st, to which the House agrees—yeas 57, nays 43. On a division being called for,

Mr. Morrisey moves to amend, by striking out “the 1st Monday in March,” and inserting the “2d Monday in October.”

Mr. Cobb moves to amend further, by striking out all after the word “instant.”

Mr. Isbell calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays, on Mr. Cobb’s motion; which was not agreed to by yeas 41, nays 60.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Alston, Austin, Boyd, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Cah, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Franklin, Enloe, Erwin, Faison, Farmer, Gaskins, George, Grier, Harris, Harrison, Hawes, Lewis, Little, Love, McAden, McLean, Morrisey, Murphy, Outerbridge, Patton, Powell, Reinhardt, Russ, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Stancill, Strong and Wooten—41.
Those who vote in the negative are:

Pending the consideration of the resolution and amendments, the hour of 12 having arrived, the joint special order being the election of Councilors of State,

A message is sent to the Senate, announcing the nominations for Councilors of State, made by the House, as follows:

Mr. McCormick nominates Henry E. Colton, Esq.
Mr. Henry nominates P. H. Winston, Esq.
Mr. Cunningham nominates Wm. Eaton, Jr.
Mr. Joyner nominates W. J. Hill, Esq.
Mr. Grissom nominates E. M. Welborn, Esq.
Mr. Russell nominates H. W. Guion, Esq.
Mr. Hadley nominates John H. Haughton, Esq.
Mr. Hanes nominates R. L. Patterson Esq.
Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, nominates A. T. Davidson, Esq.
Mr. McLean nominates C. B. Sanders, Esq.
Mr. Johnston nominates Charles Shober, Esq.
Mr. Carter nominates Messrs. Henry A. Gilliam and F. B. Satterthwaite.
Mr. Alford nominates W. H. Harrison, Esq.
Mr. Banks nominates L. Eldridge, Esq.
Mr. Smith, of Cabarrus, nominates W. S. Harris, Esq.
Mr. Powell nominates W. S. Deane, Esq.
Mr. Gaskins nominates W. W. Fife, Esq.

A message is received from the Senate, stating that Messrs. Welborn, Shober, Murdock, McCleese and Shackelford are in nomination in that House.

The House then proceeds to vote, the committee to superintend such election on the part of the House being Messrs. McGehee and Murphy.

Those who vote for Mr. Winston are:


Those who vote for Mr. Satterthwaite are:


Those who vote for Mr. Eldridge are:

Messrs. Speaker, Allison, Alford, Asheworth, Banks,

Those who vote for Mr. Williams are:


Those who vote for Mr. Foster are:


Those who vote for Mr. Shober are:

Messrs. Allison, Asheworth, Banks, Best, Bond, of Bertie, Boyd, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Caldwell, Calloway, Carson, of Alexander, Carter, Clapp, Costner, Cowles, Crawford, of Rowan, Dargan, Farmer, Fowle, Gibbs, Grissom, Hanes,

Those who vote for Mr. Coleton are:

Those who vote for Mr. Welborn are:

Those who vote for Mr. Davidson are:

Those who vote for Mr. Faribault are:
Messrs. Faison, Gaskins, Hassell, Lane and Lewis—5.

Those who vote for Mr. Gilliam are:
Those who vote for Mr. Wooten are:

Those who vote for Mr. Patterson are:

Those who vote for Mr. Shackleford are:
Messrs. Simmons and Smith, of Johnston—2.

Those who vote for Mr. Sanders are:

Those who vote for Mr. Hargrave are:

Those who vote for Mr. Yates are:
Those who vote for Mr. Love are:

Those who vote for Mr. Eaton are:

Those who vote for Mr. Hill are:

Those who vote for Mr. Guion are:
Messrs. Speaker, Alston, Austin, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Cahó, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Erwin, Gidney, Grier, Harris, Hassell, Hawes, Joyner, Johnston, Judkins, Lane, Latham, McGehee, Mann, Murphy, Peace, Powell, Russ, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus, Stancill and Wooten—29.

Those who vote for Mr. Haughton are:

Those who vote for Mr. Harrison are:

Those who vote for Mr. Pender are:
Those who vote for Mr. Harris are:
Messrs. Dargan, Little and Smith, of Cabarrus—3.

Those who vote for M. Devane are:
Messrs. Faison, Murphy, Powell, Smith, of Duplin, and Wooten—5.

Those who vote for Mr. Fife are:
Messrs. Banks, Best, Davis, of Halifax, Gaskins, Herbert, Lane, McCormick, Powell, Simmons, Smith, of Duplin—10.

Those who vote for Mr. Ballard are:

Those who vote for Mr. McRae are:
Messrs. Gaskins, Hawes and Hassell—3.

For Mr. Wright—Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg—1.
For Mr. Calloway—Mr. Calvert—1.
For Mr. Stanley—Messrs. Carson, of Alexander and Craig—2.

For Mr. Cowles—Mr. Carson, of Alexander—1.
For Mr. Gidney—Mr. Craig—1.

The hour of 12½ having arrived, and the joint special order being the election of five Trustees for the University of North-Carolina,

Mr. Love nominates Rev. Chas. F. Deems.
Mr. Cunningham nominates T. J. Morrisey, Esq.
Mr. Little nominates Jno. W. Cameron, Esq.
Mr. Shepherd nominates W. B. Wright, Esq.
Mr. Phillips nominates W. S. Battle, Esq.
Mr. Joyner, nominates Col. D. A. Barnes.
Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, nominates John A. Young, Esq.
Mr. Dargan nominates Purdy Richardson, Esq.
Mr. Clapp, nominates Col. D. M. Carter.
Mr. Gudger, nominates Henry R. Bryan, Esq.
Mr. Smith, of Duplin, nominates Jas. T. Speight, Esq.
Mr. Allison nominates S. F. Phillips, Esq.
Mr. Carter nominates M. McGehee, Esq.
Mr. McCormick nominates Hon. Z. B. Vance.
The committee to superintend said election on the part of the House, consists of Messrs. Phillips and Cunningham. The Senate is informed of nominations for Trustees, and of the committee to superintend the election.
A message is received from the Senate, informing this House that Messrs. John Pool, R. P. Dick, J. S. Amis, J. S. Cannon, S. F. Phillips, John Jordan and Peter E. Hines, are in nomination in that body.
The House proceeds to vote.
Those who vote for Rev. C. F. Deems are:
Those who vote for Mr. Morrissey are:
Those who vote for Mr. Cameron are:
Messrs. Speaker, Little and McLean—3.
Those who vote for Mr. Wright are:
Messrs. Allison, Austin, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Cahó, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Wayne, Enloe, Erwin, Faison, Farmer, George, Gudger, Harris, Lewis, McCormick, Mc-
Lean, Outterbridge, Powell, Reinhardt, Russ, Shepherd, Vann and Wooten—24.

Those who vote for Mr. Battle are:

Those who vote for Mr. Barnes are:

Those who vote for Mr. Young are:
Messrs. Boyd, Cahoy, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Franklin, Faison, Farmer, George, Grier, Harris, Hawes, Lewis, Outterbridge, Reinhardt, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus and Stancill—20.

Those who vote for Mr. Carter are:

Those who vote for Mr. Bryan are:

Those who vote for Mr. Speight are:
Messrs. Cahoy, Cobb, Crawford, of Wayne, Farmer, George, Grier, Lewis, Smith, of Duplin and Wooten—9:
For Mr. Richardson—Mr. Dargan—1.
Those who vote for Mr. Vance are:

Those who vote for Mr. Phillips are:

Those who vote for Mr. McGehee are:

Those who vote for Mr. Amis are:

Those who vote for Mr. Russ are:
Messrs. Alford, Asheworth, Banks, Best, Blair, Bond, of

Those who vote for Mr. Pool are:

Those who vote for Mr. Dick are:

Those who vote for Mr. Fowle are:

Those who vote for Mr. Lander are:
Messrs. Beam, Boyd, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Gidney, Grier, Gudger, Harris, Reinhardt, Shipp and Vann—11.

Those who vote for Mr. Siler are:
Messrs. Beam, Craig and Brown, of Madison—3.

Those who vote for Mr. Grissom are:

Those who vote for Mr. Cannon are:

Those who vote for Mr. Thompson are:
Those who vote for Mr. Riddick are:

Those who vote for Mr. Hill are:
Messrs. Crawford, of Rowan and Faison—2.

Those who vote for Mr. Grier are:
Messrs. Davis, of Franklin, Hawes and McAden—3.

Those who vote for Mr. Brown are:

Those who vote for Mr. Warren are:

For Mr. Donnell—Mr. J. H. Headen—1.

For Mr. Holden—Mr. Smith, of Johnston—1.

For Mr. Davis—Mr. Little—1.

For Mr. Cowles—Mr. Stipe—1.

A message is received from his Excellency, the Governor, relative to a supply of salt, with accompanying letters in regard thereto.

Mr. Waugh moves the message be sent to the Senate, with a proposition that it be referred to the joint committee upon the supply of salt, which is agreed to.

At 2 o'clock P. M., on motion of Mr. Henry, the House adjourns.

Night Session.

The Speaker announces the ratification of the following enrolled bills and resolutions:
An act to incorporate the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Factory;
An act to charter the Ocknock Iron Company;
An act to incorporate the Fayetteville North-Carolina Iron Works,
Resolution in favor of R. P. Melvin, Sheriff of Bladen county;
Resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, Tax Collector of Madison county;
Resolution in relation to the expenses of the State, incurred in the execution of the conscript laws;
An act to repeal an act appointing a Tax Collector for the county of Mecklenburg, and a Tax Collector for the county of Anson;
An act concerning the *per diem* and mileage of members of the General Assembly during its present session;
An act to enable the County Court of New Hanover to fix the fees of County Solicitor;
An act to incorporate the Chicora Institute in the county of Robeson.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, with a proposition to print, and to raise a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of each House, is received and concurred in by the House. Messrs. Patterson and Pitchford constitute committee on part of the Senate.

Mr. Carter is granted permission to record his vote on the Revenue bill, and votes yea, and moves to reconsider the vote by which the Revenue bill passed its third reading.

Mr. Phillips moves to postpone the consideration of Mr. Carter's motion until to-morrow 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Speaker rules Mr. Carter's motion to be out of order, for the reason that a motion to the same effect having heretofore been make during the day, and was decided in the negative.

Mr. Grissom introduces the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the rule adopted by the House for night sessions be, and the same is hereby repealed, which, under the rules, lies over.
Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, asks, and the House grants leave of absence to Mr. Bryan for the remainder of the session.

The unfinished business of the morning being the consideration of the amendment proposed by Mr. Morrisey to the resolution introduced by Mr. Waugh, relative to the adjournment of this General Assembly, is then resumed.

Mr. Morrisey withdraws his amendment.

Mr. Dargan moves to amend the resolution, by striking out the word "March," and inserting the word "May."

Mr. Shepherd moves to postpone the consideration of the matter until to-morrow, at 1½ o'clock, P. M.; which is agreed to.

A message is read from the Senate, stating that the following engrossed bills and resolutions had passed that body:

A bill to amend the charter of the Asheville and Granville Plank Road Company, passed in 1851.

A bill to incorporate Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, in the county of Buncombe.

A resolution in relation to the payment of taxes to John Rhem.

Said bills and resolution pass their first reading in this House.

The following bills and resolutions pass their third and last reading.

A bill to legalize certain acts of the County Court of Madison county, and for other purposes.

Resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, of Madison county.

Resolution in reference to the Revenue laws.

A bill to amend the 143d chapter of the acts of 1858-'59, entitled "An act to authorize the Roanoke Navigation Company," &c.

A bill authorizing the sale of lots in the town of Webster.
A bill to be entitled "An act to amend the charter of the Bank of Newbern."

A bill for the support of the North-Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and for other purposes.

A bill for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army.

A bill to provide just compensation to the Public Printer.

A bill to incorporate the Leroyton Mining and Manufacturing Company.

A bill to amend the 8th section of chapter 112, Revised Code, in relation to the Public Treasury.

A bill to incorporate the Gorgas Mining and Manufacturing Company.

Resolution in favor of W. W. Holden, late State Printer.

A bill to incorporate the Wm. R. Davie Lodge, A. Y. Masons, in Lexington, N. C.

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to charter the Shelby and Broad River Railroad Company."

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of LaPlace High School.

A bill to provide for the holding of Courts in the county of Hertford.

A bill to incorporate Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, of A. Y. M., in the county of Stanly.

A bill to amend Hickory Nut Turnpike Road.

Resolution in favor of J. W. Steed.

A bill to incorporate Leaksville Lodge, No. 136, Ancient York Masons.

A bill to amend the laws regulating the appointment of Flour Inspectors, in the town of Fayetteville.

At 10 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, the House adjourns.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1864.

The House is called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Speaker announces Messrs. Phillips and Murphy as the House branch of the Joint Committee on the Sinking Fund.

Mr. Murphy, from the joint committee to superintend an election for Councillors of State, reports that Messrs. A. G. Foster, N. L. Williams and P. H. Winston having received a majority of the votes cast, are elected; and farther there is no election, no other gentleman having received a majority.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to print the "Report of the Treasurer of the University," and concurring in the House proposition to refer the communication of the Governor, and accompanying documents, relative to a supply of salt, to the Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor’s message as relates to the supply of salt. The House concurs in the proposition of the Senate to print the report of the Treasurer of the Sinking Fund.

Leave of absence is granted Mr. Harris until end of session, and Mr. Faison to Tuesday next.

Mr. Baxter is allowed to record his vote for P. H. Winston, Esq., for a Councillor of State.

Mr. Perkins is allowed to record his vote on the resolutions in relation to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, and votes in favor of their adoption.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reports on "a bill to amend the 6th section, 71st chapter, of the Revised Code," with a substitute therefor, recommending its passage.

Mr. McAden introduces resolutions of protest against ill treatment of slaves conscribed for military purposes of labor, at Wilmington; which are agreed to.
Mr. Shepherd introduces a resolution to instruct the Judiciary Committee to inquire what legislation, if any can be adopted, to save the wives and families of soldiers from being dispossessed during the war of houses they may occupy as tenants; which is agreed to.

Mr. Sharpe introduces resolutions relative to the rights of the States.

Mr. Crawford, of Rowan, moves to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Henry calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays on this motion, and the resolutions are tabled—yeas 51, nays 50.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Mr. Cunningham, from the Joint Committee to superintend the election for Trustees of the University, reports that Samuel F. Phillips having received a majority of the votes cast is duly elected a Trustee, and farther, there is no election.

The House transmits to the Senate an engrossed bill to be entitled "the Revenue act."

Mr. Murphy introduces a resolution to make it a capital offence to persuade, entice or aid negroes to go to the enemy; which is agreed to.

Mr. Waugh introduces a resolution to regulate the issue of clothing, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Boyd, of Rockingham, introduces a resolution in favor of Jos. H. Cardwell, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Baxter moves to take up the resolution limiting debate to ten minutes, and proposes to amend by substituting the words "five" for the word "ten."

Mr. Henry moves the resolution be laid on the table. Agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a bill to be entitled "An act making the chief clerk in the Treasury Department a commissioner of affidavits for certain purposes, which passes its first reading.

Mr. J. H. Headen introduces a resolution to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to employ slave labor in erecting fortifications and other works," which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. George introduces a bill declaring what number of Justices of the Peace of the county of Columbus shall constitute a quorum in all cases where one-third is now required, which passed its first reading.
The Senate transmits the following engrossed bills, which pass their first reading in this House:

A bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to land here-tofore entered;
A bill to keep in repair the Western Turnpike Road;
A bill to incorporate Stokesbury Lodge, No. 220, of Free and Accepted Masons, in Stokes county.

And the following resolutions, which are agreed to:
Resolutions relative to brigading certain North Carolina Regiments; and
A bill to increase the capital stock of the Sapona Iron Company, which passes its first reading; and, under a suspension of the rules, the bill passes its second and third readings.

The following bills pass their second reading:
A bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Deep River Woolen Mills;"
A bill to authorize the Mayor and Commissioners of Fayetteville to supply said town with water;
A bill to incorporate Mount Hermon Lodge, A. Y. M., in the county of Buncombe;
A bill to incorporate the Cavanah Button Factory and Machine Shops;
A bill to incorporate the Jamestown Cotton Mills;
A bill to legalize an order of the special court of Bertie county;
A bill to incorporate the Oak Hill Cemetery, in the county of Buncombe;
A bill to incorporate the Confederate Cotton and Woolen Mills, in the county of Richmond;
A bill to amend the charter of the Asheville and Greenville Plank Road Company, passed in the year 1851;
A bill to incorporate Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, in the county of Buncombe;
A bill entitled an act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Cape Fear Exporting and Importing Company;"

A bill authorizing the County Court of Jackson to appoint or elect a Tax Collector for said county;

A bill to incorporate the Cumberland Monumental Association;

A bill to amend an act to provide for a Turnpike Road from Salisbury, west, to the line of the State of Georgia.

The following resolutions pass their second reading:

A resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to receive partial payments of taxes due from counties within the lines of the enemy;

A resolution in relation to payment of taxes to John Rhem;

A resolution in reference to persons calling themselves agents of the Confederate Government, on motion of Mr. Phillips, is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill for the relief of Wm. Stewart, a free man of color, on motion of Mr. McCormick, is tabled;

A bill to provide more effectually for reclaiming Swamp Lands; Mr. Cobb moves it be printed and made the special order for Monday next, at 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. McCormick moves to lay the bill on the table; which is not agreed to.

The question then being on Mr. Cobb's motion to print, &c., the house does not agree to said motion, yeas 25, nays 35.

The House then refuses to pass the bill on its second reading.

The amendment proposed by the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpike, to a bill to provide for keeping up the public roads in the county of Watauga, viz:
To strike out in section 1, the word "two" and insert the word "three," is adopted.

The bill thus amended passes its second reading.

A bill respecting the qualification of magistrates within the enemy's lines. Mr. Mann proposes to amend by allowing magistrates appointed by the Legislature two years, to be qualified as such; which is not agreed to.

Mr. Mann moves to amend the second section so as to read thus:

*Be it further enacted,* That any Justice of the Peace, residing in any of the said counties, who may have been appointed within the *last two* years, may qualify under this act.

The 3d section to read: "This act shall be in force," &c., which is agreed to.

The bill thus amended passes its second reading.

Mr. Dargan moves a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to go immediately into an election of four Councillors of State, which is agreed to, and Messrs. Carter and Shepherd constitute the House branch of the committee to superintend said election. The Senate is so informed.

A resolution in relation to Senior Reserves of North-Carolina is read.

Mr. Powell moves the resolution be laid on the table.

Upon this motion, Mr. Smith, of Johnston, asks for and the House orders the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the motion to table is not agreed to.

The question then being on the agreement to the resolutions;

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


A resolution instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives not to vote for certain laws, is read.

Mr. Waugh moves the yeas and nays be called on agreeing thereto.

Pending the consideration of the matter, a message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House to go immediately into an election for four Councillors of State, withdrawing the name of Murdock McRae, Esq., and that Messrs. Patterson and Dick constitute the Senate branch of the committee to superintend said election.

The following gentlemen are withdrawn from nomination in the House: Messrs. Pender, Haughton, Yates, Devane, Love, Harris and Guion.

The House proceeds to vote.

Those who vote for Mr. Eaton are:


Those who vote for Mr. Shoer are:

Messrs. Speaker, Allison, Asheworth, Banks, Banks, Benbury, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Caldwell, Calloway, Calvert, Carson, of Rutherford, Carter, Clapp, Cowles, Costner, Craw-
Those who vote for Mr. Hargrave are:


Those who vote for Mr. Cotton are:


Those who vote for Mr. Wooten are:

Messrs. Alston, Cahoo, Crawford, of Wayne, Davis, of Franklin, Faison, Farmer, George, Lane, Love, Smith, of Duplin and Wooten—11.

Those who vote for Mr. Satterthwaite are:

Messrs. Speaker, Allison, Alford, Asheworth, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Bond, of Gates, Brown of Madison, Caldwell, Calvert, Carson, of Alexander, Carter, Clapp, Cowles,

Those who vote for Mr. Hill are:

Those who vote for Mr. Welborn are:

Those who vote for Mr. Patterson are:

Those who vote for Mr. Davidson are:

Those who vote for Mr. Sanders are:
Those who vote for Mr. Gilliam are:

Those who vote for Mr. Eldridge are:

Those who vote for Mr. Harrison are:
Messrs. Alford and Rogers—2.

Those who vote for Mr. B. Baxter are:
Messrs. Alston, Baxter, Benbury, Cobb, Crawford, of Rowan, Davis, of Halifax, Davis, of Franklin, Faison, Judkins, Little, Outterbridge and Shepherd—12.

Mr. Farmer is granted leave of absence until the end of the session.

Mr. Grissom calls up the resolution relative to postponement of night sessions, introduced on yesterday, and,

At 2 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Latham, the House adjourns until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, under suspension of the rules.

SATURDAY, December 17, 1864.

The following gentlemen are granted leave of absence:
Messrs. Jordan and Simmons, from Wednesday next: Messrs. Hawes and Flynt, from Monday next, and Mr. Powell, to Tuesday next.
Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee, reports a bill concerning the mode of taking depositions in certain cases, and recommends its passage.

Mr. J. H. Headen, from the same committee, reports a memorial of citizens of Onslow county, and asks that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee is discharged.

Mr. Gudger, from the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes, to whom was referred a memorial of citizens of Alleghany county, asks to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee is discharged.

Mr. McLean, from the Joint Select Committee on the supply of salt, to whom was referred the special message of the Governor, relating to salt in Virginia, reports thereon and introduces resolutions in reference to the Governor of Virginia, which are agreed to, and, on motion, the rules are suspended, and the resolutions are engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Carter, from the Joint Special Committee to re-arrange the rooms in the capitol, reports a bill to re-arrange the public offices in the capitol.

Mr. Shepherd, from the Joint Select Committee to superintend the election of Councillors of State, reports that Messrs. Eaton, Shober and Hargrave having received a majority of the votes cast, are elected, and further, there is no election.

Mr. Waugh introduces a resolution in relation to the accounts of Duncan K. McRae, late State agent to Europe. Agreed to.

Mr. Smith, of Duplin, introduces a resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their influence in procuring the
passage of a law which shall allow pay to soldiers, discharged from the army on account of being disabled, such as is given to those who are placed on the retired list, but not actually discharged; which is agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd introduces resolutions in reference to the appointment of magistrates.

Mr. Cobb moves to amend the same by providing that each and every member of the General Assembly shall be required to state the number of acting magistrates within their respective counties.

Mr. Fowle moves the whole matter be laid on the table, and the House so orders by 47 yeas and 33 nays.

The Speaker announces the ratification of the following bills and resolutions:

An act in relation to alimony;
An act to repeal an act to prevent obstructions in the Big Swamp by means of fish traps;
An act authorizing the payment of bounty to citizens of the State enlisted in the naval service of the Confederate States;
An act to amend an act ratified on the 17th day of December, 1862, entitled "An act to prohibit the distillation of spirituous liquors;"
An act to incorporate the Confederate Joint Stock Publishing Company;
An act for the relief of Hugh B. Guthrie, late Sheriff of Orange county;
Resolution in reference to the employment of persons assigned to light duty in active field service.
Resolution of thanks to the Junior Reserves and Home Guards.
Resolution of thanks to Col. J. B. Starr and his command, for their successful repulse of the enemy at Kinston.
Mr. Dargan moves to go immediately into the appointment of magistrates for the different counties.

Mr. Carter suggests, after the morning business; which is accepted by Mr. Dargan, and the motion is agreed to.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting a resolution in reference to the pay of the door-keepers; which passes its several readings in this House, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Carter moves the bill in reference to the qualifications of magistrates within the enemy’s lines, be put upon its third reading; which is agreed to.

Mr. Fowle moves to amend, by striking out the second section, and inserting the following:

*Be it further enacted, That all persons residing in any of said counties, who may have been appointed Justices of the Peace within the last two years, are hereby re-appointed, and may qualify under this act.*

Which is agreed to.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it passes.

