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THE SENATE

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

AT ITS

SESSIONS OF 1864-'65.

RALEIGH:

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1866.
At a General Assembly begun and held in the City of Raleigh, on the third Monday—being the 21st day of November, *Anno Domini*, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the following members, elect of the Senate, appeared, presented certificates of election, and qualified according to law, to wit:

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22nd District, Wayne—Benjamin Aycock.
23rd " Johnston—T. D. Snead.
24th " Wake—W. D. Jones.
26th " Franklin—Washington Harriss.
27th " Warren—Thomas J. Pitchford.
29th " Person—C. S. Winstead.
30th " Orange—John Berry.
31st " Alamance and Randolph—Giles Mebane.
32nd " Chatham—E. H. Straughan.
34th " Richmond and Robeson—Giles Leitch.
35th " Anson and Union—W. C. Smith.
36th " Guilford—Robert P. Dick.
37th " Caswell—W. Long.
38th " Rockingham—D. W. Courts.
39th " Mecklenburg—W. M. Grier.
40th " Cabarrus and Stanly—J. E. McEachern.
41st " Rowan and Davie—W. B. "
42nd " Davidson—Henderson Adams.
43rd " Stokes and Forsythe—J. E. Matthews.
45th " Iredell, Wilkes and Alexander—A. M. Bogle.
46th " Burke, McDowell and Caldwell—S. F. Patterson.
47th " Lincoln, Gaston and Catawba—M. L. McCorkle.
48th " Rutherford, Polk and Cleveland—W. J. T. Miller.
49th " Buncombe, Henderson, Yancey, Transylvania, Madison and Mitchell—Montraville Patton.
50th " Macon, Haywood, Cherokee and Jackson—S. C. Bryson.
There being a quorum, Mr. Wiggins nominated Hon. Giles Mebane for Speaker of the Senate.

Mr. Mebane, there being no other nomination, was unanimously elected; and he was conducted to the chair by a committee, consisting of Messrs. Wiggins and Courts.

The Senate now proceeded to the election of Principal Clerk; when C. R. Thomas, having been nominated by Mr. Arendell, was duly elected.

Mr. Dick nominated Richard C. Badger for Assistant Clerk; Mr. Straughan nominated C. C. Gholston, and H. C. Cabiness was added to the nomination by Mr. Miller.

The Senate voted as follows for Assistant Clerk.

For Mr. Badger—Messrs. Speaker, Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Blount, Bogle, Courts, Dick, Harris, Horton, Jones, Kirby, Lassiter, Leitch, Lindsay, Long, Mann, Matthews, McEachern, Odom, Patterson, Pool, Sanders, Smith, Snead, Speight, Taylor, Warren, Whitford, Wiggins, Winstead, Wright and Wynne—34.

For Mr. Cabiness—Messrs. Bryson, Grier, McCorckle, Miller and Patton—5.

For Mr. Gholston—Messrs. Aycock, Crump, Ellis, Pitchford, Straughan and Ward—6.

Richard C. Badger, having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly elected Assistant Clerk of the Senate.

Mr. Wiggins nominated Wm. J. Page for Principal Doorkeeper. By Mr. McEachern, W. J. Saunders was added to the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to vote, and the vote was as follows: For Mr. Page—Messrs. Speaker, Adams, Arendell, Aycock, Bagley, Berry, Blount, Bogle, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Dick, Ellis, Harris, Horton, Jones, Kirby, Lassiter, Leitch, Long, Mann, Matthews, McCorckle, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Pool, Sanders, Smith, Snead, Speight, Straughan,

For Mr. Sanders—Messrs. Grier and McEachern—2.

W. J. Page, having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly elected Principal Doorkeeper of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to vote for Assistant Doorkeeper, when nominations were made, to wit:

C. C. Talley, by Mr. Straughan; A. C. Smith, by Mr. Leitch; M. H. Russell, by Mr. Crump; W. E. Bullock, by Mr. Lassiter; John H. Loudermilk, by Mr. Bogle; Jackson Pace, by Mr. Long; James A. Grant, by Mr. Odom; and Wm. Happer, by Mr. Lindsay.