Mr. Fowle moves the rules be suspended, and the bill be engrossed immediately, and sent to the Senate; which is agreed to.

Mr. Perkins introduces a bill to give the County Court of Pitt jurisdiction in the re-establishment of lost wills; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The House then proceed to the appointment of magistrates, the following gentlemen being recommended:


For Alamance county—Messrs. J. W. Lea, Dr. Alex. Wilson, Jr., C. C. Curtis, John G. Albright, Wm. Whit-
sett, Constantine Sellers, J. B. Thompson and Michael Shafner.

For Ashe county—Messrs. Thos. S. Calloway and Solomon Ham.

For Alleghany county—Messrs. Riley P. Stomper and Wm. Warden.

For Anson County—Messrs. H. S. Lilly, H. B. Billingsly, Adam Lockhart and Richmond Buchanan.


For Burke county—Messrs. Robert Patton, John T. Patterson and J. A. Claywell.

For Buncombe county—Mr. W. E. Allen, Jr.


For Caldwell county—Messrs. Harvey Abernethy, Smith


For Clay County—Messrs. A. O. Lyon, Elisha Coward, James Alexander, Noah Pope and Peter Mostiller.


For Davie county—Messrs. J. A. Kelly, Dr. Milton Hobbs, John M. Peebles, S. M. Hobson and Harrison Cook.

For Davidson County—Messrs. E. D. Hampton and Sam'l S. Jones.

For Duplin county—Messrs. Joel Loften, A. O. Grady, Edward Armstrong, Gibson Sloan, Benjamin Lanier, Rayford Lanier, Gabriel Boney, Stokes Well, Bizzell Johnson,

For Franklin county—Mr. A. D. Crudup.


For Macon county—Messrs. George N. Rush, T. P. Siler, Lafayette Howard and Alfred Hall.

For McDowell county—Messrs. James McNeely, Dr. J. H. Gilkey, J. B. Burgin, Wm. Tate and A. W. Crawford.


For New Hanover county—Mr. E. D. Hall.


For Orange county—Messrs. Hugh B. Guthrie and Jas. M. Cheek.

For Polk county—Mr. J. C. Webber.


For Rutherford county—Messrs. J. G. Forturn, J. W. Green, Henderson Weaver, Thomas Wilkins, M. O. Dickerson, D. Morgan, M. Coon, John Smart.


For Stanly county—Mr. H. A. Hunter.


For Tyrrell county—Messrs Edward Mann and J E Brickhouse.

For Wayne county—Messrs L J Sauls, John V Sherrard and J R Manly.


For Washington county—James A Wilson, Thomas J Latham, John C Johnson and Joshua B Lavenport.


For Yancey county—Mr M L Penland.

For Catawba county—Mr Hiram Lorance.

All of which nominations are agreed to by the House, and a message is sent to the Senate, transmitting a list of names, asking its concurrence.

Mr. Morrisey moves that the vote by which a bill to provide more effectually for the reclaiming of Swamp Lands, was tabled, be reconsidered. Agreed to.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Cowles, the House adjourns till Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1864.

The Speaker announces as the committee on Enrolled Bills for the week, Messrs. Calvert, Johnston, Erwin, Cahoe and Russell, and the committee on Engrossed Bills, Messrs. Isbell, Clapp and Beam.
Mr. Grier is granted leave of absence from and after tomorrow, and Messrs. Best, Bond, of Bertie, and Gibbs to the end of the session.

Mr. Carter moves a message be sent to the Senate, proposing at 11 o'clock to-day, to go into an election for the remaining Councillor of State.

Mr. Cowles proposes to amend by adding "immediately after to go into the election of Trustees;" agreed to, and the message is sent, Messrs. Shober and Love being appointed the committee on the part of this House to superintend the election for Councillor, and Messrs. Cunningham and Alston that for Trustees.

Mr. Love introduces resolutions of thanks to Captain J. A. Teague, which are read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnston introduces a resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Davie county, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Polk introduces resolutions requesting his Excellency, the Governor, to correspond with the authorities at Richmond, in reference to disabled soldiers, which passes, is engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Shepherd requests to be permitted to refer certain unofficial papers in reference to impressments in Johnston county, to the Committee on the Judiciary. Agreed to.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the House proposition to go at 11 A. M., into the election of a Councillor of State and four University Trustees.

Messrs. Eldridge, Patterson and Wooten are withdrawn from nomination before this House for Councillors of State, and the House then proceeds to such election.

Those who vote for Mr. Davidson are:

Messrs. Alston, Austin, Beam, Benbury, Boyd, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Brown, of Madison, Caho, Carson, of Ruth-

Those who vote for Mr. Satterthwaite are:


The following additional gentlemen are nominated, to be commissioned as magistrates:

For Iredell county—Messrs J H Hill and Wm M Knox.
For Alleghany county—Mr James Weaver.
For Columbus county—Mr Isaac Jackson.
For Chatham county—Messrs John Q Headen and C C Atwater.
For Johnston county—Messrs J H Ennis and Bryant Williams.
For New Hanover county—Mr J R Hawes.
For Onslow county—Messrs J Sanderlin and F J Jarmin.
For Caldwell county—Mr Noah White.
For Surry county—Messrs John Snow and Hardin Laffoon.
For Alexander county—Mr D J Carrell.
For Moore county—Mr Neil McLean.

For Pitt county—Messrs John Bernard and James Galloway.

For Wilson county—Messrs C J Rountree, Dr J J Lawrence and P H Blount.

For Orange county—Messrs Jonathan Nichols, Marcus Harris, William Harris, John Bain, W T Snipes, M Claws, A Nichols, J C McCoun and T Y Cates.

For Granville county—Mr E J Cheatham.

For Rowan county—Mr Robert Lynn.

For Warren county—Messrs N Alston, P Alston and A Alston.


For Yadkin county—Messrs J M Cassy and Dr W H Robeson.

Pending the announcement of the result, Messrs. Wright, Barnes and Vance are withdrawn from nomination as Trustees.

Mr. Davis of Franklin, nominates John G. King, Esq.

Mr. Johnston nominates Rev. R. S. Moran.

Mr. Grissom returns his thanks for the support of his friends for trusteeship, but withdraws his name.

Mr. Shober reports from the committee to superintend the election of a Councillor of State, the whole number of votes cast are 143, of which Mr. Davidson received a majority, and is therefore elected.

Mr. Isbell introduces a bill in relation to obstructions in the Yadkin river; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Proposals and Grievances.
A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed bills:

A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to employ a clerk; and

A bill in favor of the estate of J. D. Wynn; which pass their first reading in this House.

The following bills pass their third reading in this House, to wit:

A bill authorizing the County Court of Jackson to appoint or elect a Tax Collector for said county.

A bill to authorize the Mayor and Commissioners of Fayetteville to supply said town with water.

A bill to legalize an order of the Special Court of Bertie county.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Deep River Woolen Mills.

A bill to incorporate Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, in the county of Buncombe.

A bill to amend the charter of the Asheville and Greenville Plankroad Company, passed in the year 1851.

A bill to incorporate Mt. Herman Lodge of A. Y. M., in the county of Buncombe.

A bill, entitled an act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Cape Fear Importing and Exporting Company."

A bill to amend an act to provide for a Turnpike Road from Salisbury, west, to the line of the State of Georgia.

A bill to incorporate the Cumberland Monumental Association.

A bill to incorporate the Confederate Cotton and Woolen Mills, in the county of Richmond.

A bill to incorporate the Oak Hill Cemetery, in the county of Buncombe;
A bill to incorporate the Cavenah Button Factory and Machine Shops;

A bill to provide for keeping up the Public Roads in the county of Watauga;

And the following resolutions pass their third readings:

A resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to receive partial payments of taxes due from counties within the lines of the enemy.

A bill to incorporate the Cavenah Button Factory and Machine Shops.

A resolution in relation to payment of taxes to John Rhem;

The unfinished business of Saturday last, being the consideration of a bill to provide more effectually for reclaiming Swamp Lands, Mr. Carter moves the bill be re-referred to the Judiciary Committee; which is agreed to.

Mr. Waugh moves the resolutions on adjournment be taken up; which is agreed to.

Mr. Hanes moves to amend by striking out all after the word "Resolved" and insert the following: "That a message be sent to the Senate proposing that the two Houses take a recess from Friday next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., until Tuesday after the 3d Monday in January;" which is agreed to.

Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, moves to amend by striking out the word "Friday" and inserting the word "Thursday," the Speaker rules that the motion is not in order.

Mr. Love moves the resolution be laid on the table until Thursday next, which is not agreed to.

The House then agrees to the resolution.

The House then proceeds to vote for four Trustees to the University.

Those who vote for Mr. Deems are:

Messrs. Austin, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Meck-
Those who vote for Mr. McGeehe are:


Those who vote for Mr. Dick are:


Those who vote for Mr. Carter are:

Messrs. Speaker, Allison, Asheworth, Banks, Benbury, Best, Blair, Bond, of Gates, Caldwell, Calloway, Calvert, Carson, of Alexander, Carson, of Rutherford, Clapp, Cowles, Craig, Duke, Erwin, Faucette, Fowle, Gibbs, Grissom,

Those who vote for Mr. Pool are:


Those who vote for Mr. Morrissey are:


Those who vote for Mr. Amis are:


Those who vote for Mr. Brown are:


Those who vote for Mr. Battle are:

Messrs. Alston, Beam and Judkins—3.

Those who vote for Mr. Bryan are:

Messrs. Benbury, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Calloway, Cobb, Craig, Crawford, of Wayne,
Duke, Gaskins, Gudger, Herbert, Lane, Love, Shepherd, Smith, of Duplin, and Wooten—16.

Those who vote for Mr. Moran are:

Those who vote for Mr. King are:

Those who vote for Mr. Young are:
Messrs. Brown, of Mecklenburg, Stancill and Strong—3.

Those who vote for Mr. Speight are:

Those who vote for Mr. Closs are:

Those who vote for Mr. Shober are:

Those who vote for Mr. Cameron are:

For Mr. Hale—Mr. 1olk—1.
For Mr. Russell—Mr. Cowles—1.
For Mr. Whitford—Mr. Gaskins—1.
For Mr. Wadsworth—Mr. Lane—1.
For Mr. Colton—Messrs. McCormick and Harrington—2.
For Mr. Landers—Messrs. Reinhardt, Gidney, Beam and Costner—4.

Mr. Cunningham, from the committee to superintend the election of Trustees, reports that Messrs. Deems, Carter and McGehee are duly elected.
The following bills pass their second reading:

A bill to incorporate Stokesburg Lodge, No. 220, of free and accepted Masons, in Stokes county.

A bill to keep in repair the Western Turnpike Road.

A bill to extend the time for perfecting the titles to lands heretofore entered.

A bill declaring what number of Justices of the Peace, of the county of Columbus, shall constitute a quorum, in all cases, where one-third is now required.

A bill, to be entitled an act making the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department a commissioner of affidavits for certain purposes.

A bill to re-arrange the public offices in the Capitol.

A bill to incorporate the Deep River Transportation Company.

A bill concerning the mode of taking depositions in certain cases.

A bill to amend 101st chapter, Revised Code, on motion of Mr. McGehee is laid on the table.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a resolution in reference to the officers of the General Assembly, which passes its first reading. The rules are suspended, and the bill is read the second time.

Mr. Phillips moves the resolution be laid on the table.

Mr. McAden asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the resolution is tabled.

Mr. Fowle introduces a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to enquire into the expediency of ordering the Treasurer to issue to Dan'l L. Scarborough a duplicate of a State bond; which is agreed to.

A message is received from the Senate, recommending to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace the following named gentlemen, in their respective counties:


For Granville county—Messrs E. Satterthwaite and W. W Blacknell.

For Gates county—Mr. Jas F Bond.

For Mecklenburg county—Messrs D. M. Heart and M. L Erwin.

For Chatham county—Messrs D. H. Albright and D. W Brown.

For Pasquotank county—Messrs W. E. Mann and A. W Morgan.

For Beaufort county—Messrs B. F. Hardin, C. A. Jordan and H. S.Latham.
For Wake county—Messrs F H Perry and James D Pullen.
For Craven county—Mr John V Jordan.
For Davie county—Mr R T Williams.
For Currituck county—Messrs Jerome Simmons, H Bell, G Gallop, B Walker, J J Baxter and W C Mercer.
For Johnston county—Messrs A Dixon, Wm Benson, D S Avery, Alfred Holland, J Creech, H Millender and B B Rose.
For Randolph county—Mr Noah Smutherman.
For Washington county—Mr H A Gilham.
For Pitt county—Mr F B Satterthwaite.
For Guilford county—Mr J W Dick.
For Bertie county—Messrs George Bishop, Jos Nichols and Dr Tayloe.
For Onslow county—Messrs. M L F Kidd, B F Williams, Hill King, M F Farnell and C H Costner.
For Yadkin county—D W H Robeson and J M Casey.
For Wilkes county—Messrs W Joyner, Geo F McNeil and Jos Grey.
For Sampson county—Mr T M Culbreth.
For Halifax county—Messrs. H A Moore and Dr C Gee.
For Hyde county—Messrs. Jno L Fulford, Jno M Mann and H S Gibbs.
For Duplin county—Mr L L Garress.
All of which are agreed to by the House, with the exception of Jerome Simmons, of Currituck.
A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the House recommendations of persons to be commissioned for Justices of the Peace in their respective counties, with the following exceptions, to wit:

In New Hanover—Messrs E D Hall and J R Hawes.
In Wilson county—Messrs C J Rountree, R H Blount and Dr J J Lawrence.
In Warren county—Messrs N Alston, Jr., Plummer Alston and Archd Alston.

Mr. Carter moves a message be sent to the Senate, again recommending to be commissioned as a magistrate for Wilson county: Dr. J. J. Lawrence, and enclosing a petition of sundry citizens of Wilson county, for his appointment.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Waugh, the House adjourns to 7 o'clock, P. M.

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Evening Session, 7 o'clock, P. M.

A message is received from the Senate transmitting the following engrossed bills:

A bill in relation to the Courts of Oyer and Terminer.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act authorizing the Governor to issue commissions to hold Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and for other purposes, ratified 9th day of February, 1862; and also, an act entitled an act to authorize Courts of Oyer and Terminer, ratified 12th day of December, 1863; which pass their several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

And the following resolutions:

A resolution making enquiries of the Public Treasurer; and

A resolution making certain enquiries of the Supreme Court; which are agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves a general suspension of the rules on all bills and resolutions which may be read during the evening; which is agreed to.

Leave of absence is granted to Mr. Little for the remainder of the session.

A bill to re-arrange the public offices in the Capitol;

A bill, declaring what number of Justices of the Peace
of the county of Columbus, shall constitute a quorum in all cases where one-third is now required;

A bill to be entitled an act making the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department a commissioner of affidavits for certain purposes;

A bill to incorporate Stokesburg Lodge, No. 220, of Free and Accepted Masons, in the county of Stokes;

A bill concerning the mode of taking depositions in certain cases.

A bill to incorporate the Deep River Transportation Company.

Pass their third and last readings,

A bill for extending the time for perfecting titles to lands heretofore entered, fails to pass its third reading.

A bill to keep in repair the Western Turnpike Road is tabled.

A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to employ a clerk, passes its second reading.

Mr. Polk moves to amend, by adding the following:

Provided, If any other than the present clerk is employed, he shall be taken from those not liable to conscription.

Which is agreed to.

Mr. Cunningham moves the bill be laid on the table.

Mr. Cunningham asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Alston, Austin, Beam, Benbury, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Cobb, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Erwin, George, Gidney, Grier, Gudger, Harrison, Hassell, Hawes, Joyner, Judkins, Latham, Lewis, Little, Love, Lowe, Lyle, McAden, McLean, Murphy, Out-
terbridge, Patton, Reinhardt, Russ, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Duplin, Stancill, Strong and Wooten—42.

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the bill is laid on the table.

A bill in favor of the estate of Jas. D. Wynn, passes its second and third readings.

Bills to make the robbery of dwelling houses a capital offence; and

A bill relating to the robbery of dwelling houses, on motion of Mr. Fowle, are postponed until to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

The substitute reported by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, for a bill to amend the 74th chapter and 7th section, Revised Code, is agreed to; and

Mr. McCormick moves to lay the bill upon the table, which is not agreed to. The bill then passes its second and third readings.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House that the two Houses take a recess from Friday next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., till Tuesday after the 3d Monday in January next, with the following amendment: "Strike out the words 9 o'clock, A. M., and insert the words 7 o'clock, A. M.," and asking the concurrence of the House. The House concurs, and the Senate is so informed.
Resolutions relative to the exemption of certain employees of the State, is agreed to.

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence."

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves to amend by adding to the end of the first section, the following:

"Provided, That no member shall be exempt on account of age, or inability, and when they are called out, this General Assembly shall go in one body, and not in their several counties."

Mr. Hadley moves to postpone the further consideration of the bill.

Mr. Hanes moves the bill be laid on the table, and, upon this motion, Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


The bill is not tabled.
Mr. Herbert moves to amend, by adding the Governor and Councillors, Secretary and Treasurer of the State. The amendment is agreed to.

The question then recurring upon the passage of the bill upon its second reading,

Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the bill fails to pass its second reading.

Resolution in relation to election frauds in the county of Lenoir. The Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom the resolution was referred, report that no further legislation is necessary.

Mr. Henry introduces the following resolution:

Whereas, Many members of this House have just shown a disposition by their votes to go to the "front;" and,
whereas, there is now great need of their services to defend the town of Wilmington from a threatened attack; therefore

Be it Resolved, That the members so voting, have leave of absence for the remainder of this session, in order to volunteer their services for that purpose.

Mr. Herbert moves to amend by adding the words “including those voting in the negative.”

Mr. Sharpe moves to adjourn, which is not agreed to.

Mr. Henry withdraws his resolutions, and, on motion of Mr. Harrington, at 10 o’clock, P. M., the House adjourns.

TUESDAY, December 20, 1864.

Messrs. Austin, Caho, Crawford, of Rowan, Mann and Murrill are granted leave of absence from and after tomorrow.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the resolution in favor of James C. Farrier, asks that the committee be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee is discharged.

Mr. Gudger, from the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes, to whom was referred a bill to keep in repair the Western Turnpike Road, asks to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee is discharged.

Mr. Lewis introduces a bill in relation to the collection of arrearges of taxes in the county of Nash, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to give the County Court of Pitt jurisdiction
in the re-establishment of lost wills, recommends that it do not pass.

Mr. Shepherd, from the Joint Committee on Finance, introduces a bill to make appropriations for the military establishment of the State, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee, asks that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of resolutions to make it a capital offence to persuade, entice, or aid negroes to go to the enemy, as the laws are already sufficiently stringent to suppress this crime if they are rigorously executed, and asks to be discharged from the resolution of enquiry as to the dispossession of wives of soldiers, during the war, of houses they occupy as tenants.

The committee is discharged.

Mr. Carter, from same committee, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to employ slave labor in erecting fortifications and other works, and recommends that the amendment be not adopted.

Mr. Fowle, from the Joint Select Committee on Confederate Relations, to whom was referred the resolutions relating to Confederate affairs, and resolutions relative to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, asks to be discharged from their further consideration.

The committee is discharged.

Upon motion of Mr. Latham, a message is sent to the Senate with the following resolution:

Resolved, That after the third day of any succeeding session of the present General Assembly, the bills, resolutions reports and other business pending at the time of the adjournment of the next preceding session, shall be taken up for action in their regular order, as if there had been no adjournment.
Which is agreed to, and a message is sent to the Senate, informing that body.

Mr. Harrington introduces a resolution relative to A. D. Waddell, of Moore county; which is agreed to.

Mr. Rogers moves a message be sent to the Senate, recommending the following gentlemen to be commissioned magistrates for Wake county: Messrs. J. L. Johnston, W. R. Richardson, A. Kline, John Nichols and A. P. C. Bryan; which is not agreed to by the House.

A bill for keeping up the public roads in the county of Watauga, is engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Murphy moves a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to go into the election of the remaining Trustee to the University at 12 o'clock; which is agreed to, and the message is sent.

The special order for 11 o'clock, the hour having arrived, is the consideration of a bill making the robbery of dwelling houses a capital offence. The House proceeds to their consideration.

Mr. Sharpe accepts the bill relating to the robbery of dwelling houses, as a substitute for his own, viz: a bill to make the robbery of dwelling houses a capital offence.

Mr. Phillips moves to amend, by striking out so much of the bill as proposes to go into effect from and after its ratification, making the sentence read thus:

Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force during this war only.

Mr. Calloway moves an amendment; which the Speaker decides as not germane to the subject.

Mr. Duke moves to amend, by striking out the last section; which is not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon the passage of the bill its second reading,
Mr. Henry asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:

The rules being suspended, the bill passes its third and last reading.

Mr. Calloway introduces the following resolution:
Resolved, That the Governor be requested to inform the Legislature whether or not he ordered or approves of the burning of houses of deserters, and of hanging deserters in Wilkes county in this State.

Mr. Asheworth amends by adding the words "or in Randolph county," which is accepted by Mr. Calloway, and the question being, does the House agree to the resolution?

The House does not agree.

A message is received from the Senate, informing the House it does not concur in the proposition of the House, to
go into the election of a Trustee of the University to-day, at 12 o'clock, M.

Speaker announces the ratification of the following bills and resolutions:

An act to incorporate the Leroyton Mining and Manufacturing Company;
An act to provide just compensation to the Public Printer;
An act to incorporate the Gorgas Mining and Manufacturing Company;
An act to increase the capital stock of the Saponia Iron Company;
An act to incorporate the Cranberry Iron Company;
An act to incorporate the Linville Steel and Iron Company;
An act to amend the 8th section of 112th chapter, Revised Code, in relation to the Public Treasurer;
An act to amend an act entitled "An act to charter the Shelby and Broad River Rail Road Company;"
Resolutions relative to brigading certain North-Carolina Regiments;"
Resolutions in favor of W. W. Holden, late State Printer;
Resolutions in relation to the pay of doorkeepers;
Resolution in favor of the Junior Reserves;
Resolution in reference to payment of bounty money to soldiers;
Resolution in favor of Drury King;
Resolutions commendatory of the North-Carolina Educational Association.

The following bills and resolutions have been engrossed and sent to the Senate:

A bill to incorporate the William R. Davie Lodge, A. Y. M., in Lexington, N. C.
Resolutions directing the Governor to correspond with the Governor of Virginia on the subject of salt;
Resolutions of instruction to our Senators and Representatives in Congress in regard to disabled soldiers.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves to take from the table, the resolution relative to pay of officers of the Legislature; which is agreed to, and the resolution passes its second reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, the resolution passes its third and last reading.

Mr. Russ, by permission of the House, introduces the following resolution:

Resolved, That D. G. Worth, State Salt Commissioner, be, and is hereby instructed to examine the Salt Springs in the Salt Marsh, in Bladen county, and should his judgment so direct, proceed to bore, and otherwise sink shafts to obtain brine for the making of salt, which passes its first reading.

Resolutions introduced some days since by Mr. Waugh, and laid over, viz: resolutions of instructions to our Senators and Representatives not to vote for certain laws, is then considered.

Mr. Cobb moves they be laid on the table, and asks for the yeas and nays on his motion, and the House so orders.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Allison, Asheworth, Banks, Best, Blair, Caldwell, Calloway, Calvert, Carson, of Alexander; Carson, of Rutherford, Carter, Clapp, Costner, Cowles, Cunningham, Fowle,

So the motion to lay the resolutions on the table does not prevail.

The question then recurring on the agreement to the resolutions, Mr. Waugh asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the resolutions are agreed to.

Mr. Crawford, of Rowan, asks leave to record his vote in the negative, which was not agreed to.

A bill to be entitled an act to secure the State Salt Works from interruption, is placed on its second reading.
Mr. Russ asks for, and the House orders the yeas and nays on its passage.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the bill passes its second reading.

Mr. Grissom moves that the rules be suspended on the adjournment of the House, and that when the House adjourns, it will adjourn over until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, A. M.; which is agreed to.

Mr. Love moves the House do now adjourn, which is agreed to.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1864.

Messrs. Craig and Fowle are permitted to record their votes in the affirmative on the resolutions of instruction to our Senators and Representatives not to vote for certain laws.
Messrs. Davis, of Franklin, Russ, George and Benbury, are granted leave of absence from and after to-morrow.

Mr. Blair from and after 12 o'clock, M., to-morrow, and Mr. McGeehe from and after to-day.

The following additional nominations are made in this House, to be commissioned Justices of the Peace for their respective counties, and the Senate is so informed:

For Wayne county—Mr N B Stevens.
For Nash county—Mr W H Rowland.
For Johnston county—Messrs J L Banks and J G Barber.
For Moore county—Mr John Gilchrist.
For Wake county—Messrs John L Johnston and A Kline.
For Ashe county—Messrs Geo W Miller and Jno Ham.
For Jackson county—Mr J N Bryson.
For Montgomery county—Mr Jesse Smitherman.
For Sampson county—Mr A S C Powell.
For Franklin county—Mr J W Neal.
For Surry county—Mr Clarenden Klapp.
For Duplin county—Mr B H Outlaw.
For Randolph county—Mr B F Howzier.
For Haywood counties—Mr H M Rogers.
For Columbus county—Mr J B Cox.
For Yadkin county—Messrs J' A Mack, William Royal, Jasper Howell and Dr Lewis York.
For Caldwell county—Mr Albert Lutz.
For Alamance county—Dr J G Pinnix.

The name of G. B. Bishop, of Bertie county, having been overlooked in the Senate, Mr. Henry moves that this name be again sent to the Senate to be commissioned a Justice of the Peace for Bertie county; which is agreed to.

A message is received from the Senate, with the following additional nominations of gentlemen to be commissioned for Justices of the Peace for their respective counties.
For Sampson county—Messrs Owen Morrisey and Isaac McPhail.

For Northampton county—Mr Jno Devereux.

The House agrees to all with the exception of Isaac McPhail.

Mr. Murphy moves a message be sent to the Senate with the name of Isaiah McPhail; which is agreed to, and a message is sent.

Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred resolutions in reference to persons calling themselves agents of the Confederate Government, reports a bill as a substitute, viz:

A bill to punish violations of the impressment law, which passes first reading, and the rules being suspended, the bill passes its second and third readings.

Mr. Grissom, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred resolutions to regulate the issue of clothing &c., report that the management and distribution of the supplies mentioned, has been for two years conducted by the Governor upon general equitable principles, with strict fidelity and integrity, and, in their opinion, no special legislation is necessary and, on his motion, the resolutions are tabled.

Mr. Grissom, from the same committee, reports on and recommends the passage of a resolution of thanks to Capt. Jno. A. Teague; which is agreed to.

The Speaker announces the ratification of the following bills and resolutions:

A bill to amend the charter of the Asheville and Greenville Plank Road Company, passed in the year 1851;

A bill to incorporate the Cavenah Button Factory and Machine Shops;

A bill to incorporate the Confederate Cotton and Woolen Mills, in the county of Richmond;
A bill to incorporate the Oak Hill Cemetery, in the county of Buncombe;

A bill to incorporate the Cavanah Button Factory and Machine Shops;

A bill to legalize an order of the special court of Bertie county;

A bill to incorporate Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, in the county of Buncombe.

A resolution in relation to the payment of taxes to John Rhem.

Mr. Carter moves a message be sent to the Senate, proposing that a committee of two from each House wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, to enquire at what time it will be convenient for him to appear before the General Assembly, in order to take the oaths of office for the next two years, and that such committee invite the Supreme Court to attend at such time as may be selected, in order to participate in the ceremonies of the inauguration; which is agreed to, and Messrs. Carter and Cunningham are appointed on said committee, and the Senate is so informed.

Mr. Carter introduces resolutions respecting negotiations for peace, which are read, and on his motion, are made the special order for the 20th day of January, at 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. Murphy introduces a resolution in reference to the several Justices within the State; which is not agreed to.

Mr. Phillips moves a resolution relative to the employment of a clerk by the Secretary of State, be taken from the table.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays, upon the taking up of the resolutions.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allison, Alford, Asheworth, Banks, Blair, Bond, of Gates, Calvert, Carter, Clapp, Cowles, Craig, Flynt,

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the resolutions are not taken from the table.

Message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House to raise a joint select committee to wait upon the Governor, and enquire at what time he can appear before the General Assembly, for the purpose of being inaugurated, &c., and that Messrs. Patterson and Courts constitute the Senate branch of the committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to secure the State Salt Works from interruption, is placed upon its third reading.

Mr. Phillips moves to amend, by striking out the words "for twelve months" and add the following: "at the discretion of the court not less than thirty days;" which is accepted by Mr. Russell, the introducer of the bill.

Mr. Russ moves to amend, by striking out the words "or by military authority," and calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays, on his motion to amend.
Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is not agreed to.

Mr. Murphy moves to strike out the words "five thousand" and insert the words "one thousand;" which is not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon the passage of the bill on its third reading,

Mr. Baxter calls for, and the House orders the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the bill passes its third and last reading.

A bill to make appropriations for the military establishment of the State, passes its second reading.

Mr. Shepherd moves a general suspension of the rules for the remainder of the morning, which is agreed to, and the bill is placed upon its third reading.

Mr. Allison moves to amend by striking out the sum in the appropriation for the pay department, and insert for the figures therein "one million, two thousand four hundred and fifty-four dollars;" which is not agreed to. The bill then passes its third and last reading.

Mr. Fowle introduces a resolution of instruction to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, in reference to the increase of rent for the building used for a wayside hospital; which is agreed to.

Mr. Stancill, by leave of the House, introduces a bill for the relief of indigent families of soldiers from Northampton county, which passes its several readings.

The following bills and resolutions are engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

A bill entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to
incorporate the Cape Fear Importing and Exporting Company.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Deep River Woolen Mills.

A bill to incorporate the Cumberland Monumental Association.

A bill to amend an act to provide for a Turnpike Road from Salisbury, west, to the line of the State of Georgia.

A bill authorizing the County Court of Jackson to appoint or elect a tax collector for said county.

A bill to incorporate Mount Herman Lodge of A. Y. M., in the county of Buncombe.

A bill to authorize the Mayor and Commissioners of Fayetteville to supply said town with water.

A bill to incorporate the Deep River Transportation Company.

A bill declaring what number of Justices of the Peace, of the county of Columbus, shall constitute a quorum, in all cases where one third is now required.

A bill to be entitled an act to make the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department a commissioner of affidavits for certain purposes.

A bill concerning the mode of taking depositions in certain cases.

A bill to amend the 6th section, 71st chapter of the Revised Code.

A bill to re-arrange the public offices in the Capitol.

A resolution relative to the exemption of certain State officers.

Resolution in reference to the officers of the General Assembly.

Resolutions authorizing the Public Treasurer to receive partial payment of taxes due from counties within the enemy's lines.
Mr. Shepherd moves that the House go into secret session at 1½ o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering a bill reported by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Cowles calls for the yeas and nays, on the motion to go into secret session. There not being a sufficient number ordering the yeas and nays, the House refuses to have the yeas and nays called, and the motion of Mr. Shepherd is agreed to.

Mr. Carter, from the Joint Select Committee to wait on the Governor, reports that it will suit the convenience of the Governor to meet the two Houses of this Assembly tomorrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of being inaugurated Governor of North-Carolina for the next two years, and that the Judges of the Supreme Court were invited, and had accepted the invitation, to be present at that hour.

The hour of 1½ o'clock having arrived, the House goes into secret session, which being over at 3 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Carter, the House adjourns, after having agreed to go into secret session at 7½ o'clock, P. M., on the same subject.

Night Session.

Resolutions relative to Confederate affairs is read, and, on motion of Mr. McAden, is laid over indefinitely.

Resolutions relative to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus is read and postponed.

A bill in relation to the collection of arrearages of taxes in the county of Nash, passes its second and third readings, under a suspension of the rules.

A bill to give the County Court of Pitt jurisdiction in the establishment of lost wills, on motion of Mr. Lewis, is tabled.
A bill to keep in repair the Western Turnpike Road, on motion of Mr. Lyle, is tabled.

A bill to amend an act to authorize the Governor to employ slave labor in erecting fortifications and other works, on motion of Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, is tabled.

Resolution instructing the State Salt Commissioner, passes its second reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, passes third and last reading.

Resolution in reference to the first North-Carolina Regiment of Volunteers, on motion of Mr. Latham, is tabled.

A resolution to retain millers and artizans at home to serve the public, is read, and, pending its consideration, the hour of 7½ o’clock, P. M., arrives, and the House goes into secret session.

Secret session being over,

At 10 o’clock, on motion of Mr. Hanes, the House adjourns.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1864.

Mr. Shepherd moves a message be sent to the Senate, inviting the Speaker and members of the Senate to seats in the House of Commons this day at 2 o’clock, to participate in the ceremony of inaugurating the Hon. Zebulon B. Vance, Governor of North-Carolina, and that a committee of two from each House be appointed to wait upon the Governor at that hour; which is agreed to. The Senate is so informed, and Messrs. Carter and Cunningham are appointed on said committee on the part of the House; also, that the Judges of the Supreme Court be waited upon by said committee and invited to participate in said ceremony; which is agreed to.

A communication is received from his Honor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, declining on the part of the
Court to answer the inquiries addressed to them by the General Assembly. Said communication is sent to the Senate.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred a resolution in favor of the sheriff of Davie county, reports, recommending the passage of the resolution; which is agreed to by the House.

Mr. Blair nominates Isaiah Prag, as a suitable person to be commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the county of Randolph; which is agreed to by the House, and the nomination is transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed resolution:

A resolution for the protection of the State Salt Works, which passes its first reading, and the rules being suspended, the resolution is tabled.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting engrossed bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees, which was ratified the 14th day of December, 1863, which passes its first reading in this House.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting engrossed bill to grade the Common Schools, and to increase their usefulness, which passes its first reading in this House.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the engrossed bill from the House, entitled "the revenue act," with the following amendments, and asking the concurrence of the House, to wit:

Section 1, paragraph 1, add after the words "real estate in this State," the words "Provided; That when property has been wholly or in part destroyed, since the first day of April, 1863, it shall, upon the demand of the owner thereof, his agent or attorney, be valued and assessed at the time of taking of the tax lists; such valuations to be filed by the owner, his agent or attorney, upon oath; and in case the-
tax taker should be dissatisfied therewith, by two freeholders, one to be chosen by the owner, or his representative, and the other by the tax collector, who, if they disagree, shall chose an umpire, and their decision shall be final;" which is concurred in.

Section 1, paragraph 4, after the word bonds insert the words "or bonds of incorporated towns." Concurred in.

Section 2, strike out the words "belonging to churches" after the words "grave yard." Concurred in.

Section 3, add the "property of soldiers in the military or naval service of the State, or of the Confederate States of America, for the war, and those who have been discharged by reason of disability, the widows and orphans of such soldiers as have died therein, one thousand dollars worth of property of said soldiers, widows, or orphans, is hereby exempted from taxation." Concurred in.

Section 5, add "excepting stock in corporations, exempt from any other tax than that imposed by the charters." Concurred in.

Section 11, after the word "person" in line 1, insert the words "other than a Justice of the Peace." Concurred in.

Section 14, strike out the words and figures in lines 1 and 2 "after the year 1865." Concurred in.

Section 52, paragraph 4, line 8, strike out the word "July" and insert "April." Concurred in.

Section 52, paragraph 14, strike out the words "resident of the State," and insert the word "person." Concurred in.

Section 52, paragraph 14, strike out the word "profits" in lines 9 and 13, and insert the word "purchase." Not concurred in.

Section 52, paragraph 14, in line 12, strike out the word "fifteen" and insert "five." Strike out "three" and in-
sert "ten" in same paragraph, last line, page 38. Not concurred in.

Section 52, paragraph 15, in line 23, after the words "five cents," insert the words "such dividends or profits shall be assessed in Confederate money, or its equivalent." Concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 2, strike out the word "fifty" and insert "five hundred." Concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 4, strike out the word "three" and insert "five." Not concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 3, strike out the words "twenty-five" and insert "fifteen." Not concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 7, strike out in line 10 the words "on the first day of July," and insert the words "and the sheriff collect the same on the first days of July, October, January and April."

Also, in the same, strike out the word "ten" in line 1, and insert the word "twenty." Strike out "seven" in line 4, and insert "20," and add in line 5 the words "and the same shall not be subject to any county tax." Concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 8, strike out "five hundred" and insert "one thousand." Concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 9, strike out "two hundred" and insert "five hundred." Concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 10, strike out "fifty" and insert "one hundred." Concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 12, insert after the word "classes" in second line, the words "corn, pork, bacon or spirituous liquors." Concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 17, in line 3, strike out "two" and insert "five." In line 3, after the word "sales" insert "that the same shall not be subject to any county tax."
In line 2, alter the word "merchandise" insert the words "foreign and domestic." Concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 18, in line 8, strike out the words one per cent," and insert "five per cent." and add "that the same shall not be subject to any county tax." Not concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 19, insert the word "male" before "manufacture." Concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 21, strike out the words "three per cent." and insert "five per cent;" also strike out the words "five hundred" and insert "fifteen hundred." Concurred in.

Section 68, paragraph 23, in line 5, insert after the words "county courts" the words "or any three Justices of the Peace." Not concurred in.

In line 14, strike out "one hundred" and insert "two hundred."

In line 8, strike out the words in the parenthesis "who may, in its discretion, make or refuse." Concurred in.

Section 1, paragraph 3, insert before the words "State Treasury notes," in line 5, the words "the Confederate and," upon this amendment Mr. Lewis asks for and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Duplin, Smith, of Johnston, Stanc'Il, Strong and Waugh—58.

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is concurred in.

Section 4, add "upon Confederate notes and Confederate bonds not otherwise taxed, one sixth of the interest annually accruing thereon." Upon this amendment Mr. Phillips asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is agreed to.

Section 21, in line 10, strike out "ninety-two" and insert "seventy-five;" which is concurred in.

The question then recurring upon the agreement to the bill, as amended by the Senate, with the exceptions made by the House, the bill is agreed to, and the Senate is so informed.

The following enrolled bills and resolutions are ratified, viz:
Bill in favor of the estate of James D. Wynne;
Bill to incorporate Stokesbury Lodge, No. 220, in Stokes county of Free and Accepted Masons;
Bill in relation to Courts of Oyer and Terminer.
Resolutions making inquiries of the Public Treasurer.
An act respecting the qualification of magistrates within the enemy's lines.
Resolutions of instruction to our Senators, &c., in relation to disabled soldiers;
Resolutions requesting the Governor to correspond with the Confederate authorities in relation to disabled soldiers;
Resolutions directing the Governor to correspond with the Governor of Virginia in relation to salt.
The following bills and resolutions are engrossed and transmitted to the Senate, viz:
  Bill to punish violations of the impressment laws.
  An act to secure the State Salt Works from interruption.
  Bill relating to the robbery of dwelling houses;
  Bill in relation to the collection of arrearages of taxes in Nash county;
  Bill to make appropriations for the military establishment of the State;
  Bill for the relief of indigent families of soldiers from Northampton county.
Resolutions of thanks to Captain John A. Teague;
Resolutions instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives not to vote for certain laws;
Resolutions of instruction to State Salt Commissioners.
On motion of Mr. Shepherd, the resolutions for the protection of the State Salt Works is taken up for consideration.
Upon Mr. Phillips' motion, they are laid upon the table.
The Senate informs the House that it has concurred in all the nominations made by the House for Justices of the Peace to-day.
Bill to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization; and

Bill for local defence, is received from the Senate, the latter passes its first reading, the rules are suspended and it passes its second and third readings.

The bill to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization, passes its first reading, the rules are suspended so as to place the bill upon its second reading, it is read the second time,

Mr. Waugh moves to amend, by inserting after the words "county trustees" the word "coroners." Not agreed to.

Mr. Davis, of Franklin, moves to amend, by inserting after the words "County Trustees" the words "Chairman of the County Courts." Not agreed to.

Mr. Asheworth moves to amend, by inserting after the words "County Trustees" the word "Jailors." Not agreed to.

The bill then passed its second and third readings.

Bill appropriating money to the Insane Asylum, and a resolution in favor of Virginia Atkinson, Executrix of P. A. Atkinson, are received from the Senate; the latter passes its first reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, it passes its second and third readings.

The former, viz: bill appropriating money to the Insane Asylum, passes its first reading.

Upon motion of Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, the further consideration of the bill is postponed until the 23d of January, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Subsequently the vote postponing its consideration was re-considered, the rules were suspended, and the bill placed upon its second reading.

Upon Mr. Fowle's motion, the bill is amended, by striking out all after the word "of," in the 4th line of 1st section, and insert the words "two hundred and fifty thousand dollars;" and by striking out in the 4th line of 2d section,
the word "annually," as amended, the bill passed its second and third readings, and returned to Senate, with these amendments.

An act for the support of the North-Carolina Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, is ratified, and transmitted to the Senate.

The Senate informs the House of its concurrence in the Revenue Bill, as transmitted from the House, after the action of the House upon the Senate's amendments thereto.

Engrossed bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of Chemists, is received from the Senate, with certain amendments proposed thereto by the Senate. The amendments are concurred in, and it is returned to the Senate.

Engrossed bill for the suffering and needy prisoners of war from North-Carolina, is received from the Senate, with a substitute by way of amendment. The amendment is concurred in, and it is returned to the Senate.

Resolutions to retain millers and artizans at home, is read. Upon Mr. Polk's motion the same is amended, and, as amended, it is agreed to.

The hour of 2 o'clock, P. M. having arrived, the Senate branch of the General Assembly being in the chamber of the House of Commons, his Excellency, Zebulon B. Vance, is duly qualified as Governor of North-Carolina for two years from and after the first day of January, 1865, and in the presence of the members of both branches of the General Assembly, takes the oaths of office, which are administered by Richmond M. Pearson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

At 3 P. M., the House adjourns, upon Mr. Mann's motion, until 3½ o'clock, P. M.
A communication is received from his Excellency, the Governor, in response to inquiries made by the House relative to the accounts of D. K. McRae, late State agent in Europe, which, on motion, is transmitted to the Senate.

Mr. Shepherd moves the suspension of the rules, and the bill to grade the Common Schools and to increase their usefulness, be taken up, which is agreed to and the bill passes its several readings.

A resolution in favor of W. A. Maroney, Sheriff of Davie county, is engrossed and sent to the Senate.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed bills:

A bill to authorize attachments against corporations; and

A bill to authorize the Public Treasurer to rent out the buildings on Burke Square, which passes their several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

A resolution in regard to State Troops, on motion of Mr. Grissom, is tabled;

A resolution in favor of J. S. Montgomery, of Caswell county, passes its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

A bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees, which was ratified the 14th day of December, 1863, on motion of Mr. Phillips, is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shepherd moves a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to suspend for the remainder of the session the 6th joint rule, in reference to all bills with the exception of the Revenue bill; which is agreed to.

Mr. Grissom moves that the Principal Clerk have prepared a printed statement of all the bills and resolutions on the calendar which have not passed this House; which is agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a resolution in favor of the
Principal Clerks of the two Houses; which passes its first reading. The rules being suspended, the resolution passes its second reading.

Pending its further consideration, the House, at 5½ o’clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, adjourned to 7 o’clock to-night.

Night Session.

Mr. Shepherd moves that the Speaker be authorized to issue a certificate of pay to Mr. Drury King for the time he has served as Assistant Doorkeeper in the place of Mr. Hill, who was granted leave of absence some few days ago; which is agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moves to reconsider the vote by which a bill authorizing the renting out of the buildings on Burke Square, passed its several readings this afternoon, which is agreed to, and Mr. Shepherd moves to amend by striking out the words “J. M. Lovejoy, at six hundred dollars per annum, payable in currency” and insert the words “to the highest bidder.”

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, moves to amend by adding the words “provided, Mr. J. M. Lovejoy is given the preference by twenty-five per cent., if he keeps a public school;” which is not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon the amendment proposed by Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Carter calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

The roll is called, and a quorum is found not voting.

Mr. Lyle moves a call of the House, which is so ordered. The roll is called, a quorum is found to be present. The yeas and nays are then taken.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:
Messrs. Allison, Asheworth, Banks, Baxter, Benbury,

Those who vote in the negative are:

So the amendment is agreed to.

Mr. Grissom moves to amend by adding the words "provided, that if Mr. J. M. Lovejoy, the present occupant, will enter into bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned that he will keep a public school on the premises, then the Public Treasurer is authorized to rent said buildings to him for one thousand dollars per year in currency," and, on this motion, Mr. Grissom calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:
MESSRS. Allison, Alston, Asheworth, Baxter, Benbury, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Craig, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Halifax, Davis, of Franklin, Enloe, Faison, Gudger, Harrington, Herbert, Judkins, Latham, Lewis, Lowe, Lyle,
So the amendment is not agreed to.

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, moves to amend by adding the words "Provided, however, if Mr. Lovejoy keeps a school, and teaches four boys, sons of soldiers, for one year free of charge, he shall have the premises for ten months for nine hundred dollars, and, upon this motion, Mr. Smith asks for the yeas and nays, and the Houses refuses the call, and the amendment is not agreed to.

Mr. Love moves to postpone the matter until the 20th day of January, A. D., 1865, which is not agreed to. The question then recurs on the passage of the bill on its third reading.

The bill passes.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting a resolution in favor of Messrs. Creech & Litchford, which passed its first reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, passes its second and third readings.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, to adjust the accounts of D. K. McRae, Commissioner, &c.; which is agreed to.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed bills and resolutions, with amendments:

A bill in relation to the collection of taxes in the county of Nash, with the following amendment: "Insert after the words E. H. Morgan, late Sheriff of the county of Nash," the words "Reuben King, Sheriff of Robeson county;" which is concurred in by the House.

And a resolution of thanks to Major Harvey Bingham and Captain Jordan Cook, and the men under their commands.
Mr. Smith, of Johnston, moves to amend by inserting after the word "command," the words "and all other soldiers who never run;" which is not agreed to.

Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, moves to refer the resolutions to the Committee on Military Affairs; which is agreed to.

And a bill for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army, with the following amendments: Insert at the end of the second chapter "Provided, That the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars be paid on the 1st of April, 1865, "the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars on the first day of July, 1865," and "the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars on the first day of October, 1865," and "the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars on the 1st of January, 1866," and asks the concurrence of the House therein. The House concurs.

Mr. Shepherd is appointed in the place of Mr. Calvert on the committee on enrolled bills.

The unfinished business of the afternoon being the resolution of pay to the Principal Clerks of the two Houses,

Mr. Mann moves to amend by striking out the word "three" and inserting the word "four."

Mr. Cobb moves to postpone the further consideration to January 25th, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; which is agreed to.

Mr. J. H. Headen moves that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to rescind the joint order of adjournment.

Mr. Waugh moves the resolution be laid on the table, and the resolution is tabled.

Mr. Shepherd moves to take from the table a resolution for the protection of the State Salt Works; which is agreed to, and said resolution passes its second and third readings.

Mr. Shepherd introduces the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and they are hereby tendered to the Hon. R. S. Donnell, for the faithful.
impartial and dignified manner in which, during the present session, he has presided over the House of Commons.

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be, and they are hereby tendered to the Principal and Assistant Clerks for faithful and efficient services during the present session, which are unanimously agreed to.

At 10½ o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Lowe, the House adjourns until to-morrow morning at 5 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1864.

The House is called to order by the Speaker, at 5 o'clock, A. M.

Messrs. Waugh, McGehee and Murphy are appointed the House branch of Joint Select Committee, to settle the account of Duncan K. McRae, late State agent.