The vote was as follows:


For Mr. Smith—Messrs. Aycock, Leitch and Snead—3.


For Mr. Bullock—Messrs. Blount, Jones and Lassiter—3.

For Mr. Loudermilk—Messrs. Bogle and Ward—2.

For Mr. Pace—Mr. Speaker—1.

For Mr. Grant—Messrs. Arendell, Bagley, Odom, Pool and Wynne—5.

For Mr. Happer—Messrs. Berry, Dick, Lindsay, Mann and Sanders—5.

No one in nomination having received a majority of all the votes given, there was no election; and, the Senate proceeded to vote again with the following result:

Messrs. Bogle and Ward voted for Mr. Loudermilk; Mr. Lassiter for Mr. Bullock; Messrs. Bagley, Dick, Lindsay, Mann, Pool, Sanders and Snead for Mr. Happer; Messrs. Jones, Odom and Wynne for Mr. Grant; Messrs. Speaker,

Mr. Arendell having voted for Mr. Grant, and Mr. Leitch for Mr. Smith, and Mr. Adams for Mr. Russell, changed their votes for Mr. Talley.

C. C. Talley having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared elected Assistant Doorkeeper.

Mr. Leitch moved that a message be sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate is duly organized and ready to proceed with the public business, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Courts, Mr. Alexander M. McPheeters was appointed Assistant Clerk pro tempore of the Senate, (during the absence of Mr. Badger.)

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the rules for the government of the Senate at the previous session, were adopted as the rules for the government of the Senate at the present session, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Patterson moved that a select committee be appointed to prepare and report rules for the government of the Senate; and, the Speaker announced, as said committee, Messrs. Patterson, Pool, Lassiter, Stubbs and Leitch.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Leitch, until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, Nov. 22, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Atkinson.

Wm. B. March, Senator elect from the 41st District, appeared, presented a certificate of election and qualified, according to law.
The Speaker announced the following Committees, to wit:

Standing Committees.

Privileges and Elections—Messrs. Wright, Ellis, Bagley, Grier, Horton, Kirby and Sanders.
Internal Improvements—Messrs. Leitch, Horton, Matthews, Ellis, Straughan, Jones and Lassiter.
Education and Literary Fund—Messrs. Dick, Lassiter, Lindsay, McEachern, Bagley, Long and Whitford.
Corporations—Messrs. Arendell, Smith, Wynn, Harris, Berry, Blount and Aycock.
Agriculture—Messrs. Powell, McEachern, McCorckle, Jones, Lindsay, Adams and Odom.

Senate branches of joint standing committees.

Finance—Messrs. Wiggins, Pool, Courts, Patterson, Berry, Long, Harris and Lassiter.
Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum—Messrs. Arendell, Odom and Crump.
Swamp Lands—Messrs. Lindsay, Wynn and Mann.
Public Library—Messrs. Ellis, Speight and Lassiter.
Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes—Messrs. Bryson, Horton and Patton.
Insane Asylum—Messrs. Pool, Miller and Arendell.
Military Affairs—Messrs. Stubbs, Patton and Pitchford.

Committee on Enrolled Bills—Messrs. Winstead, Lassiter and Leitch.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that the House is duly organized and ready to proceed with the public business, and, its officers are, Honorable R. S. Donnell, Speaker; R. S. Tucker, Principal Clerk; John N. Stanley, Assistant Clerk; H. B. Kingsbury, Principal Doorkeeper, and J. H. Hill, Assistant Doorkeeper.

On motion of Mr. Leitch, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to raise a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of each House, to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him of the organization of both branches of the Legislature, and of their readiness to receive any communication which he may desire to make. And, the Speaker announced Messrs. Leitch and Winstead as the committee of the Senate.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the foregoing message, and Messrs. Carter and Shepherd constitute the House branch of the committee.