The following enrolled bills and resolutions are ratified in this House, and are transmitted to the Senate for their ratification by the Speaker of that body, viz:

An act to amend an act, entitled an act authorizing the Governor to issue commissions to hold Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and for other purposes, ratified the 9th day of February, 1862.

Also, an act entitled an act to authorize Courts of Oyer and Terminer, ratified the 12th day of December, 1863.

An act to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of Chemists.

An act for the support of the North-Carolina Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind, and for other purposes.

An act to amend the Hickory Nut Turnpike Road.

An act to provide for keeping up the public roads, in the county of Watauga.
An act to authorize the Mayor and Commissioners of Fayetteville to supply said town with water.

An act to incorporate the Deep River Transportation Company.

An act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard Organization.

An act for local defence.

An act to authorize attachments against corporations.

An act to grade Common Schools, and to increase their efficiency.

An act in relation to the collection of arrearages of taxes, in the counties of Nash and Robeson.

An act for the relief of the wives of soldiers in the army.

An act to secure the State Salt Works from interruption.

A resolution for the relief of Power, Lowe & Company, of Wilmington, N. C.

A resolution in favor of J. S. Montgomery, of Caldwell county.

A resolution in reference to the Revenue Laws.

A resolution protesting against the ill treatment of slaves conscribed for military purposes.

A resolution in reference to the officers of the General Assembly.

A resolution in favor of Virginia Atkinson, Executrix of P. A. Atkinson.

A resolution for the protection of the State Salt Works.

A resolution in favor of Messrs. Creech & Litchford.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to extend the time of adjournment until 12 o'clock, M., this day; which is concurred in by the House.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting engrossed resolutions, viz:

A resolution in favor of Thomas D. Walker; and
A resolution referring to S. F. Phillips; which pass their first readings.

The following enrolled bills and resolutions are ratified, and transmitted to the Senate for their ratification by the Speaker of that body, viz:

An act to incorporate the Pee Dee Lodge of A. Y. M., No. 150, in the county of Stanly.

An act for the relief of suffering and needy prisoners of war from North-Carolina.

An act for the relief of indigent families of soldiers from Northampton.

An act to amend the charter of the Merchant's Bank of Newbern.

An act appropriating money to the Insane Asylum.

An act to incorporate the La Place High School.

An act authorizing the sale of lots in the town of Webster.


An act for the holding of Courts in the county of Hertford;

An act to make appropriations for the military establishment of the State.

An act to incorporate Leaksville Lodge, No. 136, A. Y. M.

An act to legalize certain act of the County Court of Madison county, and for other purposes.

An act to amend the 143d chapter of the acts of 1858 and '59, entitled "An act to authorize the Roanoke Navigation Company to discontinue the use of their canal around the grand falls of Roanoke River, and to make sale of the real estate, water power, and other privileges between the towns of Gaston and Weldon, in the State of North Carolina.

A resolution of thanks to Capt. John A. Teague, and the men under his command.

A resolution instructing the State Salt Commissioner, as to the making of salt in Bladen county.
Resolutions in favor of D. M. Ray, Tax Collector of Madison county.

Resolutions in favor of J. W. Steed, Sheriff of Randolph county; and

A resolution in favor of W. A. Maroney, Sheriff of Davie county.

The hour of 12 o'clock M., having arrived, the House, according to agreement, takes a recess until Tuesday, the 17th day of January, 1865.

R. S. DONNELL, Speaker.

R. S. TUCKER, Principal Clerk.
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1865.

Speaker calls the House to order at 12 o’clock, M. The roll being called, the following gentlemen answered to their names, viz:


A quorum not being present, upon motion of Mr. McCormick, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o’clock, M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1865.

Speaker calls the House to order at 12 o’clock, M. The roll being called, the following gentlemen answer to their names:

Messrs. Allison, Alford, Alston, Amis, Asheworth, Austin, Banks, Baxter, Best, Blair, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Caldwell, Carson, of Alexander, Clapp, Costner, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Dargan, Davis, of Halifax, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Faucette, Flynt, Fowle, Gaskins, George, Gidney, Grier, Grissom, Hanes, Harrington, Harris, Harrison, Holton, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes,

A quorum being present, the journal is read.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd, a message is sent to the Senate, informing that body that the House is in session, and ready to co-operate with the Senate in the dispatch of the public business.

Message is received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate is in session.

The Speaker informs the House that he has received sundry depositions relative to the contested election from Northampton; which are referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Waugh introduces the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency and practicability of suspending executions during the war, or until the Banks of the State resume specie payments, in all cases where specie is demanded, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Which is agreed to.

Mr. Allison introduces the following resolution, which is agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Insane Asylum, inquire, and report to this House:

1st. What amount of money has been drawn from the Treasury in behalf of said institution, for the past two years.

2d. A detailed statement of the expenses of said institution, giving the items of all provisions and other supplies purchased, and the prices paid for the same.
3d. A list of the officers of the institution, its employees and servants, with the salary, wages and hire of each.

4th. A statement of the number of patients in the institution during each month of the two years, distinguishing between such as are paying patients and such as are supported by the State, with a statement of the amount received from paying patients, and from the counties.

5th. That they report how much of the appropriation made at the last session has been withdrawn from the Treasury, and how expended, and if expended in provisions; stating the articles and amounts purchased, and the prices, &c., paid.

Mr. McGehee moves a committee of two on the part of each House be raised to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, informing him that the General Assembly is in session, and ready to receive any communication he may wish to make, which is agreed to, and Messrs. McGehee and Shepherd constitute the House branch of said committee, and the Senate is so informed.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the above proposition, and appointing Messrs. Courts and Long as the Senate branch of said committee.

Mr. Shepherd, from the Joint Select Committee on the part of the House, reports having waited upon the Governor, and that at present he has no communication to make.

On motion of Mr. Hanes, the House adjourns until tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 19, 1865.

Speaker lays before the House papers relative to the contested seat from Northampton county, which are referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.
Mr. Harrington presents a memorial of sundry citizens of Moore county, asking the appointment of Messrs. F. W. Waddill, J. D. Morris, D. M. Cameron and D. M. Kennedy as Justices of the Peace for that county. The House recommends their appointment and the memorial is transmitted to the Senate, with a message asking its concurrence in the nominations.

Mr. Fowle introduces a memorial of the Old Dominion Trading Company, which, on his motion, is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shepherd introduces a bill concerning an armed police for the town of Fayetteville, which passes its first reading, and on his motion, the rules are suspended, and the bill passes its second and third readings.

Mr. McCormick introduces a bill in favor of discharged soldiers from the Confederate army; which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, introduces a bill to exempt the officers and employees of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company from military service on certain conditions, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. McAden introduces a bill entitled "An act for the relief of the people," which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Hawes introduces a bill to establish camp and garrison schools, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. George moves the bill be printed, which is not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McGehee, a bill to amend the 101st chapter Revised Code, is taken from the table, and re-referred to the Judiciary Committee.
On Mr. Shepherd’s motion, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to rescind the joint order of the two Houses, made in December last, prohibiting the two Houses from proceeding with the business of the calendar, until after the 3d day after re-assembling.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the above proposition.

The following resolutions pass their second readings, and, under a suspension of the rules, their third and last readings, viz:

A resolution in favor of Thomas D. Walker; and

A resolution referring to Samuel F. Phillips, Esq., the matters pertaining to the State blockading operations.

Mr. Shepherd introduces the following resolution, which is agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether it is expedient to exempt from Home Guard duty, such agents in the different counties of the State, for distributing provisions among soldiers’ families, as the Chairmen of the County Courts shall certify to the Governor, to be necessary to their respective districts.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to appoint Thomas H. Blount a magistrate for Beaufort county.

On Mr. Powell’s motion, the House adjourns until tomorrow morning, at 11 o’clock.

FRIDAY, January 20, 1865.

Speaker lays before the House a communication from Neill McKay, Esq., resigning the office of Engrossing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, a message is sent to the Senate, with accompanying communication from Neill McKay, Esq.,
resigning the office of Engrossing Clerk, with a proposition that the same be accepted, and that the two Houses go into an election for Engrossing Clerk to-day, at 11½ o'clock.

Mr. Grissom places in nomination the name of Theo. H. Hill, Esq.

Mr. McCormick, the name of Walter Huske, Esq.

Mr. Benbury, the name of T. W. Davis, Esq.

Mr. Hanes, the name of A. Pfohl, Esq.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting engrossed bill to facilitate the building of bridges which have been washed away in the counties of Alamance and Granville, which passes its first reading, and, on motion of Mr. McAden, the rules are suspended and the bill passes its several readings.

The following committees for the week are announced:


On Enrolled Bills—Messrs. Harrison, Banks, Grier, Austin and Asheworth.

Leave of absence is granted to Messrs. Alford and Amis until Monday next.

A memorial of sundry citizens of Orange county, is presented, asking the appointment of Messrs. E. M. Holt, Robt. H. Harris, Andrew J. King and Sidney Smith, as Justices of the Peace for that county, by general consent the matter lays over until to-morrow morning.

A message is received from the Senate, asking the concurrence of the House in the appointment of Robert Pender, Esq., as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Edgecombe.

Mr. Cobb moves that the message be laid on the table. Not agreed to, yeas 31, nays 35.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the further consideration of the message is postponed until to-morrow morning, at 11½ o'clock.

A message is received from the Senate, accepting the
resignation of Neil McKay, Esq., as Engrossing Clerk, and concurring in the proposition of the House to go into an election of Engrossing Clerk, to-day, at 11½ o'clock; and that Messrs. Ward and Adams constitute the Senate branch of joint committee to superintend the election.

The House branch of joint committee to superintend said election, consists of Messrs. Johnston and Brown, of Mecklenburg.

The hour of 11½ o'clock having arrived, the House proceeds to vote for Engrossing Clerk:

For Mr. Hill—Messrs. Allison, Asheworth, Banks, Best, Blair, Bryan, Caldwell, Calvert, Carson, of Alexander, Carter, Clapp, Cowles, Craig, Crawford, of Wayne, Fowle, Grissom, Hanes, Harrison, Henry, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Isbel, Jordan, McAden, Patterson, Peace, Phillips, Rogers, Russell, Simmons, Smith, of Johnston, Stancill, Waugh and Young—34.


For Mr. Davis—Messrs. Alston, Baxter, Benbury, Bond, of Gates, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Crawford, of Rowan, Cunningham, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Gaskins, Joyner, Judkins, Lane, Latham, Lewis, McGehee, Pool and Polk—18.

Mr. Hanes introduces resolutions on the subject of a general Convention of the Confederate States, to wit:

WHEREAS, The present system of legislation by the Congress of the Confederate States, by which the most oppres-
Resolute and unconstitutional laws have been passed from time to time, by the votes of irresponsible representatives from Missouri, Kentucky, and other States, some of whom have never seceded from the government of the United States, but have at this time their full quota of men in the armies of our enemies, and who therefore have no constituents upon whom the laws passed by them can operate, and some of whom dare not even show themselves in the States which they profess to represent, is an outrage to which no free people ought to submit, and

Whereas, article V., of the Constitution of the Confederate States provides that "upon the demands of any three States, legally assembled in their several Conventions, the Congress shall summon a Convention of all the Confederate States, to take into consideration such amendments to the Constitution as the said States shall concur in suggesting at the time when the said demand is made; and should any of the proposed amendments to the Constitution be agreed on by the said Convention—voting by States—and the same be ratified by Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, or by Conventions in two-thirds thereof—as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the general convention—they shall thenceforward form a part of this Constitution. But no State shall, without its consent, be deprived of its equal representation in the Senate." Therefore,

Resolved, That the Joint Select Committee on Confederate Relations be instructed to frame and bring in a bill forthwith, calling a Convention of the people of this State—or submitting the question to them, so as to enable them to assemble in Convention, should a majority of them desire to do so—for the purpose of so amending the Constitution as to provide that hereafter the Representatives of any State or States, whose territory is in the hands of the enemy, so that
the Confederate laws cannot be enforced therein, shall not, during the continuance of such occupation by the enemy, be permitted to vote upon any question of legislation, but shall have only such rights as are allowed to the delegates to the Territories of the Confederate States, and of considering such other amendments as the said three States shall concur in suggesting.

Resolved further, That State sovereignty being the principle on which North-Carolina and the other States withdrew from the Federal Union, the States comprising the Southern Confederacy are sovereigns, and the Confederate government is only their agent, and subject to their control, and that the States in their sovereign capacity, in general Convention assembled, have a right to negotiate a peace with the government of the United States, without consultation with the President of the Confederate States, but subject to the several States in their separate State Conventions.

Pending their consideration, the hour of 12 o'clock, having arrived, the special order being the consideration of resolutions respecting negotiations for peace,

Mr. Carter moved they be printed, and made the special order for Thursday next, 26th instant, at 12 o'clock; which is agreed to.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, from the Joint Select Committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk, reports no one having received a majority of the votes cast, there is no election.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to go immediately into an election of Engrossing Clerk.

Mr. Waugh moves the message be laid on the table; which is not agreed to.

The message is then concurred in.

Mr. Hanes withdraws the name of Mr. Pfohl.

The House proceeds to vote:
Those who vote for Mr. Hill are:

Those who vote for Mr. Davis are:

Those who vote for Mr. Huske are:

Mr. Phillips moves the resolution introduced by Mr. Harris, "on the subject of a general Convention of the Confederate States," be printed, and made the special order for Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Person moves the resolutions be tabled, and asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:
Messrs. Alston, Amis, Austin, Baxter, Benbury, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Caho, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Dargan, Davis, of Halifax, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Erwin, Faison, Faucette,

Those who voted in the negative are:


So the resolutions are tabled.

Mr. Brown, from the Joint Committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk, reports no one having received a majority, there is no election.

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, introduces a bill to call a Convention of the people, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Russell introduces a bill in regard to the holding of Courts in and for the county of Brunswick, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Austin introduces a bill to legalize the election of the Intendent and Commissioners of the town of Monroe, in Union county, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Fowle introduces a bill concerning injunctions, which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shober moves a bill to provide means for supplying the State Treasury, which was considered in secret session, be placed upon the calendar. Agreed to.
At 2 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Lowe, the House adjourns until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 21, 1865.

Mr. McGehee asks leave of the House to change his vote on the tabling of the resolutions on the subject of a general Convention of the Confederate States, introduced by Mr. Hanes on yesterday. Permission is granted, and he votes yea.

Mr. Peepkins having been unavoidably detained from his seat in this House until this day, is permitted to recall his vote on the tabling of the resolutions introduced by Mr. Hanes, and he votes nay.

Mr. Strong is also permitted to recall his vote on the tabling of the same resolutions, having been unavoidably detained from his seat on yesterday, and he votes yea.

Mr. Polk presents a statement of the condition of the Bank of Wadesboro', and moves it be sent to the Senate, with a proposition to print. Agreed to.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Claims, reports on a resolution in favor of Jos. H. Cardwell, of Rockingham county, and asks, and the committee is discharged from its further consideration.

A bill in regard to the holding of Courts in and for the county of Brunswick, passes its second reading, and the rules being suspended, passes its third and last reading.

A bill to legalize the election of the Intendant and Commissioners of the town of Monroe, in the county of Union, passes its second and third readings, under a suspension of the rules.

A bill to provide means of supplying the State Treasury is read the second time.
Mr. Fowle moves it be laid on the table, and asks for, and the House orders the yeas and nays on this motion.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:

So the bill is laid on the table.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing to go forthwith into an election for Engrossing Clerk, placing in nomination the name of A. Pfohl, Esq., and appointing Messrs. Matthews and Bryson as the Senate branch of joint committee to superintend the election.

The House concurs in the proposition of the Senate, and appoints Messrs. Riddick and Crawford, of Rowan, as the House branch of the committee to superintend the election.

Pending action on this matter, the hour of 11 1/2 o'clock
arrives, the special order being the appointment of magis-
trates, Mr. Pool introduces the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be instructed to
prepare and submit, for the information of the House, a
tabular statement of the counties of the State, with the
number of Justices of the Peace in each, who have quali-
fied, and whose resignations have not been tendered, and
that time may be given to prepare this statement; and in
order that members may vote understandingly, the further
consideration of this subject be postponed until Saturday,
28th instant.

Mr. Waugh moves the resolution be laid on the table.

Upon this motion, Mr. Austin calls for, and House orders,
the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allison, Asheworth, Banks, Beam, Best, Blair,
Bond, of Bertie, Bond, of Gates, Brown, of Madison, Car-
son, of Alexander, Clapp, Cowles, Craig, Flynt, Fowle,
Hanes, Henry, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes,
Johnston, Jordan, McCormick, McMillan, Murrill, Pat-ters-
son, Patton, Perkins, Phillips, Rogers, Russell, Sharpe,
Shober, Stipe, Waugh, Wheeler and Young—36.

Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Alston, Austin, Baxter, Boyd, Brown, of Meck-
lenburg, Bryan, Caho, Caldwell, Calvert, Cobb, Costner,
Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Dargan, Davis, of Halif-
ax, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Erwin, Faison, Gaskins,
George, Gidney, Grier, Grissom, Harrison, Hassell, Hawes,
Joyner, Judkins, Lane, Latham, Lewis, Little, Love, Lowe,
Mann, McAden, Peace, Person, Pool, Polk, Powell, Russ,
Shepherd, Shipp, Simmons, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of
Duplin, Stancill, Strong and Wooten—51.

The motion to table the resolution is not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon the adoption of the
resolution, Mr. Sharpe asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the resolution is agreed to.

The House then proceeds to vote for Engrossing Clerk.

Those who vote for Mr. Hill are:


Those who vote for Mr. Huske are:

Messrs. Amis, Austin, Beam, Brown, of Madison, Bryan, Caho, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Dargan, Erwin, Gudger, Harrington, Harris, Little, Love, Mann, McCormick, Pat-
ton, Sharpe, Shepherd, Simmons, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Stancili and Wooten—25.

Those who vote for Mr. Davis are:


Mr. Crawford, of Rowan, from the committee to superintend the election, reports no one having received a majority of the votes cast, there is no election.

A message is received from the Senate, informing the House that it has adopted the substitute from the Committee on Military Affairs, by way of an amendment for the engrossed resolution from the House, in favor of abolishing Provost Guards, and asks the agreement of the same. The House agrees.

Mr. McAden introduces the following resolution:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate proposing that the two Houses of the General Assembly adjourn on Saturday next at 9 o'clock, A. M., to meet on the 3d Monday of November next.

Mr. Waugh moves the resolution be laid on the table. On this motion Mr. McAden asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Alston, Austin, Beam, Benbury, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Cahe,
Caldwell, Calvert, Carson, of Rutherford; Clapp, Cobb, Costner, Cowles, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Dargan, Davis, of Halifax, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Erwin, Faison, Gaskins, Gidney, Grier, Gudger, Hadley, Harrington, Harris; Harrison, J. H. Headen, Horton, of Watauga, Johnson, Joyner; Judkins, Lane, Latham, Little, Lowe, Mann, McAden, McCormick, McGehee, Patton, Peace, Person, Pool, Polk. Powell, Riddick, Russ, Sharpe, Shepherd, Shober, Simmons, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Stancill; Strong, Wooten and Young—64.

So the resolution is not tabled.

Mr. Grissom moves to amend by striking out the word "November" and insert the word "May."

Mr. Fowle moves a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, to take into consideration the question of the adjournment of the General Assembly and to whom shall be referred all resolutions, &c., upon that subject; which is agreed to, yeas 40, nays 34.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Harrison, the House adjourns until Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1865.

Mr. Phillips asks for leave of absence for Mr. Stanly, Assistant Clerk, on account of sickness in his family, leave of absence is granted.

Mr. Gudger presents a petition of sundry citizens of Madison county, praying a change of the boundary line between Madison and Buncombe; which is read and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Benbury introduces resolutions in reference to the
arrest and confinement of Dr. Henry P. Ritter, with accompanying statement by said Ritter; which is read.

Mr. Cobb moves to amend, by striking out the word "demand," in the first resolution, and inserting the word "request;" which is not agreed to. The resolutions then pass their first reading, and

On motion of Mr. Benbury, the rules are suspended, and the resolutions pass their second and third readings.

The following bills are engrossed, and sent to the Senate, viz:

A bill in regard to the holding of Courts in and for the county of Brunswick, and

A bill to legalize the election of the Intendant and Commissioners of the town of Monroe, in Union county.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting engrossed resolution to authorize the Governor to send State supplies to the town of Wilmington, for the supply of citizens; which, on motion of Mr. Russell, is amended, by inserting after the word "Wilmington," the words "and town of Smithville."

The resolution is further amended, on motion of Mr. Carter, by striking out the words "he may see proper," and insert instead, the words "as may be necessary;" and also strike out the words "on payment of the value of the same into the State Treasury," and the Senate is so informed, and asking its concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Lyle introduces a resolution in favor of E. D. Davis, of Jackson county; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

A message is received from the Senate, stating it has passed a bill to amend the laws regulating the appointment of flour inspectors for the town of Fayetteville, and fees to be charged for the same, with the following amendments, after the 3d section to come in as the 4th section of the bill:
Be it further enacted, That the flour shall be inspected at the depot, when so required by the owner; Provided, That the inspector shall not be responsible for flour when inspected at the depot; and in the 5th line of the 2d section, strike out the word "two" and insert "one," and asks the concurrence of the House to the same. The House concurs.

Mr. Allison introduces a resolution in favor of W. Wasson, Sheriff of Iredell county, which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Mann introduces a bill to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish up Newbegan creek, in the county of Pasquotank, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Smith, of Duplin, introduces a bill to prevent any person from hedging the North-East River, so as to prevent the passage of fish, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Mann introduces a bill to authorize administrators to advance funds for the support of minor distributors of estates, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Gudger introduces a bill to attach a portion of Madison county to the county of Buncombe, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Waugh introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Public Treasurer inform the General Assembly what steps he has taken to collect from the Confederate States, the large amount due the State for our advances made to clothe our troops, and for other military purposes, and whether those steps are likely to be effectual, and that he report at an early day.

Which is agreed to.

A message is received from the Senate, announcing that
Messrs. Smith, Patton and Wynn constitute the Senate branch of Joint Committee on enrolled bills for the week.

A message is received from the Senate, refusing to concur in the House amendments to a bill authorizing the Public Treasurer to rent out the public buildings on Burke Square.

On motion of Mr. Amis, the amendments are receded from, and the Senate is so informed.

Mr. Grissom introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire whether the action of Confederate States Quarter Masters and their agents in serving notices on producers ordering them to sell their produce at certain stated prices, and forbidding to sell to any save the government as per notices enclosed, is in violation of the law of Congress, regulating impressments, and whether further legislation on the part of this General Assembly to correct these evils and redress those wrongs is necessary, and that they be requested as early as practicable to report by bill or otherwise.

Which is agreed to.

Mr. McGehee introduces a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Justices of Caswell county to regulate the cleaning out of Moon's Creek in said county," which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Benbury introduces a bill to restore jury trials in certain civil causes to the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Chowan county, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Stipe introduces a bill to restore the penalty of one hundred dollars on sheriffs for neglecting to execute or return process, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On Mr. Duke's motion, a message is sent to the Senate,
proposing to go forthwith into an election of an Engrossing Clerk, and placing in nomination the name of F. Dutcher, Esq.

Mr. Perkins moves a bill to give the County Court of Pitt, jurisdiction in the establishment of lost wills, be taken from the table, which is agreed to, and the bill passes its second reading, and, on his motion, the rules are suspended, and the bill passes its third and last reading.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed bills and resolutions for the action of the House, viz:

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to employ slave labor in erecting fortifications and other works.

A bill to allow fifteen magistrates to transact the county business for Halifax county.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the North-Carolina Volunteer Navy Company.

A resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish Nathan Whittord, Esq., with a Revised Code; and

A resolution requesting the State appraising Commissioners to allow market value for articles impressed, which pass their first reading in this House, and the latter referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. McGehee is excused from serving on the committee to audit the accounts of D. K. McRae, Esq., late State Commissioner, and Mr. Hanes is placed in his stead on said committee.

On Mr. Carter's motion, a message is sent to the Senate, placing in nomination the name of Mrs. William J. Clarke, for the office of Engrossing Clerk.

On Mr. Murrill's motion, the House adjourns until tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock.
TUESDAY, January 24, 1865.

Mr. Little introduces a petition of sundry citizens of Richmond county, praying the passage of a law, making trespasses on land a misdemeanor, which is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Fowle, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a memorial of the Old Dominion Trading Company in regard to certain North-Carolina Bonds, which were lost on their passage from a Southern port to Nassau, introduces a bill in their favor, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Carter, from the Committee on the Judiciary, having considered a resolution for the relief of Dan'IM. Scarborough, asks and the committee is discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Carter, from the same committee, having examined a resolution instructing the committee to inquire into the expediency of suspending executions until the banks resumed specie payment, asks, and the committee is discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Carter, from the same committee, having examined a bill to exempt the officers and employees of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company, from military service on certain conditions, recommending its passage, with the following amendment, viz: "Strike out the entire second section of the bill."

Mr. Carter, from the Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill concerning injunctions, and a bill to authorize administrators to advance funds for the support of minor distributees of estates, recommending the passage of the former and the rejection of the latter bill.

Mr. Carter, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to amend the 101st chapter, Revised Code, and Senate resolutions requesting the State appraising commissioners to allow market value for articles impressed, recom-
mends the rejection of the bill, and the passage of the resolution.

Mr. Grissom, from the Committee on Military Affairs, recommends the passage of a resolution of thanks to Major Harvey Bingham and Captain Jordan Cooke, and the men under their commands, and the passage of a bill in favor of discharged soldiers from the Confederate States Army, with the following amendment: add, after the word "duty," at the end of the first section, the words "until said persons shall be examined by a State Examining Board."

Mr. Lyle introduces a resolution in favor of the Commissioners of Macon county; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances; and

A resolution in relation to the Commissioners of Jackson county; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes.

Mr. Love introduces a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire whether the Judgeship of the 8th Judicial Circuit is not vacant, owing to the Judge elect not having complied with the statute, which provides he shall reside in some one of the counties composing said Circuit, and that they report to this Legislature during its present session; which is agreed to.

Mr. Johnston introduces a resolution concerning the sheriff of Davie county; which passes its first reading.

Mr. Polk introduces the following resolution; which is agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby requested to use their efforts to so amend existing laws, so as to allow transportation to privates, non-commissioned officers, and officers of the line, on furloughs of indulgence.

The Speaker lays before the House a communication from
the Secretary of State, enclosing a list of the magistrates of the several counties, so far as the number has been returned by the Clerks of the Courts of the several counties.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves the reading of the list of magistrates be dispensed with, and that it be printed, and calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays on the motion to print.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the motion to print does not prevail:

Mr. Brown calls for the reading of the list of magistrates, and, on Mr. Fowle's motion, the whole matter is laid on the table.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House on yesterday, to go into an
election of Engrossing Clerk, and stating it would do so immediately on the return of the messenger, and that Mr. F. I. Wilson had been placed in nomination in the Senate.

Messrs. Powell and Winstead constitute the Senate branch of joint committee to superintend the election.

The joint committee on the part of the House consists of Messrs. Patterson and Cobb.

The House proceeds to vote.

Those who vote for Mr. Hill are:


Those who vote for Mr. Davis are:


Those who vote for Mr. Huske are:

Messrs. Amis, Grier, Little, McLean, Murphy and Patton—6.

Mr. Craig votes for Mr. Wilson.

Those who vote for Mrs. Clarke are:

A message was received from the Senate, stating that it would go into secret session this evening at 3 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to that body to meet this House in joint convenion this evening at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of going into secret session.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House to appoint a Joint Select Committee on the subject of adjournment, and that Messrs. Wiggins and Patterson constitute the Senate branch of said committee.

The House branch of said committee consists of Messrs. Cowles, McAden and Love.

Mr. Patterson, from the committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk, reports that no one having received a majority of the votes cast, there is no election.

On Mr. Baxter's motion, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to go immediately into the election of Engrossing Clerk, and Messrs. Patterson and Cobb will constitute the House branch of the committee to superintend said election.

Mr. Person introduces a bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Hill Orphan Fund, which passes its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

A message was received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House to go immediately into an election for Engrossing Clerk, and that Messrs. Bryson and Horton constitute the Senate branch of the committee to superintend the election.

The House proceeds to vote.

Those who vote for Mr. Davis are:

Messrs. Alston, Amis, Austin, Baxter, Benbury, Bond, Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Cahoy, Calvert, Carson, of Alexander, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Bowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham,

Those who vote for Mr. Hill are:


Mr. Craig votes for Mr. Wilson.

Those who vote for Mrs. Clarke are:


A message was received from the Senate, concurring in the amendment of the House to the Senate engrossed resolutions to authorize the Governor to send State supplies to the town of Wilmington for the support of citizens.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the House engrossed bill to incorporate Mount Herman Lodge, of A. Y. M., in the county of Buncombe, with the following amendment: insert after the words "to transfer property" in the 13th line, the words "real and personal, necessary only for the transaction of the business of the corporation," and asks the concurrence of the House in said amendments. The House concurs.

Mr. Simmons introduces a bill in relation to the delivery and execution of process in the county of Jones, which
passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Fowle introduces a bill to exempt employees of newspapers from Home Guard duty, which passes its first reading, the rules are suspended, and the bill passes its second reading. The bill being upon its third reading, Mr. Stancill asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays on its passage.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the bill passes its third and last reading.

Mr. McLean, from the Committee on Salt, introduces a resolution authorizing the Governor to cause the removal of the State Salt Works from Wilmington, N. C., to Saltville, in Virginia, which passes its first reading, the rules are suspended, and the bill placed upon its second reading.

Mr. Phillips moves to amend after the word "Virginia,"

in the 6th line of the first resolution, insert the words "or to such other point as he shall deem best," and at the commencement of the 6th line of the second resolution, insert the words "or at such other point as the Governor shall deem best," the amendments are accepted by Mr. McLean, and the resolution as amended passes its second and third readings.

Mr. Waugh introduces a bill in favor of William Haymore, Sheriff of the county of Surry, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Lyle introduces a bill concerning Cherokee Lands, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Cobb, from the Joint Select Committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk, reports that Thomas W. Davis, Esq., having received a majority of the votes cast, is declared duly elected Engrossing Clerk.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House to meet in joint convention this evening, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of going into secret session.

Mr. Amis moves to take from the table the Senate engrossed bill to authorize the Secretary of the State to employ a clerk. On this motion Mr. Latham asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

mons, Smith, of Duplin, Stipe, Waugh, and Wheeler—50.

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the bill is taken from the table.

Mr. Phillips introduces the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee upon Propositions and Grievances, be instructed to inquire whether it be not expedient to request, in the name of the State, that the authorities of the Confederate States detail from the military service, as skilled mechanics, Clement Jackson and Jarmin McFarland, citizens of Orange county, for the purpose of manufacturing Smut Machines, and that they report by resolution or otherwise.

Which is agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, the House adjourns until three o'clock, this afternoon.

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Afternoon Session, 3 o'clock.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the House, together with the Senate, goes into secret session.

At 5 o'clock, the convention of the two Houses in secret session is dissolved, and Senators return to their chamber, and the House goes immediately into secret session.
At 8 o’clock the House resolves itself from secret session, the doors are opened, and the House adjourns until to-morrow morning, at 10 o’clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 25, 1865.

The following bill and resolution is engrossed, and sent to the Senate, viz:

A bill to give the County Court of Pitt jurisdiction in the re-establishing of lost wills; and

A resolution in reference to the arrest and imprisonment of Henry P. Ritter.

Mr. Polk is allowed to change his vote on the proposition to print the list of magistrates, and he votes yea.

Mr. Fowle presents a petition from the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Raleigh, praying exemption from Home Guard service, and introduces a bill to exempt the Mayor and Commissioners from Home Guard duty; which passes its first reading.

The House refuses to suspend the rules, in order to place the bill upon its several readings.

Mr. Carson, of Alexander, from the Joint Standing Committee of the Insane Asylum, presents a response from the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Insane Asylum, to resolutions of inquiry made by the House.

On Mr. Caldwell’s motion, a message is sent to the Senate, with the papers, with a proposition to print the same.

The Speaker announces that he has received a message from the Senate, in secret session, which should be considered in secret session by the House.

On motion of Mr. Love, the House, at 11 o’clock, goes into secret session.

At 11½ o’clock the doors are opened, and the secret ses-
sion is dissolved into open session, and the House proceeds with its business.

Mr. Herbert presents a memorial from William R. Martin and Levi Coffee, citizens of Clay county, praying that they may be allowed to distil twelve hundred gallons of corn whiskey, for medicinal purposes, for the use of citizens of that county; and introduces

A bill to allow William R. Martin and Levi Coffee to distil five hundred gallons of corn whiskey for medicinal purposes; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Asheworth introduces a resolution in regard to certain acts of the Home Guard, in relation to citizens of Randolph and other counties; which is read, and

On motion of Mr. Phillips, is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House to print the response of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Lunatic Asylum to certain resolutions of inquiry of the House.

Mr. Wooten introduces a bill in reference to the town of Kinston; which passes its first reading.

Mr. Fowle introduces a resolution in behalf of Thos. R. Fentress; which passes its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Fowle introduces a bill to explain certain exemptions from Home Guard duty, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Hanes moves a suspension of the rules, in order that the bill may be placed on its several readings.

Two-thirds not voting, the rules are not suspended.

The bill is then, on motion of Mr. Fowle, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Carter introduces a bill to establish military courts;
which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Military Committee.

The special order of the day being the consideration of a resolution in favor of the Principal Clerks of the two Houses is take up, and on motion of Mr. Amis the consideration of the resolution is postponed, and Senate-engrossed bill to authorize the Secretary of State to employ a clerk is considered.

Mr. Amis moves to strike out the proviso in the bill; which is agreed to, and the bill passes its third reading by the following vote:

Mr. Carson of Rutherford, asking for, and the House ordering the yeas and nays on its passage.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Beam, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Madison; Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Caho, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Crawford; of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham; Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Erwin, Faison, Farmer, George, Gidney; Grier, Gudger, Hadley, Harris, Hawes, Johnston; Joyner; Judkins, Lane, Latham, Lewis, Little, Love, McLean, Murphy, Patton, Polk, Powell, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Stancill, Strong and Wooten—46.

Mr. Costner introduces the following resolution, viz:
Resolved, That the Public Treasurer be authorized and required to pay to the Principal of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum the sum of twenty dollars for one bound book furnished to the House of Commons, which passes its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

The resolution in favor of the Principal Clerks of the two Houses is then considered.

On Mr. Mann's motion, the clause in the amendment which includes the Assistant Clerk, is stricken out.

Mr. Grissom moves to amend by striking out the word "four" and inserting the word "eight;" upon this motion Mr. Waugh calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:
Messrs. Grissom, Gudger, Hanes, Mann and Murphy—5.

Those who vote in the negative are:

The amendment is not agreed to.

The question then being on the original amendment, viz:
"four hundred dollars," the amendment is agreed to, and the resolution passes its third and last reading.

The Speaker lays before the House a communication from the Public Treasurer in response to resolutions of the House requesting information as to the steps he may have taken to collect the claims due the State from the Confederate States on account of clothing furnished the troops, &c., which is read and, on motion of Mr. Grissom, the communication is transmitted to the Senate.

A bill to authorize administrators to advance funds for the support of minor distributees of estates, is read, and, on motion of Mr. Cowles, is laid on the table.

Mr. Waugh, by leave of the House, introduces a bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to lands heretofore entered, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

At 1 o'clock, Mr. Pool moves to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Costner moves to amend by substituting the hour of 10 o'clock, which is agreed to, and the House adjourns.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1865.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the following bills and resolutions, reports thereon, viz:

A bill to allow Wm. R. Martin and Levi Coffee to distil corn whiskey for medicinal purposes.

A bill to amend an act, entitled "an act to authorise the Justices of Caswell county to regulate the cleaning out of Moon's creek in said county.

A bill to attach a portion of Madison county to the county of Buncombe, and asks that the committee be discharged
from their further consideration. The committee is discharged, and recommends the passage of the following bill and resolution, viz:

A bill in relation to obstructions in the Yadkin river.

A resolution in favor of the Commissioners of Macon county.

A resolution of inquiry as to the expediency of the State requesting of the Confederate States the detailing of Clement Jackson and Simon McFarland, citizens of Orange county, as skilled mechanics; and

A resolution in favor of E. D. Davis, sheriff of Jackson county.

Mr. Hanes, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, presents a report in reference to the contested seat of Northampton county, and introduces the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the seat now occupied in this House by Samuel J. Calvert, from the county of Northampton be, and the same is hereby declared vacant.

Resolved, That the Public Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to Messrs. Rogers and Calvert, the claimants of said seat, the same mileage and per diem, and under the same rules and regulations as the members of this House are paid.

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be, and he is hereby required to issue his writ of election to the Sheriff of Northampton county, commanding him to open and hold an election in that county on the 13th day of February next, 1865, to fill said vacancy, which pass their first reading and, on motion of Mr. Grissom, the further consideration of the matter is made the special order this day, at 11½ o'clock, A. M. Subsequently, at the request of Mr. Hawes, permission is granted to him for the withdrawal of the report, and the matter is made the special order for to-morrow, at 12½ o'clock, P. M.
Leave of absence is granted to Mr. Alston, on account of indisposition, and to Mr. Davis, Engrossing Clerk, from and after to morrow, until Tuesday next.

Mr. Shepherd introduces the following bills, viz:
A bill to authorize the Mayor and Commissioners of the town of Fayetteville to appoint takers of tax lists; and
A bill in reference to exemptions from duty in the Home Guard organizations, which pass their first reading.

Mr. Lowe introduces a bill to enlarge the chartered privileges of Yadkin College, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Stipe introduces a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Grissom, by permission, introduces resolutions explanatory of an act to exempt certain officers and employees of the State from conscription and to give efficiency to the same, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Gidney introduces a bill to amend the 101st chapter Revised Code, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Asheworth introduces a bill to exempt from Home Guard duty, certain county officers, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish up Newbegan creek, in the county of Pasquotank, is read and amended on Mr. Benbury's motion, by adding after the word "Pasquotank" the words "and Chowan river, in the county of Chowan," and the bill thus amended passes its second reading, the rules are suspended, and passes its third and last reading.

A bill to amend the 101st chapter Revised Code, is read the second time.

Mr. Fowle moves as a substitute, a bill concerning roads,
be adopted, which is agreed to, and the bill passes its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

The following bills and resolutions are engrossed and sent to the Senate, viz:

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Hill Orphan Fund.

A bill to exempt employees of newspapers from Home Guard duty.

A resolution in behalf of Thomas R. Fentress.

A resolution in favor of privates, non-commissioned officers, and officers of the line

A resolution authorizing the Governor to cause the removal of the State Salt Works, near Wilmington, N. C., to Saltville, Va., or any other point.

A resolution in favor of the Principal Clerks of the two Houses; and

A resolution in favor of the Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, for a Calender Book furnished the House of Commons.

Mr. Harrison, by consent, introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the laws in regard to the Guard for Home Defence, as to place the field officers, not assigned to commands in the ranks, as officers of the line are now placed; also, into the necessity of restricting the classes and number of exemptions, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Which is agreed to.

A resolution in favor of Joseph H. Cardwell, of the county of Rockingham, fails to pass its second reading.

Senate engrossed resolution of thanks to Major Harvey Bingham and Capt. Jordan Cook, and the men under their commands, is agreed to.
A bill in favor of discharged soldiers from the Confederate States Army, is read; the amendment proposed by the Military Committee, viz: to add after the word "duty," at the end of the first section, the words "until said persons shall be examined by a State Medical Board," is concurred in, and the bill passes its third reading, under a suspension of the rules.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the special order being the consideration of resolutions relative to negotiations for peace, on Mr. Caldwell’s motion, is postponed until Tuesday morning, 31st inst., at 12 o’clock.

A bill to exempt the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Raleigh from Home Guard duty, is read.

Mr. Cunningham moves to amend, by inserting the following as the second section, viz:

Be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act shall only apply to such of said officers and employees in the service of the City Government, as are exempt from conscription; which amendment is accepted by Mr. Fowle, the introducer of the bill.

Mr. Benbury moves an amendment, to come in as the third section of the bill, viz:

Be it enacted, That the provisions of this act shall extend to all other incorporated towns in the State.

Mr. Cobb moves the whole matter be laid on the table, and on this motion, Mr. Baxter asks for, and the House orders the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Amis, Austin, Baxter, Beam, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Caho, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Enloe, Erwin, Farmer, Faucette, Gidney, Grier, Hadley, Harrington, Harris, Harrison, Hassell, Hawes, Joyner,

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the bill is not tabled.

Mr. McAden moves to amend, by adding the following proviso:

_Provided, That the provisions of this act shall apply to every farmer in the State who produces a surplus of provisions, and sells the same to soldiers' families at schedule prices, and to every man who has five children dependent on his labor for a support._

Mr. Benbury withdraws his amendment, and

Mr. McAden calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays, on the amendment proposed by himself.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Alford, Amis, Asheworth, Austin, Banks, Baxter, Beam, Benbury, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Bond, of Gates, Bord, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Caho, Caldwell, Calloway, Calvert, Carson, of Alexander, Carson, of Rutherford, Costner, Cowles, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Enloe, Erwin, Faison, Farmer, Faucette, Flynt, George, Gidney, Grissom, Gudger, Hanes,
Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is agreed to.

Mr. Benbury renews his amendment, and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. Wheeler asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Allison, Amis, Banks, Beam, Caho, Carson, of Alexander, Cobb, Costner, Cowles, Craig, Cunningham, Erlo, Erwin, Faison, Farmer, Faucette, Fowle, George, Gidney, Grier, Gudger, Hadley, Harrington, Harris, Harrison, Horton, of Watauga, Little, Lyle, McGehee, McLean, McMillan, Patton, Perkins, Pool, Reinhardt, Riddick, Russell,
Shepherd, Shipp, Simmons, Smith of Duplin, Smith, of Johnston, Strong and Wooten—44.

So the amendment is agreed to.

Mr. Powell moves that the bill as amended, be laid on the table, and, on this motion, Mr. Caldwell asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the bill is tabled.

At 1½ o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Hanes, the House adjourns until to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.
FRIDAY, January 27, 1865.

Leave of absence is granted to Mr. Rogers from and after to-day, until Tuesday next.

Mr. Riddick until Monday next, and to Mr. Hassell until Thursday next.

A communication from the Public Treasurer is laid before the House by the Speaker and is read, and, on Mr. Grissom’s motion, is sent to the Senate with a proposition that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. J. H. Headen introduces a bill to amend the charter of the Drakeville Iron Company, in the county of Chatham, which passes its first reading and, under a suspension of the rules, the bill passes its second and third readings.

On Mr. Benbury’s motion, the vote by which a bill to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish up Newbegan Creek, in the county of Pasquotank, passed its third reading on yesterday, is reconsidered, and he withdraws his amendment, viz: so much as refers to Chowan River, in the county of Chowan. The bill is then placed upon its third reading and passes.

Mr. Lowe presents a memorial from citizens of Davidson county, praying the exemption from taxation, of the money and notes of Atlas F. Ward, a blind man of said county, and is referred to the Finance Committee.

A bill to exempt the officers and employees of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company from military service on certain conditions, is read the second time. The committee’s amendment, viz: “Strike out the entire second section,” is adopted, and the bill passes its second and third readings, under a suspension of the rules.

A bill concerning exemptions is read the second time.

Mr. McGehee moves the amendment be added as the second section, viz:

*Sec. 2. That the writ of injunction shall be allowed against
impressions of private property, when the price offered is alleged to be unjust, but if the officers on behalf of the government will give security to pay such prices as shall be finally decreed, the property shall be delivered to him for the use of the government.

This act shall be in force from and after its ratification; which is agreed to, and the bill passes its second and third readings.

Senate engrossed bill to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to employ slave labor in erecting fortifications and other works," is read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to prevent any person from hedging the North-East River to prevent the passage of fish, passes its second reading, the rules are suspended, and is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

A resolution in favor of the Old Dominion Trailing Company, passes its second reading.

The hour of 12½ o'clock having arrived, the special order being the consideration to the matter relating to the contested seat of Northampton county,

Mr. Hanes presents a report which is read and adopted, and, on his motion, resolutions in reference thereto, introduced on yesterday, is amended by striking out, to be introduced again, the second resolution.

Mr. Hanes, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, introduces the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Public Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to Messrs. Rogers and Calvert, the claimants of a seat in the House of Commons, the same mileage and per diem, and under the same rules and regulations as the members of this House are paid, which passes its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

A bill to allow fifteen magistrates to transact the county
business for Halifax county, is read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The following bills are engrossed and sent to the Senate, viz:

A bill in favor of discharged soldiers from the Confederate States army.

A bill concerning roads.

A bill to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish up Newbegan Creek, in the county of Pasquotank.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the North-Carolina Volunteer Navy Company, is read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish Nathan Whitford, Esq., with a copy of the Revised Code, is read, and, on motion of Mr. McAden, is tabled.

Resolution requesting the State appraising commissioners to allow market value for articles impressed, passes its second reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, the resolution passes its third reading.

A resolution in favor of Clement Jackson and Simon McFarland, skilled mechanics, is agreed to.

A bill in relation to obstructions in the Yadkin River, is read.

Mr. Sharpe moves to amend by inserting after the words "Third and Fourth Creeks," "and South Yadkin River, in the county of Iredell."

Pending its consideration, the House, on motion of Mr. Pool, adjourns until to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.
SATURDAY, January 28, 1865.

Mr. Fowle, from the Judiciary Committee, reports on a bill to explain certain exemptions from Home Guard duty, and introduces a substitute therefor; which is adopted, and passes its first reading.

Mr. Fowle, from the same committee, reports on the following bills and resolutions:

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to employ slave labor in erecting fortifications and other works," and proposes to amend the same, by inserting after the word "contracted," in the first section, the words "by reason of such service." This amendment being adopted, the passage of the bill is recommended.

A bill to restore jury trials in certain civil causes to the Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions of Chowan county;

A bill to allow fifteen magistrates to transact the county business of Halifax county;

A bill concerning Cherokee Lands;

A bill in relation to the delivery and execution of process in the county of Jones, and recommends their passage;

A bill entitled an act for the relief of the people;

An act to restore the penalty of $100 on sheriffs, for neglecting to execute or return process, and asks that the committee be discharged from their further consideration, and the committee is discharged;

A resolution explanatory of an act to exempt certain officers and employees of the State from conscription, and to give efficiency to the same, and asks to be discharge from its further consideration. The committee is discharged.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the North-Carolina Volunteer Navy Company, and recommends that the bill do not pass.

Mr. Fowle, from the same committee, reports on a memorial of citizens of Richmond county, praying the passage of
a law making trespasses on land a misdemeanor, &c., and asks to be discharged from its further consideration. The committee is discharged.

The following gentlemen are granted leave of absence: Mr. Lowe, from and after to-day until Monday next; and to Messrs. Phillips and Wooten until Tuesday next.

Mr. Caldwell introduces resolutions relative to the Lunatic Asylum, and proposing a committee of two on the part of the House, and one on the part of the Senate, to whom the subject matter of the resolutions shall be referred; which are agreed to, and the Senate is so informed.

A message is received from the Senate, stating it had passed through its several readings engrossed resolutions of the House, entitled "Resolutions upon the subject of impressments by the Confederate Government," with the following amendments, viz: strike out the second and third resolutions; and asks the concurrence of the House thereto.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the message is laid on the table.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House to refer the communication of the Public Treasurer to the Finance Committee; also agreeing to the proposition to print the report of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Insane Asylum.

Mr. Grissom introduces a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guards, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. McAden introduces a bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization, which passes its first reading.

Mr. McAden moves the bill be printed, and Mr. Grissom moves it be referred to the Judiciary Committee, both of which motions are agreed to.
The following bills and resolutions are engrossed and sent to the Senate, viz:

A bill to exempt the officers and employees of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company from military service on certain conditions.

A bill to amend the charter of the Drakesville Iron Company, in the county of Chatham.

A bill concerning exemptions; and

A resolution in favor of Clement Jackson and Simon McFarland, skilled mechanics of Orange county.

Mr. McAden introduces a bill to incorporate the Conservative Publishing Company, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Caldwell introduces a bill to increase the power of the town of Greensboro', which passes its first reading.

Mr. Phillips moves that the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: a bill in reference to obstructions in the Yadkin River, be postponed, and the House do now proceed to the consideration of the special order of the day, viz: the consideration of the subject of appointing magistrates for the different counties, which is agreed to.

Mr. Pool moves that the tabular statement of the number of magistrates of the different counties, in possession of the House, from the Secretary of State be read, which is agreed to. The statement is read, and Mr. Pool moves that the further consideration of the matter be postponed until the 3d Monday in November next, and upon this motion, Mr. McAden asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Austin, Beam, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Caho, Cobb, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Enloe, Erwin, Farmer, George, Grier, Grissom, Gudger, Harrington, Harris, Hawes, Judkins, Latham, Lewis, Little, Love, Lyle, McAden, Mc-
Lean, Patton, Peace, Pool, Polk, Russ, Shepherd, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus, Stancill and Strong—39.

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the consideration of the matter is not postponed.

On Mr. Sharpe's motion, the counties are called, and the House proceeds to appoint magistrates in the several counties, viz:


For Alexander county—Messrs. P A Childers, N R White, E Cline and Logan Mundy.

For Alleghany county—Messrs. Daniel Jones, James Weaver and Caswell Halsy.

For Alamance county—Messrs. William A Albright and Joel Shoffner.

For Bertie county—Messrs. W F McGluhorn and W S Pugh.

For Brunswick county—Messrs. F W Potter and Jas E Roberts.

For Bladen county—Messrs. A D McLean and Ewing Johnson.

For Catawba count—Messrs. Frederick Smith, William G James, Thomas Wilkinson, John S Robinson and Eli Warlick.


For Clay county—Messrs. Amos Ledford, Geo McClure, T B Bristol, J T Herbert and W B Todwell.

For Craven county—Messrs. T H Allen, James Fulford, John D Whitford and B F Mason.

For Davie county—Messrs. Wiley Bailey, Wm Clarke, Denton Henderson and Dr. William Brown.

For Davidson county—Messrs. W F Rice, Charles M Perryman, Robert Gray, Harvey Blackburn, Andrew Sechrist and Daniel Ward.


For Edgecombe county—Messrs. Edward G Cobb and Redmond R Duprey.


For Gaston county—Jerome B Fulton, Robert Rankin, Robert Wilson and Samuel Craig.

For Greene county—Messrs. John T Bynum, Dr. F M Rountree, William Frazier, Robert W Best, Shade Wooten and W L Randolph.

For Guilford county—Messrs. Jesse F Holton, M Jarrell and D P Foust.

For Halifax county—Messrs. E B Perry, A B Hill, E A Daniel, C H Pearson and Hardy Pitts.


For Hertford county—Mr. Jesse A Perry.


For Iredell county—Messrs. Martin Nicholson, Thos N Ramsey, Moses Trolinger and H Davis.


For Madison county—Messrs Jas Treadway, Thomas E Gregory, John Radford, J A Jervis and D H Buckner.

For McDowell county—Messrs. Jos W Hunter, Robert Freeman and B W Craig.

For Mitchell county—Messrs. Wilson Sparks, G Greenlee, T B Young, Robt N Penland, Jesse Blaylock and Jesse Mason.
For Moore county—Messrs. H C McLean, Jno W Ferguson, W R Muse and Geo Foushee.

For Nash county—Messrs. W W Boddie, Dr James D Matthews, John A Ricks, Jesse Hilliard and Wm J B Harper.

For New Hanover county—Messrs Benj F Keith and J H Alderman.


For Polk county—Messrs. Jas Egerton, Jno Whitesides, Ransom Pender, J L Ward, John Littlejohn, Daul Feagan, Benj Page, Sr, Ambrose Neils, Sr, Dr B H Padget and Jas Weaver.

For Randolph county—Messrs. Jno S Steed, M R Moffitt, Dr. W A Woolen, Jas T Bostick, Agrippa King, John F Johnson and Abner Gray.

For Rockingham county—Messrs. W P Watt and Johnston Bennett.


For Orange county—Messrs. E M Holt, Robt W Harris, A J King, Sidney Smith, Addison Mangum, Isaac Laws and Jas Turner, Jr.

For Sampson county—Messrs, W H Morrisey, Thos Bunting, Neill Watson, R D Mosely, W Johnson, R T Murphy, U W Cox and J Parker.

For Surry county—Messrs. I A Venable, J E Bonner, J

For Stanly county—Mr. Duncan Tucker.

For Stokes county—Messrs. B F Wilson, G W Webster, W H Reid, O H Simmons, D W Steel, J A Martin, Jno F Dulton and W H Matthews.


For Yancey county—Messrs J W Auglin, Jno Laffer, S D Byrd, M C Byrd, J W Patterson, Henry Rowland, John Randolph, P Blankenship and Isaac Bradshaw.

The following named gentlemen are proposed as suitable persons to be appointed magistrates, viz:.

For Wilson county—Messrs. E Rosenthall, Dr. J J Lawrence, Willie Daniel, Richard H Blount, Charles J Rountree, Rufus W Edmondston, W L Quarles, Ransom Hinnant, Elias Barnes and W J Bullock; and,

On motion of Mr. Farmer, their names are tabled.

Mr. Cobb moves that the message of the Senate, of date January 20th, asking the concurrence of the House to the appointment of "Robert Pender as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Edgecombe," be laid on the table; and,
on this motion, the yeas and nays being ordered, the House proceeds to vote.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the message is tabled.

A message is sent to the Senate, with a list of appointments made by the House, for Justices of the several counties, and asking its concurrence to the same.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House to raise a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of the House, and one on the part of the Senate, to inquire into the amount of expenditures of the Lunatic Asylum, and for other purposes; and appoints Mr. Patterson as the Senate branch of the committee.

The House branch of said committee consists of Messrs. Allison and Brown, of Mecklenburg.

A message is received from the Senate, enclosing for the action of the House the following engrossed resolutions:

A resolution in favor of D. F. Bagley, sheriff of Perquimans county, and

A resolution in favor of Samuel F. Phillips and Henry L. Plummer.
The latter resolution passes its first reading, and the rules being suspended, passes its second and third readings. Pending consideration of the former resolution, the House, on motion of Mr. Best, adjourns until 1½ o'clock, Monday morning.

MONDAY, January 30, 1865.

The committee on enrolled bills this week consists of Messrs. Patterson, Cobb, Reinhardt, Horton, of Watauga and McMillan.

And the committee on engrossed bills for the week consists of Messrs. Lewis, Peace and Bond, of Gates.

A resolution in favor of Messrs. Calvert and Rogers, contestants from Northampton county, is engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, presents a petition of sundry citizens of Rutherford county, asking the appointment of certain named individuals to be commissioned Justices of the Peace of said county. By common consent the House proceeds to the appointment of Justices of the Peace for the following counties, viz:


For Iredell county—Mr. R R Templeton.

For Sampson county—Mr. J E Barden.

For Alleghany county—Messrs. Solomon Edwards and John Black.


For Craven county—Mr. W W Fife.

For Alexander county—Mr. W M Bogle.
For Moore county—Messrs. T W Ritter, Dr Jno Campbell, Richard Street, W J Shields and J J Gilmore.

For Halifax county—Mr. W W Daniel.

For Surry county—Messrs. Thomas Hamlin and G A Lowe.

For Wake county—Mr. I H Rogers.


For Yadkin county—Messrs. J G Bynum, Jordan Howell and T D Hampton.

For Jones county—Messrs. Samuel Gerock and F G Simmons.

For Rowan county—Mr. J H Ennis.

For Pitt county—Mr. J A Taft.

For Davie county—Mr. W F Kelley.

A message is sent to the Senate, asking its concurrence in the above appointments.

Leave of absence is granted to Mr. Amis until Tuesday.

Mr. Polk, from the Committee on Education, reports on a bill to establish camp and garrison schools, and asks to be discharged from its further consideration. The committee is discharged.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reports on a bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to lands heretofore entered, and recommends its passage.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing that this General Assembly adjourn sine die on Wednesday, the 1st day of February, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Grissom moves the resolution be tabled, and on this motion, Mr. Dargan asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.
Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:
Messrs. Austin, Boyd, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Cahoh, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Dargan, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Enloe, Farmer, George, Gidney, Grier, Harris, Hawes, Joyner, Lewis, Little, McLean, Morrisey, Murphy, Peace, Polk, Reinhardt, Russ, Simmons, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Stancill and Strong—34.

So the resolution is tabled.

Mr. J. H. Headen introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the two Houses of this General Assembly will adjourn on Friday, the 3d day of February next, to meet again on the 1st Monday in April, unless sooner called together by his Excellency, the Governor.

And is tabled, on his own motion.

Mr. Sharpe introduces the following resolution, which is agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Joint Select Committee on the Insane Asylum, be instructed to inquire particularly into the amount of income derived from the farm connected with that institution, and the expenses incurred on account of the same; also, the number of patients in the said institution
from other States, and what amount of pay is received by the institution for keeping them.

Mr. McLean introduces a resolution authorizing the Governor to contract with Stewart, Buchanan & Co., for a supply of salt, for the year 1865; which passes its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Mann introduces a bill in regard to the Justices of the Peace in the county of Pasquotank; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Jordan introduces a bill concerning County Surveyors; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Bond, of Gates, introduces a bill to create a homestead freehold, by exempting from execution a certain portion of the land of any citizen of the State of North-Carolina; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Senate engrossed resolution, being the first unfinished business of Saturday last, viz:

A resolution in favor of D. F. Bagley, sheriff of Perquimans county, passes its first reading.

The next unfinished business of Saturday last, being the consideration of the amendment proposed by Mr. Sharpe to a bill in relation to obstructions in the Yadkin river. The amendment is agreed to, and the bill passes its second reading.

A message is received from the Senate, stating it had passed through its several readings, House engrossed bill to exempt the officers and employees of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company from military service, on certain conditions, with the following amendments, viz: strike out in the 9th line of the first section, the word "both," strike out in the 10th line of the first section, the
words "and Confederate States," and the following to come in as an additional section, viz:

"Be it further enacted, That the Governor be requested to detail from the Confederate Government the employees mentioned in the first section of this act, for the purpose aforesaid."

The House concurs in the amendment.

A bill to increase the power of the Commissioners of the town of Greensboro', passes its second reading.

The following bills pass their second readings:

A bill concerning Cherokee Lands; and

A bill in relation to the delivery and execution of process in the county of Jones.

A bill to allow fifteen magistrates to transact the county business for Halifax county, passes its second and third readings, under a suspension of the rules.

A bill to amend an act, entitled "an act to authorize the Governor to employ slave labor in erecting fortifications and other works, is read.

The amendment proposed by the committee, viz: insert after the word "contracted," in the first section, the words "by reason of such service," is adopted.

Mr. Caldwell calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays, on the passage of the bill on its second reading.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Ashworth, Austin, Beam, Best, Blair, Bond, of Gates, Brown, of Madison, Bryan, Caho, Caldwell, Calloway, Carson, of Alexander, Carson, of Rutherford, Clapp, Cobb, Costner, Cowles, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Davis,

So the bill fails to pass its second reading.

A message is received from the Senate, stating it had passed House engrossed resolution authorizing the Governor to cause the removal of the State Salt Works, &c., with the following amendment, viz:

Resolved, That the Governor be authorized to sell or rent any portion of the machinery to any company or individual in the interest of the State, that may be engaged in making salt.

The amendment of the Senate is concurred in by the House.

A bill to restore jury trials, in certain civil causes, to the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Chowan county, passes its second reading. The rules being suspended, the bill passes its third and last reading.

A bill entitled "An act for the relief of the people."

Mr. Caldwell moves the bill be tabled, and on this motion, Mr. Russ calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Allison, Asheworth, Alford, Austin, Best, Blair, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan,

So the bill is not tabled.

On Mr. Brown's (of Mecklenburg,) motion, the bill is informally passed over, yeas 51, nays 12.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the nomination of Justices of the Peace of the House for the several counties, with the exception of Jas. Roseman, of Rowan county, and recommends the following gentlemen to be appointed magistrates for their respective counties:

For Lenoir county—Mr. A S Rouse.
For Onslow county—Mr. E W Mattocks.
For Guilford county—Messrs. Thomas Graham and D G Neeley.
For Wake county—Mr. D C Murray.
For Beaufort county—Mr. R H Chancey.
For Mecklenburg county—Mr. D H Hart.
For Rowan county—Mr. Geo Lyerby.

Mr. Duke moves the message be laid on the table, which is not agreed to.

The message is then concurred in and the Senate is so informed.
A bill to restore the penalty of $100 on sheriffs for neglecting to execute or return process, is read.

A quorum is found not to be voting, and on motion of Mr. Simmons, the House adjourns until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1865.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reports on the following bills and recommends their passage, viz:

A bill in regard to the Justices of the Peace in the county of Pasquotank; and

A bill to prevent any person from hedging the North-East River to prevent the passage of fish.

Mr. Fowle, from the Judiciary Committee, reports on the following bills and resolution, recommending their passage, viz:

A bill to provide more effectually for reclaiming swamp lands.

A bill to incorporate the Conservative Publishing Company; and

A resolution in relation to the Commissioners of Jackson county.

Mr. Fowle from the same committee reports on the following bill and resolution, viz:

A bill to authorize the Justices of Caswell county to increase the fees of the jailor of said county and for other purposes; and

A resolution enquiring whether there exists a vacancy in the Judgeship of the 8th Judicial circuit, &c. The latter, the committee asks to be discharged from its further consid-
The committee is discharged. And the former, the committee recommends it do not pass.

Leave of absence is granted to Mr. Johnston, on account of sickness in his family, from and after to-day.

Mr. Russ introduces a bill to increase the militia force of the State in cases of imminent danger, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Military Committee.

The morning business being over, the House proceeds to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: The consideration of a bill to restore the penalty of $100 on sheriffs for neglecting to execute or return process, which passes its second reading, the rules being suspended, the bill is read the third time.

Mr. Grissom proposes an amendment, viz:

Provided, That this act shall not conflict with the act to change the jurisdiction of the courts and the rules of pleading therein, in any of its provisions designed to delay the collection of debts and judgments.

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, moves to lay the whole matter on the table, and on this motion, Mr. Cowles asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the bill is tabled.

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, asks to be permitted to introduce the names of certain citizens of Johnston county to be commissioned magistrates, he not being present yesterday when nominations for Justices of the Peace were made; by common consent, Mr. Smith, with other members, are permitted to nominate Justices of the Peace for their respective counties:


For Catawba county—Mr. A Ramsour.

For Duplin county—Dr Jno Howard.

For Beaufort county—Mr. J B Stickney.

For Sampson county—Mr. C P Johnson.

For Cumberland county—Mr. E Page.

For Caswell county—Mr. L T Hunt.

For Orange county—Mr. J R Green.


For Wilkes county—Messrs Adam Staley, J F Adams, Henry Sebastian, Hiram Church, Thos W Smith and T C B Whittington.

Mr. McCormick moves a message be sent to the Senate, asking its concurrence to the above appointments.
Mr. Cobb moves the whole matter be tabled; which is not agreed to—yeas 35, nays 31.

Mr. McCormick's motion to send a message is then agreed to, and a message is sent, &c.

Mr. McLean introduces a resolution in favor of the Confederate soldiers and their families.

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, moves to amend, by adding the words "and a negro fellow;" and

On Mr. Grissom's motion, the resolution and amendment is referred to the Committee on Confederate Affairs.

On Mr. J. H. Headen's motion, the resolution on adjournment is taken from the table.

Mr. Crawford, of Rowan, moves to strike out the word "April," and insert the word "May."

On Mr. Henry's motion the resolution and amendment is referred to the Committee on Adjournment.

A message is received from the Senate, stating it had nominated the following named gentlemen, as Justices of the Peace in their respective counties, and asking the concurrence of the House to the same, viz:

For Greene county—Mr. W R Bryant.
For Yancey county—Mr. Robert McIntosh.
For Madison county—Messrs. Robert Payne, Aaron Freeman, Solomon Brigman and Zachariah Bryant.
For Pitt county—Mr. W May.

And stating it had concurred in the House recommendations of this morning.

The House concurs in the Senate's nominations.

A message is received from the Senate, enclosing the following engrossed bills and resolutions:

A bill to revive and continue in force an act passed in 1863, entitled "An act to amend chapter 36, Revised Code, entitled currency;" which passes its first reading.
A bill for the relief of W. W. Campbell, sheriff of Beaufort county; which passes it first reading.

A resolution in favor of A. H. Sanders, former sheriff of Montgomery county; which passes its first reading; and

A resolution against the policy of arming slaves.

This resolution, Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves be tabled.

Mr. Waugh calls for the yeas and nays on this motion, and the House so orders.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the motion to table does not prevail.

On Mr. Henry's motion the House orders the yeas and nays, on the adoption of the resolution.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allison, Alford, Asheworth, Banks, Beam, Ben-

Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Baxter, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Caho, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Davis, of Franklin, Farmer, Gaskins, George, Gidney, Grier, Harris, Hawes, Lane, Powell, Reinhardt, Russ and Stancill—21.

So the resolution is agreed to.

Mr. McGehee moves a bill entitled "An act for the relief of the people," which was passed over informally on yesterday be now considered; agreed to; and he introduces

A bill to be entitled "An act in regard to contracts made with reference to depreciated currency," be substituted therefor; and further moves that the original bill and substitute be referred to the Judiciary Committee, which motion is agreed to.

Mr. McAden introduces resolutions in reference to alleged outrages perpetrated by Home Guards, &c., which are agreed to, and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Reinhardt introduces a bill to appropriate a portion of the town lands of Newton to the jail lot of said town,
which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Phillips introduces a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for biennial reports from the Auditor of Public Accounts," which passes its first reading.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Claims, reports on a resolution in favor of W. H. Wasson, Sheriff of Iredell county, recommending its passage, and on motion of Mr. Allison, the rules are suspended and the resolution passes its several readings.

A motion is made that the following named gentlemen be recommended to be commissioned as magistrates for their respective counties:

For Forsythe county—Mr. Darius Master, Sr.
For Columbus county—Mr. S. W. Smith.
For Pitt county—Mr. J B Johnson.
Pending consideration of their appointments, the House, on motion of Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, adjourns until tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1865.

Mr. Isbell is permitted to record his vote in the affirmative on the adoption of resolutions against the policy of arming slaves.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Claims, reports on a bill in favor of Wm. Haymore, Sheriff of Surry, and recommends its passage.

Mr. Fowle, from the Judiciary Committee, reports a substitute for the bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees.

Mr. Polk introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, propo-
saying that the two Houses of this General Assembly adjourn on Friday, the 3d instant, at 8 o'clock, A. M., to meet again on the second Tuesday in May, unless sooner called together by his Excellency, the Governor.

Mr. Waugh moves its reference to the Committee on Adjournment, and on this motion, Mr. Polk asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the resolution is referred to the Committee on Adjournment.

Mr. Stipe introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be, and he is hereby requested to correspond with the Confederate authorities, and use every effort to procure from them suitable
and comfortable accommodations, surgeons, medicines, ambulances and baggage wagons for our Junior and Senior Reserves, now said to be in a suffering condition. Agreed to.

Mr. McGehee introduces a bill to be entitled "An act concerning sales under execution, which passes first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Jordan introduces a bill for the protection of persons exempted from military service, which passes its first reading and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Faison introduces a bill to authorize the County Court of Duplin to levy taxes to keep up the county roads, which passes its first reading.

Mr. Phillips introduces a bill to amend the charter of the Pittsboro' and Haywood Plankroad Company, granted at the session of '862-'3, which passes its first reading.

A message is received from the Senate, stating it does not concur in the nomination of Jno R Green, of Orange county, and concurring in the nomination of L. T. Hunt, of Caswell county.

A message is received from the Senate, recommending the following named gentlemen to be commissioned magistrates for Halifax county, viz: Messrs. Jno R Palmer, J L Price, Wm Barret, Jno Alston, Richard Harris, W R Higgs, B F Gray, and asking the concurrence of the House in said recommendations. The House concurs.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz: The motion to send a message to the Senate proposing to nominate sundry citizens to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace for their respective counties is considered. Additional names, by common consent, are suggested to be included in the same message.

Upon Mr. Powell's motion, the subject matter under consideration is tabled by the following vote, Mr. Waugh calling for, and the House ordering, the yeas and nays.
Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


On Mr. Waugh's motion, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to go immediately into an election of a Trustee to the University, and Messrs. Danl. G. Fowle, Jas. S. Amis, Thomas J. Morrissey and George Davis are placed in nomination.

The following bills and resolutions are ratified by the Speaker of the House and transmitted to the Senate for ratification by the Speaker of that body, viz:

An act concerning the mode of taking depositions in certain cases.

An act to incorporate the Cumberland Monumental Association.

An act to facilitate the building of bridges which have been washed away in the counties of Alamance and Granville.
Resolution relative to the exemption of certain State employees.
Resolution referring to S. F. Phillips, Esq., the matter pertaining to the State blockading operations.
Resolution in favor of Thomas D. Walker.
An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for a Turnpike road from Salisbury west, to the line of the State of Georgia.
An act making the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department a commissioner of affidavits for certain purposes.
An act to legalize the election of the Intendent and Commissioners in the town of Monroe, in the county of Union.
An act to incorporate Mount Herman Lodge, A. Y. M., in the county of Buncombe.
Resolution in favor of abolishing Provost Guards.
Resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to receive partial payments of taxes due from counties within the lines of the enemy.
An act authorizing the County Court of Jackson to appoint or elect a tax collector for said county.
An act to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Deep River Woolen Mills.
An act authorizing the Public Treasurer to rent out the buildings on Burke Square.
An act declaring what number of Justices of the Peace of the county of Columbus shall constitute a quorum, in all cases where one-third is now required.
An act to amend an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Cape Fear Importing and Exporting Company."
An act to amend the laws regulating the appointment of Flour Inspectors for the town of Fayetteville, and fees to be charged for the same.
Resolution to authorize the Governor to send State mili-
tary supplies to the City of Wilmington, for the support of citizens.

Resolution to retain millers and artizans at home, to serve the public.

Resolution of thanks to Major Harvey Bingham and Capt. Jordan Cooke, and the men under their commands.

An act to authorize the Secretary of State to employ a clerk.

Resolution in favor of privates, non-commissioned officers, and officers of the line.

An act in regard to the holding of courts in, and for, the county of Brunswick.

An act to give the County Court of Pitt jurisdiction in the re-establishment of lost wills.

An act to exempt the officers and employees of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company from military service, on certain conditions.

Resolution in favor of Samuel F. Phillips and Henry L. Plummer.

An act to amend the charter of the Drakeville Iron Company, in the county of Chatham.

An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Hill Orphan Fund.

An act concerning the town of Fayetteville.

Resolution in behalf of Thomas R. Fentress, of the City of Raleigh.

Resolution requesting the State Appraising Commissioners to a low market value for articles impressed.

A message is received from the Senate, refusing to go into an election of a Trustee to the University.

Upon Mr. Cowles' motion, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to proceed immediately to the election of five Directors of the Insane Asylum, and Messrs. D. G. Worth, N. Alston, W. H. Harrison, W. S. Battle, A. H. Martin,

The Senate concurs in the proposition.

Messrs. Cunningham and Cowles are appointed to superintend the election on the part of the House.


For Mr. Harrison—Messrs. Speaker, Allison, Alford, Ashworth, Banks, Beam, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Caldwell, Clapp, Davis of Halifax, Fowl, Grissom, Hanes, Harrison, J. H. Headen, Henry, Holton, Herbert, Horton, of Watanga, Joyner, Lewis, Mann, McCormick, Morrisey, Murphy, Murrill, Patterson, Perkins, Riddick, Rogers, Sharpe, Smith, of Cabarrus, and Stipe—35.


For Mr. Taylor—Messrs. Boyd, Faison, Gaskins, George, Grier, Harris, Hawes, Lane, Murphy, Russell, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin and Wooten—13.

For Mr. McLean—Messrs. Baxter, Beam, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Cahio, Caldwell, Cobb, Costner, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of
Wayne, Cunningham, Davis, of Franklin, Enloe, Erwin, Faison, Farmer, Gaskins, George, Gidney, Grier, Harris, Hawes, Lane, Latham, Love, McCormick, Murphy, Polk, Powell, Reinhardt, Russ, Shipp, Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Stancill, Strong and Wooten—39.

For Mr. Harris—Mr. Hadley—1.


For Dr. E. B. Haywood—Messrs. Allison, Amis, Benbury, Bond, of Bertie, Bryan, Duke, Flynt, Fowle, Har-
rington, Harrison, Lyle, McGehee, Patterson, Phillips and Shober—1.

For Gen. W. R. Cox—Mr. Allison—1.


For Mr. Hart—Mr. Carson, of Rutherford—1.

For Mr. Litchford—Mr. Hanes—1.

For Mr. Bledsoe—Mr. Smith, of Cabarrus—1.

Mr. Cunningham, from the committee to superintend the election of Directors of the Insane Asylum, reports that no one received a majority of the votes.

The House proceeds to the business on the calendar.

The following resolution and bills pass their third and last reading, viz:

A resolution in favor of the Old Dominion Trading Company.

A bill to prevent any person from hedging the North-East River to prevent the passage of fish.

A bill to increase the powers of the commissioners of the town of Greensboro'.

A bill concerning Cherokee Lands; and

A bill in relation to the delivery and execution of process in the county of Jones.

A bill in relation to obstructions in the Yadkin River is read.

On Mr. Sharpe's motion, the amendment proposed by himself, viz: The words "third and fourth creek, and South Yadkin," is stricken out, and the bill passes its third and last reading.

Upon Mr. Phillips' motion, a bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees, which was ratified the 14th day
of December, 1863, is taken up for consideration. The Committee's substitute by way of an amendment, is agreed to.

Mr. Cobb moves the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Friday next, and that the bill and substitute be printed. Not agreed to.

Mr. Phillips moves to amend by inserting after the words "on public business" the words "the Judges of the Superior and Supreme Courts, seven thousand dollars each, in lieu of all pay and allowances heretofore given."

Mr. Waugh moves to amend the amendment by striking out the word "seven" and inserting the word "six," asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays, on his amendment.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Banks, Best, Blair, Caho, Carson, of Alexander, Carson, of Rutherford, Clapp, Cobb, Costner, Cowles, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Davis, of Franklin, Enloe, Farmer, Flynt, Gidney, Hadley, Harrison, Hassell, Herbert, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Jordan, Judkins, Lane, Love, McMillan, Murphy, Patten, Polk, Powell, Reinhardt, Simmons, Smith, of Duplin, Smith, of Johnston, Stancill, Stipe, Waugh and Young—41.

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is not agreed to.
The amendment proposed by Mr. Phillips is then agreed to—yeas 44, nays 21.

Mr. Amis moves to amend, by adding to the end of the clause relating to Secretary of State, the words "and his check one thousand dollars." And on this motion to amend, Mr. Latham calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is not agreed to.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, moves to amend, by inserting between the words "Sheriff and Coroners," in the first section, the words "County Surveyer."

At 1½ to 2 o'clock, Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, moves to adjourn; which is negatived by the casting vote of the Speaker.
The amendment proposed by Mr. Brown is then agreed to, and the bill passes its second reading.

The following bill and resolutions are engrossed, and sent to the Senate for their action, viz:

A bill to restore jury trials in certain civil causes to the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Chowan county.

Resolution in favor of Wm. H. Wasson, sheriff of Iredell county.

A resolution authorizing the Governor to contract with Stewart, Buchanan & Co., for a supply of salt for the year 1865.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Simmons, the House adjourns until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1865.

Mr. Fowle, from the Judiciary Committee, reports on the following bills, viz:

A bill to appropriate a portion of the town lands of Newton, to the jail lot of said town; and

A bill concerning County Surveyors; and recommends their passage.

And recommends the passage of a bill, entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization," with the following amendments, viz: insert after the words "County Trustees," in the third section, the words "County Surveyors," and after the word "Compositors," insert the words "and employees;" and insert after the words "under this act," the following: "but shall apply to officers of the Home Guard and Militia, who are required, under this act, to serve in the ranks, and who would be entitled to exemptions, if they did not hold commissions."

And recommends the adoption of the substitute offered.
by Mr. McGehee, to a bill entitled "An act for the relief of the people."

And recommends the passage of a bill, to be entitled "An act concerning sales under execution," with the following amendment, viz: strike out all after the word "that" in the third line of section third, and insert the following: "no bond shall be required, but the lien on the property under the levy shall continue twelve months."

And recommends that a bill to create a homestead freehold by exempting from execution a certain portion of the land of any citizen of the State of North-Carolina, do not pass.

Mr. Caldwell, from the Judiciary Committee, reports unfavorably on the resolution, on the subject of impressments, &c., introduced by Mr. Grissom.

Mr. Waugh introduces resolutions, proposing the removal of secrecy from the proceedings of a recent secret session of this Legislature.

Mr. Grissom states that, at this time, the removal of secrecy might be injurious to our cause, &c., and moves for the present, that the resolution be tabled.

And on this motion Mr. Waugh calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Stancill, Strong and Wooten—68.

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the resolution is tabled.

Mr. Dargan introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate proposing that this General Assembly adjourn on Saturday, the 4th instant, at 8 o’clock, A. M., to meet again on the 3rd Thursday in May next, unless sooner called together by the Governor and council.

Mr. Cowles, from the Joint Select Committee on Adjournment, having had the subject of adjournment under consideration, reports the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the two Houses of the General Assembly adjourn on Tuesday morning next, at 9 o’clock, A. M., to meet again on the 1st Wednesday in April next, unless sooner called together by the Governor.

And moves that the resolution be adopted for the one introduced by Mr. Dargan, and on this motion, Mr. Dargan calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the resolution introduced by Mr. Cowles, is not adopted.

The question then being on agreeing to Mr. Dargan’s resolution,

Mr. Fowle moves to amend by striking out the words “Saturday the 4th,” and inserting “Tuesday the 7th,” and to strike out “3rd Thursday in May” and insert “1st Wednesday in March.”

Mr. Herbert moves, as an amendment to the amendment, to insert “the 2d Wednesday in March” instead of the “1st Wednesday in March,” which is accepted by Mr. Fowle.

A division of the question is called for by Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Grissom moves the further consideration of the subject be postponed until Saturday next, at 12 o’clock, and on this motion, Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Alford, Asheworth, Banks, Best, Blair, Bond, of Gates, Bryan, Caldwell, Calloway, Clapp, Cowles, Craig, Flynt, Fowle, Gaskins, Gibbs, Grissom, Hanes, Harrison,

Those who vote in the negative are:

So the motion to postpone does not prevail.
Mr. Dargan accepts that portion of the amendment proposed by Mr. Fowle as refers to the time of adjournment of the House, and on his motion, the yeas and nays are ordered on that portion of Mr. Fowle’s amendment which relates to the time to which the Legislature shall adjourn.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:
Messrs. Allison, Alston, Amis, Baxter, Beam, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg,

So the amendment is not agreed to.

Mr. Love moves to amend by striking out the "3d Thursday in May" and inserting "the 1st Monday in November." Not agreed to.

Mr. Phillips moves to strike out "the 3d Monday in May" and insert the "2d Tuesday in April," which is not agreed to.

The question then recurring on the passage of the resolution of Mr. Dargan, viz:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing that this General Assembly adjourn on Tuesday, the 7th instant, at 8 o'clock, A. M., to meet again on the 3d Thursday in May next, unless sooner called together by the Governor and council.

The resolution is agreed to.

Mr. McGehee introduces resolutions in favor of North Carolinians, prisoners of war, which is agreed to, the rules are suspended and it is engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On Mr. Smith's (of Johnston,) motion a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to go forthwith into an election of five Directors of the Lunatic Asylum.

Leave of absence is granted to Mr. Russ from and after to-day.

On Mr. Murphy's motion, a message is sent to the Senate,
proposing the name of Robert Tait as a suitable person to be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bladen.

Similar motions are made by Messrs. J. H. Headen and Smith, of Duplin, and agreed to, for gentlemen to be appointed Justices of the Peace for the following counties, viz:

For Moore county—Mr. A D Waddell.


A similar motion made by Mr. Asheworth, for the appointment of H. T. Moffitt as Justice of the Peace for Randolph county, is not agreed to.

Mr. Polk introduces a resolution in reference to postponing the appointment of additional Justices of the Peace, &c.

Mr. Grissom moves it be referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations, and on Mr. Stancill's call, the yeas and nays are ordered on Mr. Grissom's motion of reference.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Smith, of Cabarrus, Smith, of Duplin, Stancill, Strong, Wooten and Young—70.

So the motion to refer does not prevail.

The question then recurring on agreement to the resolution introduced by Mr. Polk, the yeas and nays are ordered, on his motion.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the motion is agreed to.

Mr. Cunningham introduces a bill to increase the capital of the Monatock Mining and Manufacturing Company; which passes its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McAden introduces a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Haw River Toll Bridge Company;" which passes its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Harington moves that the House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Not agreed to.
Mr. McAden introduces a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Big Fall Toll Bridge Company;" which passes its first reading.

Mr. Costner introduces a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to increase the pay of witnesses and jurors, ratified December 12th, 1863;" which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Hadley introduces a bill to prevent litigation; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees, ratified the 14th day of December, 1863, is then considered.

Mr. Grissom moves to amend, by striking out all after the words "Surgeon General," (as refers to his pay, &c.,) and insert "the rank and pay of a Brigadier General in the field;" which is agreed to.

Mr. Phillips moves to amend, by adding after the words "Marshal of the Supreme Court $15 per day," the words "for every day of attendance on the Supreme Court." Agreed to.

Mr. Cabo moves that the salary of the Comptroller be $4,000 instead of $3,000; which is not agreed to.

On Mr. Cobb's motion, the word "Confederate" is inserted before the word "currency."

The bill, as amended, being on its third reading, Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

rill, Patterson, Peace, Phillips, Riddick, Rogers, Sharpe, Shepherd, Shoher, Simmons and Young—45.

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the bill passes its third and last reading.

The following bills and resolutions are engrossed, and sent to the Senate, viz:

A bill to prevent any person from hedging the North-East river, to prevent the passage of fish.

A bill in relation to obstructions in the Yadkin river.

Resolution in favor of North Carolinians, prisoners of war.

Resolution in favor of the Old Dominion Trading Company.

Resolution in favor of Junior and Senior Reserves.

Messages are received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House, that the General Assembly adjourn on Tuesday next, the 7th instant, at 8 o'clock, A. M., to meet again on the third Thursday in May next, unless sooner called together by the Governor and Council; and to the propositions of the House to go forthwith into an election for five Directors of the Lunatic Asylum, naming Messrs. Smith and Blount as the committee to superintend the election on the part of the Senate, and nominating the following gentlemen, viz: Messrs. T. J. Pitchford, A. D. McLean, A. H. Martin and Thos. B. Harris, and concur-
ring in the House nominations for Justices of the Peace for their respective counties, made this morning.

The House votes for Directors for the Lunatic Asylum.

On Mr. Grissom’s motion, the clerk is not required to record the names of the members on voting for Trustees and Directors—the number only being necessary.

Before the result of the election for Directors of the Insane Asylum is announced by the committee, the House adjoins, on Mr. Lowe’s motion, until to-morrow morning, at 10 o’clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1865.

Mr. Fowle, from the Joint Committee to superintend the election for Directors of the Lunatic Asylum, reports the whole number of votes cast 135. Necessary to a choice 68. Of which number D. G. Worth received 72; Nicholas Alston 97; J. V. Jordan 70; D. F. Caldwell 70, and further there is no election. Messrs. Worth, Alston, Jordan and Caldwell are declared duly elected.

Mr. Harrington is granted leave of absence from and after to-morrow.

The following bills and resolutions are engrossed and sent to the Senate, viz:

A bill entitled “An act to incorporate the Haw River Toll Bridge Company.”

A bill to increase the power of the Commissioners of the town of Greensboro’.

A bill in regard to the Justices of the Peace in the county of Pasquotank.

A bill in relation to the delivery and execution of process in the county of Jones.
A bill to increase the capital of the Monatoek Mining and Manufacturing Company.

A bill concerning Cherokee Lands; and

A resolution in reference to the postponement of appointment of additional Justices of the Peace.

Mr. Dargan presents a memorial of sundry citizens of Anson county, relative to the distillation of grain for medicinal purposes, which is read and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Murphy introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing an act requiring the several County Courts in the State to appoint a commissioner, whose duty it shall be to administer upon the estates of deceased persons in cases where the next of kin or creditors fail to do so, after a reasonable time, to be fixed by said act; which is agreed to.

Mr. Fowle introduces a resolution in favor of James M. Towles, which passes its first reading, and the rules being suspended, passes its second and third readings.

Mr. Peace introduces the following resolution, viz:

Whereas, We have heard with the greatest pleasure and heartfelt satisfaction, that negotiations for peace have been inaugurated by the governments at Richmond and Washington; yet mindful of the maxim, that in time of war while "we hold the olive branch in one hand, we should hold the sword in the other." Therefore,

Be it Resolved, That until the issue of these negotiations is known, North-Carolina will not abate one jot or tittle of her determination and zeal for a vigorous prosecution of the war to an honorable peace.

Which is agreed to.

Mr. McAden introduces a bill entitled "An act to authorize the magistrates of Alamance county to levy a tax for
the support of families of soldiers, which passes its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McAden introduces a bill in relation to the Asylum for the Insane, which passes its first reading.

By consent, Mr. Grissom from the Military Committee, reports on a resolution of inquiry as to the propriety of amending the laws in regard to the Home Guards, with a request that the committee be discharged from its further consideration for the reason that the committee had agreed on a general bill in regard thereto.

The committee is discharged, and for similar reasons the committee is discharged from the further consideration of

A bill to exempt from Home Guard duty, certain county officers; and

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard.

Mr. Fowle, by consent, presents a letter from the Judge of the 8th Judicial Circuit, explaining the reason for his non-compliance with the law, requiring his residence in the district, which is read and ordered to be filed, with the resolution on the subject, introduced by Mr. Love, and the report of the Judiciary Committee thereon.

A message is received from the Senate, enclosing engrossed bills and resolution, for the action of the House, viz:

A bill more effectually to prevent the sacrifice of property during the war.

A bill to amend the charter of the North-Carolina Express Company.

A bill to repeal in part section 119, chapter 34 of the Revised Code, which pass their first readings in this House; and

A resolution concerning mileage of members of the General Assembly, which passes its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.
A message is received from the Senate, stating it had passed through its several readings the engrossed resolution of the House, entitled "Resolutions relating to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus," with the following amendment:

Resolved, That until Congress shall see fit to organize a Supreme Court, as is required by the Constitution and any suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, must materially and necessarily operate to deprive the citizen of his constitutional rights; and this General Assembly doth therefore protest against any legislation upon the subject whatever.

And asks the concurrence of the House thereto. The House concurs.

On Mr. Grissom's motion a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization" is considered, and he moves a substitute, by way of an amendment to the bill.

On Mr. Cowles motion, the further consideration of the subject is postponed until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, and that the substitute be printed; which is agreed to.

On Mr. Grissom's motion, the laws heretofore passed in relation thereto, are ordered to be printed.

A bill authorizing the Justices of Caswell county to increase the fees of the jailor of said county, and for other purposes, is read and tabled.

The following bills pass their second and third readings, under a suspension of the rules, viz:

A bill in regard to the Justices of the Peace in the county of Pasquotank.

A bill in favor of William Haymore, Sheriff of Surry county.

A bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to lands heretofore entered; and
A bill to provide more effectually for reclaiming Swamp Lands.

The amendment proposed by the committee to a bill to be entitled "An act concerning sales under execution," is adopted, and passes its second reading.

The following bills and resolutions are ratified by the Speaker of this House, and are transmitted to the Senate for ratification by the Speaker of that body, viz:

An act to allow fifteen magistrates to transact the county business for Halifax county.

An act in favor of discharged soldiers from the Confederate States Army.

An act concerning injunctions.

An act to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish up Newbegan Creek in the county of Pasquotank.

A resolution against the policy of arming slaves.

A resolution in favor of North-Carolinians, prisoners of war.

A bill entitled "An act for the relief of the people," is read.

The substitute by way of an amendment, offered by Mr. McGehee, and recommended by the Judiciary Committee, is adopted for the bill and passes its first reading.

On motion, the rules are suspended and the bill is placed upon its second reading.

Mr. McAden moves to amend by inserting the word "express" before the word "understanding" in the 2d line of the bill.

And Mr. Sharpe renews a motion to lay the whole matter on the table, which is not agreed to—yeas 24, nays 45.

The House refuses to concur in Mr. McAden's amendment.

The question then being on the passage of the bill on its second reading, on Mr. Sharpe's motion, the yeas and nays are ordered.
Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the bill passes its second reading. The House refuses to place the bill upon its third reading.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting engrossed resolutions for the action of the House, viz:

A resolution directing the Public Treasurer as to the making payment of the appropriation in favor of the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind.

A resolution in favor of Alex. D. Waddell; and

A resolution instructing a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, in regard to Railroad Companies.

The first resolution passes its first reading, the second is agreed to, and Mr. McAden moves the tabling of the third, and on Mr. McAden's motion, Mr. Henry calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.
Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:

So the motion to table does not prevail. The resolution passes its first reading.

At 2 o’clock, P. M., Mr. J. H. Headen moves to adjourn. Not agreed to.

A message is received from the Senate, stating it had passed through its several readings the House engrossed resolution in reference to the arrest and confinement of Henry P. Ritter, of Chowan county, by the Provost Marshal at Weldon, with the following amendment, viz: strike out the word “instructed,” in the first resolution, and insert the word “request;” and asks the concurrence of the House to the same. The House concurs.

Mr. Grissom moves to take from the table a bill to restore the penalty of $100 on sheriffs, for neglecting to execute or return process.

Pending the consideration of the motion, the House, on
Mr. Caldwell's motion, adjourns until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 4, 1865.

Mr. Waugh presents a memorial of sundry citizens of Surry county, asking the appointment of A. Brim, Esq., as a Justice of the Peace for said county, and introduces a resolution in relation thereto. The memorial lies over under the rules, and the resolution is tabled—yeas 54, nays 15.

Mr. Fowle, from the Judiciary Committee, recommends the passage of a bill for the protection of persons exempted from military service.

Leave of absence is granted to Messrs. Faison, Murphy and Smith, of Cabarrus, from and after to-day.

Mr. Bryan presents a petition from sundry citizens of Polk county, asking the appointment of Messrs. Sim, Rhodes, Ballard, Thorn, Williams, Cloud and Burgess, as Justices of the Peace for that county; and, on his motion, the petition is referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

On Mr. Simmons' motion, a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to go into an election of one Director of the Lunatic Asylum to-day, at 1 o'clock.

Mr. Patton introduces a bill, explanatory of contracts; which passes its first reading, and is referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the North-Carolina Volunteer Navy Company, fails to pass its second reading.

A bill in reference to the town of Kinston, passes its second and third readings, under a suspension of the rules.

The unfinished business of yesterday is resumed, viz: the motion of Mr. Grissom to take from the table a bill to
restore the penalty of $100 on sheriffs for neglecting to execute or return process; and

On Mr. Amis' motion, the consideration of the matter is postponed to 11 1/2 o'clock, A. M.

A bill to be entitled "An act in regard to contracts made with reference to depreciated currency," is read; and,

On Mr. Person's motion, is postponed until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, M.

The following bills and resolutions are engrossed, and transmitted to the Senate for its action, viz:

A bill in favor of W. H. Haymore, sheriff of Surry county.

A bill for extending the time for perfecting titles to lands heretofore entered.

A bill to provide more effectually for reclaiming Swamp Lands.

A bill entitled "An act to authorize the magistrates of Alamance county to levy a tax for the support of soldiers' families.

A resolution in favor of James M. Towles; and

A resolution on the subject of peace and a preparation for war.

On Mr. Phillips's motion, the rules are suspended, in regard to all bills and resolutions which may be read to-day, and the following bills and resolutions pass their second and third readings:

A bill for the relief of W. B. Campbell, sheriff of Beaufort county.

A bill to amend the charter of the North-Carolina Express Company.

A bill to incorporate the Conservative Publishing Company.

A bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Big Falls Toll Bridge Company."
A bill to amend the charter of the Pittsboro' and Haywood Plankroad Company, granted at the session of 1862-'3.

A bill to enlarge the chartered privileges of Yadkin College.

A resolution in favor of D. F. Bagley, Sheriff of Perquimans county.

A resolution in favor of A. H. Saunders, former sheriff of Montgomery county.

A resolution in favor of E. D. Davis, sheriff of Jackson county; and

A resolution concerning the sheriff of Davie county.

A bill to allow Wm. R. Martin and Levi Coffee to distil grain for medicinal purposes is read.

Mr. Stipe offers a substitute by way of an amendment, and Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, moves both the bill and proposed substitute be tabled, and on his motion, the House orders the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Alford, Asheworth, Callowway, Cowles, Dargan, Fowle, Gaskins, Grissom, Harrison, Henry, Herbert, Horton, of Watauga, Horton, of Wilkes, Lane, Latham, Love,
McCormick, Rogers, Sharpe, Smith of Duplin, Smith, of Johnston, Stancill and Stipe—23.

So the bill and substitute proposed are tabled.

A message is received from His Excellency, the Governor, transmitting a communication from the Secretary of War, relative to the gauge of the Piedmont Railroad, which is transmitted to the Senate, with a proposition to raise a Joint Select Committee of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, to whom shall be referred said communications.

The Senate concurs in the proposition, and appoints Messrs. Patterson, Wiggins and McCorckle as the Senate branch of said committee.

Messrs. Brown, of Mecklenburg, Mann, Person, McGehee and Crawford, of Wayne, constitute the House branch of the committee.

The motion of Mr. Grissom to take from the table a bill to restore the penalty of $100 on sheriffs for neglecting to execute or return process, is agreed to, and the bill is placed upon its third reading.

On its passage, Mr. Cowles asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Alford, Alston, Best, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Cahoo, Calloway, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Cowles, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Dargan, Davis, of Halifax, Enloe, Erwin, Farmer,
Gaskins, George, Gidney, Grier, Harrison, Hassell, Hawes.

So the bill fails to pass its third reading.

A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition of the House to go into an election for one Director of the Lunatic Asylum to-day at 1 o'clock, and appoints Messrs. Speight and Ellis as the Senate branch of the committee to superintend the election.

The House branch of said committee consists of Messrs. Simmons and Shober.

By consent, Mr. Dargan introduces a bill to repeal an act to repeal the 3d section of an act entitled "An act to divide the State into ten Congressional Districts," which passes its first reading, the rules are suspended, and the bill is placed upon its second reading.

Pending its consideration, the hour of 12 o'clock arrives, the special order being the consideration of a bill entitled "An act to amend an act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization,"

Mr. Alford moves its consideration be postponed until Monday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Grissom moves its consideration be postponed until the pending business is over; which is agreed to.

The House resumes the consideration of the pending business.

The bill is amended on Mr. Phillip's motion by striking out the word "repealed" at the end of the bill, and by adding the words "amended by substituting in the 3d line
of the 2d section, the figures 1865 for 1866," and as amended the bill passes its second and third readings.

The House proceeds to the consideration of the special order, viz:

A bill entitled "An act to amend an act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization."

Mr. Mann moves the further consideration of any bill in regard to organizations of the Home Guard be postponed until the next session of the Legislature, and that the Committee on Military Affairs be requested to bring in a general bill upon the subject.

Upon this motion Mr. Carson, of Rutherford, calls for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Love moves that the motion be laid on the table, and upon this motion asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Alford, Asheworth, Banks, Best, Blair, Bond, of Bertie, Bond, of Gates, Brown, of Madison, Caldwell, Calloway, Clapp, Cowles, Craig, Cunningham, Dargan, Erwin, Faucette, Hanes, J. H. Headen, Henry, Holton, Horton, of Wilkes, Isbell, Jordan, Lyle, Mann, McCormick, Murrill,
Patterson, Perkins, Phillips, Sharpe, Shober, Simmons, Smith, of Duplin, Stipe and Waugh—37.

So the motion is laid on the table.

The amendments proposed by the Judiciary Committee are accepted.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the hour of 10 o'clock arrives, and the House proceeds to vote for a Director for the Insane Asylum.

Mr. McLean is withdrawn from nomination.

The House proceeds to vote.

Mr. Murphy receives 51; Mr. Russ 32; Mr. Faribault 2; Mr. Cannon 1, and Mr. Harrison 1.

Mr. Simmons, from the Joint Select Committee to superintend the election, subsequently reports that Mr. Patrick Murphy received a majority of all the votes cast, he is therefore declared to be duly elected. Prior to the announcement of the aforesaid vote, and whilst the committee were comparing the vote of the two Houses, Mr. Grissom asks to be allowed to vote for Mr. Russ, which was ruled by the Speaker to be out of order.

The House resumes the consideration of the special order, the question being on the adoption of the substitute as an amendment to the bill proposed by Mr. Grissom from the Committee on Military Affairs, and upon this question Mr. Grissom asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Allison, Alston, Asheworth, Banks, Baxter, Beam, Benbury, Best, Blair, Bond, of Gates, Brown, of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Cahoo, Caldwell, Calloway, Carson, of Rutherford, Carter, Cobb, Costner, Cowles, Craig, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne,

So the substitute is not adopted.

The question recurs, shall the bill pass its second reading?

Pending the taking of the vote, Mr. Carter moves that the House take a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.; which is agreed to.

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Afternoon Session, 3 o'clock.

The House is called to order at 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Carter, the House resolves itself into secret session.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the doors are opened, and the House adjourns, on motion of Mr. Hanes, until Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1865.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills for this week, consists of Messrs. Haynes, Boyd and Farmer; and the Committee on Enrolled Bills consists of Messrs. Allison, Simmons, Caho, Gibbs and Jordan.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Propositions and
Grievances, reports on a memorial of citizens of Anson, concerning the distillation of Grain for medicinal purposes, and recommends that the prayers of the petitioners be not granted; and asks to be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution of inquiry as to the increasing of the rent for the Wayside Hospital. The committee is discharged.

Mr. Allison, from the same committee, recommends the appointment of certain citizens as Justices of the Peace for Polk county, recommended by a petition of sundry citizens of said county.

Mr. McCormick introduces the following resolution, which is referred to the Military Committee, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly is hereby tendered to Col. John N. Whitford, and the officers and soldiers under his command, for gallant and meritorious conduct on the Roanoke river, in defeating the plans of the enemy in their attempt to capture Fort Branch.

Mr. McCormick presents a petition of citizens of Harnett county, asking the appointment of M. A. McLeod, a Justice of the Peace for said county, and moves a message be sent to the Senate, asking its concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Polk, the motion is tabled.

Mr. Dargan introduces the following resolutions, which pass their several readings, under a suspension of the rules, viz:

A resolution in favor of the Doorkeepers of the House of Commons and Senate, that they be allowed one hundred and fifty dollars for the pay of servant's hire during this session; and

A resolution in favor of John Pool, D. M. Carter, Samuel J Person, and Edward Hall, the Commissioners sent by this Legislature to Richmond, that they be paid their expenses,
and to be paid by the Public Treasurer, upon their certificates.

Mr. Cowles introduces a resolution in regard to slaves at work on fortifications at Wilmington. Agreed to.

A message is received from the Senate, announcing the Senate branch of the Committee on Enrolled Bills for the week, viz: Messrs. Odom, Adams and McEachern.

Mr. Carter introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to rescind the joint order by which the two Houses agreed to re-assemble on the 3d Thursday in May next, and that the time for re-assembling be fixed on the last Wednesday in March next.

Mr. Dargan moves the tabling of the resolution, and, upon his own motion, the House orders the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

Mr. McLean is granted leave of absence from and after to-day.

Mr. Waugh introduces a bill to authorize the County Court of Surry to elect Wardens of the Poor, and for other purposes, which passes its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Carter introduces the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to rescind so much of the joint order of the two Houses as fixes the 7th day of February as the day of adjournment of this Legislature.

And the House orders the yeas and nays, on his own motion.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the resolution is not agreed to.

The following bills and resolutions are engrossed and sent to the Senate, viz:
A bill to incorporate the Conservative Publishing Company.

A bill in reference to the town of Kinston.

A bill to repeal an act to repeal the 3d section of an act to divide the State into ten Congressional Districts.

A bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Big Falls Toll Bridge Company.

A bill to authorize the County Court of Surry to elect Wardens of the Poor, and for other purposes.

A bill to enlarge the chartered privileges of Yadkin College.

A bill to amend the charter of the Pittsboro' and Haywood Plankroad Company, granted at the session of 1852-'3.

A resolution in favor of John Pool, Esq., and others.

Resolution in regard to the slaves at work on fortifications at Wilmington.

Resolution concerning the Sheriff of Davie county.

A resolution in favor of the Doorkeepers of the two Houses, for servant hire.

A resolution in favor of E. D. Davis, Sheriff of Jackson county.

The unfinished business of Saturday, viz: a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization," is considered.

Mr. Henry moves to amend the 1st section, line 7, of the printed bill, by striking out the word "four" and inserting the word "five," which is not agreed to.

Mr. Costner moves to amend by inserting after the word "shoemaker" the words "wool carders." Not agreed to.

Mr. McCormick moves to amend by adding in 13th line, section 3, after the word "millers" the words "public jailors. Not agreed to.

Mr. Latham moves to amend by inserting after the word
"Trustee, in 9th line, 3d section, the following: "One Salt Commissioner for each county." Not agreed to.

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, moves to amend by adding the words "and one overseer of the poor of each county" after the word "shoemaker," in 3d section and 16th line. Agreed to—yeas 40, nays 29.

Mr. Cobb moves to strike out the entire 3rd section, and on this motion, Mr. Cowles asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:

So the motion to strike out is not agreed to.

Mr. Herbert moves to amend, by striking out all after the word "Companies," in the second section, line six, and inserting the following: "That the rank and file shall elect their field officers, and all field officers who shall not be elected, their commissions shall be suspended, and they be
required to perform duty in the ranks as non-commissioned officers and privates;" and the yeas and nays are ordered, on his own motion.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is agreed to.

The bill then passes its second reading.

The rules are suspended, and the bill is placed upon its third and last reading.

Mr. Baxter moves to amend, by adding after the word "exempt," in the 3d section and line 15, the words "The Treasurer of the wardens of the Poor in each county." Not agreed to.

Mr. Russell moves to amend, by inserting after the word "Army," in the 7th line of the 3d section, the following: "And one agent for the distribution of supplies to said families of soldiers in each Captain's District in every county in which the Chairman of the County Court shall (by the
order of the Court) certify to the necessity of such exemption.” The yeas and nays are ordered on his motion.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is not agreed to.

Mr. Smith, of Johnston, moves to amend by striking out all after the word “same,” in 19th line of section 3, down to the word “time,” in the 20th line.

Mr. McCormick moves to amend the amendment by striking out in the 19th line of section 3, the figures “'863” and insert the figures “1864.” Agreed to—yeas 39, nays 38.

The question recurring upon the amendment as amended, on Mr. McCormick’s motion, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allison, Alford, Asheworth, Banks, Blair, Bond, of Gates, Caldwell, Calloway, Carson, of Rutherford, Clapp, Costner, Cowles, Craig, Cunningham, Davis, of Halifax,

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is agreed to.

Mr. Rogers moves to amend by inserting after the words "overseer of the poor in each county" the words "and the Mayor, Commissioners and Police of the City of Raleigh."

Mr. Shober moves to add the words "and Salisbury," which is accepted by Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Person moves to add "the town of Wilmington," which is agreed to.

Mr. Phillips moves as a substitute by way of an amendment to the amendment proposed by Mr. Rogers, the following: "The Mayor and Commissioners of all incorporated cities, towns and villages in the State," which is agreed to—yeas 43, nays 31.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the amendment as amended, Mr. Polk, calls for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Alford, Ashworth, Blair, Caldwell, Calloway,
Henry, Herbert, Horton, of Wilkes, Mann, Rogers, Sharpe, Smith, of Johnston, Stipe and Wheeler—14.

Those who vote in the negative are:


So the amendment is not agreed to.

Mr. Gidney moves to amend by striking out all after the word "mentioned" in the 25th line, section 3, and insert the words "from home guard duty within the limits of the county in which he resides, or in an adjacent county or counties in case of servile insurrection or invasion by the enemy." Not agreed to.

Mr. Gidney moves to amend by striking out all after the word "mentioned" in 25th line, section 3, down to the word "thee" in 26th line, and insert the words "from Home Guard duty," and on Mr. Cowles' motion, the yeas and nays are ordered, on agreeing to the amendment.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Alston, Baxter, Bond, of Gates, Boyd, Brown of Madison, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Bryan, Caho, Carson, of Rutherford, Cobb, Costner, Crawford, of Rowan, Crawford, of Wayne, Cunningham, Dargan, Davis, of Franklin, Duke, Enloe, Erwin, Farmer, Faucette, Gaskins, Gidney, Gudger,

Those who vote in the negative are:

So the amendment is agreed to.

On Mr. Shepherd's motion the special order for 12 o'clock to-day is postponed until the present bill is disposed of.

The House proceeds to the consideration of the pending business.

Mr. Phillips moves to amend by inserting after the word "blacksmith" in the 3d section, the words "and wheelwrights." Agreed to.

Mr. Flynt moves to amend the 3d section by inserting in 9th line after the word "coroners," the word "jailors." Not agreed to.

Mr. Stipe moves to amend by inserting the following between lines 20 and 21 of 3d section "except public millers who shall be exempt whenever they are so engaged, unless it shall appear that owners of mills have turned off their millers and gone in themselves to evade the service, then such owners are not exempt." Agreed to.

Mr. Isbell moves to amend by inserting after the word "coroner" in 9th line, section 3, the words "one skilled operator, for each wool carding machine." Not agreed to.

Mr. Person moves to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting as follows:
"That all laws heretofore passed in relation to the organization of the Guards for Home Defence, be, and the same are hereby repealed, and the said organization is hereby abolished.

Sec. 2. The Governor is hereby authorized to consolidate one or more companies of the militia so that the rank and file shall not be less than sixty-four in the companies so consolidated, and during such consolidation, the commissions of all officers shall be suspended, except of officers who may be elected to command such consolidated companies, and such regiments, battalions, brigades or divisions as may be organized, and the Governor shall have power to use the same in the arrest of conscripts and deserters, and in executing the laws of the State and of the Confederate States."

Mr. J. H. Headen moves the whole matter be tabled. Not agreed to.

The question then being on striking out all after the enacting clause, the yeas and nays are ordered on his own motion.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

mons, Smith, of Duplin, Smith, of Johnston; Stipe, Wheeler, Wooten and Young—59.

So the House refuses to strike out.

The bill then passes its third and last reading.

The following bills and resolutions are ratified by the Speaker of the House, and are transmitted to the Senate for ratification by the Speaker of that body, viz:

An act in regard to the Justices of the Peace in the county of Pasquotank.

An act in relation to the obstructions in the Yadkin River.

An act in relation to the delivery and execution of process in the county of Jones.

An act to punish persons for placing obstructions in the North-East branch of the Cape Fear River.

Resolution in favor of Senior and Junior Reserves.

Resolution in favor of Messrs. Caivert and Rogers, contestants from Northampton county.

Resolution in favor of the Principal Clerks of the two Houses.

Resolution in favor of the Principal of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum for a calendar furnished the House of Commons.

Resolution relating to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus.

An act to increase the powers of the Commissioners of Greensboro'.

An act to restore jury trials in certain civil causes to the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in Chowan county.

Resolution concerning mileage of members of the General Assembly.

By consent, Mr. Person introduces the following resolution, viz:

Whereas, Authentic intelligence has been received from Richmond that our Commissioners, Messrs. Stephens, Camp-
bell and Hunter, have returned from Fortress Monroe, after having held a conference with Messrs. Lincoln and Seward; and, whereas, it appears that the only terms of peace which have been offered by our enemies, are that the States and people of this Confederacy shall make an unconditional submission to the constitution and laws of the United States; and, whereas, this offer was accompanied by an announcement that the question of slavery had already been disposed of by amendments to the Constitution just passed in the Federal Congress, by which slavery had been abolished. Therefore,

Resolved, That the statement of such offer is tantamount to subjugation, that these terms are incompatible with the dignity, honor and safety of our people, and that there is left but one alternative to us—and that is to maintain the conflict with the invader till our independence is secured; and that all the energies of the government and people ought to be put in force in order to make our defence successful.

And moves they be made the special order for this evening at 3 o'clock.

And Mr. Grissom moves their reference to the Committee on Confederate Relations.

Pending the consideration of the motions, the hour for the special order arrives, viz: The consideration of a bill for the relief of the people.

On motion of Mr. Grissom, the House takes a recess until 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Evening Session, 3 o'clock, P. M.

House called to order at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The House resumes the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning, to wit: The substitute for the bill entitled "An act for the relief of the people."
Mr. Person moves to amend by inserting in the 4th line after the word "currency" the words "provided the date of the contract alone shall not be sufficient evidence of such understanding;" after the word "specie" in the 13th line, insert the words "which shall be the highest value in specie of such contract at the time it was made, or at any time before judgment;" and by adding at the end of the bill the words "provided it shall be made to appear that the debtor before applying for an injunction shall have tendered to the plaintiff at law the full amount in the same currency in which the contract was to be discharged according to the understanding of the parties."

By consent of the House, the amendments are accepted by the mover of the bill.

The question recurring, shall the bill pass its third reading? Mr. Sharpe asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:


Those who vote in the negative are:

And so the bill passes its third reading, is ordered to an immediate engrossment, is engrossed, and sent to the Senate:

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting sundry engrossed bills and resolutions.

The House refuses to concur in Mr. McCormick's motion to suspend the rules, so as to place all engrossed matter now received from the Senate, upon its several readings.

Engrossed resolution in favor of the Clerks and Doorkeepers is read the first time, the rules are suspended, and it is read the second and third times, and passes.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Propostions and Grievances, is allowed to report on resolutions of inquiry as to certain outrages alleged to have been committed in Randolph and other counties by the Home Guard and deserters, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The committee is discharged.

Message is received from the Senate, proposing certain amendments to House engrossed bills for the incorporation of the Haw River and Big Falls Toll Bridge Companies. Said amendments are concurred in.

The following bills and resolutions are ratified by the Speaker of this House, and the same are transmitted to the Speaker of the Senate for ratification by the Speaker of that body:

An act to authorize the County Court of Surry to elect Wardens of the Poor, and for other purposes.

An act to amend the charter of the North-Carolina Express Company.

An act concerning roads.

An act for the relief of W. B. Campbell, sheriff of Beaufort county.

Resolution authorizing the Governor to contract for a supply of salt with Stewart, Buchanan & Co., for the year 1865.
Resolution on the subject of peace and the prosecution of the war.
Resolution in favor of A. H. Sanders, former sheriff of Montgomery county.
Resolution in favor of D. F. Bagley, sheriff of Perquimans county.
Resolution in favor of the Doorkeepers of the two Houses, for servant hire.
Resolution in favor of John Pool, David M. Carter, Sam'l J. Person and Edward Hall.
Resolution in favor of Wm. F. Wasson, high sheriff of Iredell county.
Resolution in reference to the arrest and confinement of Henry P. Ritter, of Chowan county, by the Provost Marshal at Weldon.
Engrossed resolution in favor of Drury King, is read the first time; the rules are suspended, and it is read the second and third times, and passes.
Engrossed bill, to be entitled "An act for the relief of such persons as may suffer from the burning of the Court House and Records of Buncombe county," is read the first time; the rules are suspended, and it passes its second and third readings.
Engrossed resolution in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, is read the first time; the rules are suspended, and it is read the second and third times, and passes.
Engrossed resolution in favor of the Principal Clerks of the two Houses, is read the first time; the rules are suspended, and it is read the second and third times, and passes.
Engrossed resolution in favor of the Surgeon of the Home Guard Examining Boards, is read the first time; the rules are suspended, and the resolution is read the second time.
Mr. Latham moves that it be laid upon the table. Not agreed to.

Mr. Davis, of Franklin, asks for, and the House orders, the yeas and nays, upon the passage of the bill on its second reading.

Those who vote in the affirmative are:

Those who vote in the negative are:

The bill passes its second reading; it is read the third time, under the suspension of the rules, and fails to pass.

Engrossed bill to amend the charter of the Piedmont Railroad Company, is read the first time; and, under a suspension of the rules, is read the second and third times, and passes.

Engrossed bill to amend an act entitled revenue, ratified the 23d of December, 1864, is read the first time, and under a suspension of the rules, is read the second and third times and passed.
Engrossed bill to levy a tax for the support of needy families of soldiers, passes its first reading.

Upon Mr. Smith's (of Johnston,) motion, it is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Engrossed bill to increase the penalty for failing to work on the public roads, and to provide for the collection of the same, is read the first time, under a suspension of the rules, it is read the second and third times and passed.

Engrossed bill for the benefit of persons who have entered vacant land, is read the first time, and under a suspension of the rules, is read the second and third times and passed.

Engrossed bill to increase the powers of the Commissioners of the town of Newton, is read the first time, under a suspension of the rules, it is read the second and third times and passed; the vote by which it passed its third reading is subsequently reconsidered, and the bill is laid upon the table.

Engrossed bill to amend the act entitled revenue, ratified 23d December, 1864, is read the first time, the House refuses to suspend the rules in order that the bill may be read the second and third times.

At 5½ o'clock, P. M., Mr. McGehee moves an adjournment until to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Polk moves to amend by saying 7 o'clock this evening. Not agreed to; the House refuses to adjourn.

Message received from the Senate informing the House of the Senate's concurrence in the amendments proposed by the House to the engrossed bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees, which was ratified the 14th day of December, 1863.

The House concurs in the Senate's proposition to recommend to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace, the following citizens, viz:

John Walker, for Watauga county.
George W. Patterson, for Guilford county.
Wm. A. White, for Perquimans county.
The bill entitled "An act to amend an act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization," is engrossed and transmitted to the Senate.
At 6 o'clock, P. M., Mr. J. H. Headen moves an adjournment until 7 o'clock to-night.
Mr. Craig moves to amend so as to say 8 o'clock to-night.
Mr. Dargan moves to amend by saying 7 o'clock to-morrow morning. Mr. Dargan's amendment is agreed to, yeas 45, nays 30, and the House adjourns.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1865.
Mr. Fowle, Speaker pro tem., calls the House to order at 7 o'clock.
On Mr. Waugh's motion, the reading of the journal is dispensed with, and a message is sent to the Senate, proposing to extend the time of adjournment of the two Houses for one hour, in order to give more time for the ratification of bills and resolutions. And a message is received from the Senate concurring in the proposition.
Mr. Grissom, from the Military Committee, recommends the passage of a bill to establish military courts.
Mr. Grissom introduces a resolution requesting the Principal Clerk to prepare and have printed a synopsis of all bills and other matter upon the calendar, and the status of the same, to be placed upon the desks of members at the opening of the next session of this General Assembly, and that the House at that time consider the same in their regular order; which is agreed to.
Mr. Waugh presents memorials of sundry citizens of Surry county, asking the appointment of Messrs. Spencer, Cockerham and Hamby, Justices of the Peace for said county, and the same are tabled, on his motion.

A message is received from the Senate, proposing an amendment to the bill to be entitled "an act to amend an act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization," viz:

In the 8th line after the word "company" insert "Provided, however, That if there are not sixty-four home guards in any one county, that such number as may be, shall be incorporated into a company." The House concurs in the Senate's amendment.

A message is received from the Senate, transmitting the following engrossed bills, which pass their several readings in this House, under a suspension of the rules, viz:

A bill to give jurisdiction to the Superior Court of Wilson county; and

A bill entitled "An act to amend the charter of the town of Salisbury."

The substitute for a bill entitled "An act for the relief of the people," is engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd, a resolution instructing a joint committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House in regard to Railroad Companies, is considered and passes its second and third readings, under a suspension of the rules.

The following bills and resolutions are ratified by the Speaker of this House, and the same are transmitted to the Senate for ratification by the Speaker of that body, viz:

An act for the relief of such persons as may suffer from the burning of the Court House and records of Buncombe county.
An act in reference to the town of Kinston.
An act to provide more effectually for reclaiming swamp lands.
An act to enlarge the chartered privileges of the Trustees of the Yadkin College, in the county of Davidson.
An act to authorize an increase of the capital of the Monatock Mining and Manufacturing Company.
An act entitled "An act to incorporate the Haw River Toll Bridge Company.
An act to amend the charter of the Pittsboro' and Haywood Plankroad Company.
An act entitled "An act to incorporate the Big Fall Toll Bridge Company."
An act in favor of Wm. Haymore, Sheriff of Surry county.
An act entitled "An act to authorize the magistrates of Alamance county, to levy a tax for the support of families of soldiers.
An act to amend the charter of the Piedmont Railroad Company.
An act to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees, ratified the 14th day of December, 1863.
An act in relation to Cherokee lands.
An act to increase the penalty for failing to work on public roads, and to provide for the collection of the same.
An act to arrange the public offices in the Capitol.
An act to amend an act entitled Revenue.
An act to extend the time for perfecting titles to lands heretofore entered.
An act for the benefit of persons who have entered vacant lands.
An act to give jurisdiction to the Superior Court of Wilson county.
An act to amend the charter of the town of Salisbury.
Resolution in favor of the Old Dominion Trading Company.
Resolution in favor of Drury King.
Resolution in favor of the Principal Clerks of the two Houses.
Resolution in favor of the Clerks and Doorkeepers.
Resolution in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the Secretary of the Board.
Resolution in favor of James M. Towles, of the City of Raleigh.
Resolution concerning the sheriff of Davie county.
Resolutions in regard to slaves at work on fortifications at Wilmington.
Resolution in favor of E. D. Davis, sheriff of Jackson county.
A bill entitled an act to amend an act, entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization."
Resolution instructing a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, in regard to Railroad Companies.
Mr. Benbury introduces the following resolutions, which are unanimously agreed to, viz:
Resolved, That the Hon. R. S. Donnell is entitled to, and is hereby tendered the thanks of this House of Commons, for the able, dignified, and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of Speaker, during the sessions of this Legislature.
Resolved, That Messrs. R. S. Tucker, Principal, and Jno. A. Stanly, Assistant, Clerks of this House, are hereby tendered the thanks of the House for the faithful discharge of their duties.
A message is received from the Senate, concurring in the recommendation of A. Brim, Esq., to be appointed a Jus-
tice of the Peace for Surry county; also, naming Messrs. Ellis and Leitch as the Senate branch of the Joint Select Committee under resolutions on the subject of Railroads.

The regular Speaker of this House appoints Messrs. Fowle, Phillips and Brown, of Mecklenburg, the House branch of said committee.

The hour of 9 o'clock having arrived, the Speaker adjourns the House until the 3d Thursday in May next.
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