Mr. Leitch subsequently reported, on behalf of the committee, that they had waited on his Excellency, the Governor, and he would communicate in writing with the General Assembly, at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. Lassiter, a message was sent to the House, that the Senate proposes 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 Senate and House of Commons. And, the Speaker announced, as the Senate branch of said committee, Messrs. Lassiter and Pool.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the foregoing message, and Messrs. Mann, Love and Shober are the committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Wright moved to send a message to the House of Com-
mons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for State Printer, at 1 o'clock, P. M., which was agreed to. Mr. J. B. Neathery was nominated for the office of State Printer by Mr. Wiggins, and the House was informed thereof.

A message was received from the House, that they do not agree to the message of the Senate in relation to the election for State Printer, but they propose to go into an election for said printer at once, and appoint Messrs. Cunningham and Love a Committee to superintend the election, should the Senate agree. The Senate agreed to the message of the House, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Wiggins and Adams as the Senate branch of the Committee to superintend the election, which was proceeded to on the return of the messenger of the Senate, and resulted as follows, to wit:


A message was received from the House of Commons, that they transmit the message of his Excellency, the Governor, and accompanying documents, and propose to print five copies of the message and two copies of the accompanying documents for each member and officer of the General Assembly, which was agreed to.

Mr. Wiggins, from the Committee to superintend the election for State Printer, reported that J. B. Neathery received one hundred and one votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is duly elected State Printer.

After the reading of the message of the Governor, Mr. Speight moved to dispense with the reading of the documents accompanying it; which was agreed to, and, on his motion also, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.
Mr. Patterson moved to send a message to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election, at 12½ o'clock, P. M., for three Engrossing Clerks, and that M. J. Moore, of Stokes, is in nomination, which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Warren, but, subsequently, the Senate proceeded to consider the same, when, the following nominations were added to Mr. Moore's, to wit:

Neill McKay, by Mr. Warren; Wm. Fife, by Mr. Whitford; Nicholas Alston, Frederick Phillips and Archibald Pearce, by Mr. Wiggins; W. A. Huske and C. A. Cameron, by Mr. Wright; W. F. Hilliard, by Mr. Pitchford, J. T. Leach, by Mr. Dick; J. Q. Barham, by Mr. Jones; S. S. Cooper, by Mr. Lassiter; S. N. Taylor, by Mr. Bogle; Enesty Newsom, by Mr. Kirby; W. W. Dunn, by Mr. Speight, and James B. Mason, by Mr. March. And, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Warren introduced a bill to allow further time for the registration of grants, conveyances and other instruments, which was read first time.

A message was received from the House, that they had adopted the joint rules of the Senate and House, of the last session, as reported by the Joint Select Committee raised in relation to the subject.

Mr. Lassiter having reported, on behalf of the same committee, that they recommend the adoption of the joint rules of the last session as, and for the present session. The report was received and adopted. The rules are as follows, to wit:

JOINT RULES OF BOTH HOUSES.

1. Each House shall perfect and 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 disagreed to in the other, if either House shall request a Conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and 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.

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

2. 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 examined 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 in 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 shall have 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 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 following were transmitted from the House of Commons as their branches of the Joint Standing Committees, to wit:


*On Military Affairs*—Messrs. Grissom, Cowles, Stancill, Pool and Gaskins.


*On Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes*—Messrs. Young, Gudger, Asheworth, Banks and Polk.
Also, a message was received from the House, that they agree to the proposition of the Senate, to go into an election for three Engrossing Clerks, at 12½ o'clock to-day; that T. H. Hill and J. L. Ewell are in nomination, and that Messrs. Smith, of Johnston, and Powell, are the Committee to superintend the election on the part of the House.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Patterson and Ellis as the Committee to superintend said election on the part of the Senate.

The time for the execution of the joint order, 12½ o'clock, having arrived, the Senate voted for Engrossing Clerks, as follows, to wit:


For Mr. Huske—Messrs. Aycock, Berry, Leitch, Crump, Ellis, Kirby, Matthews, McCorckle, McEachern, Patterson, Miller, Patton, Pool, Speight, Straughan, Wright, Smith and Courts—18.

For Mr. Moore—Messrs. Speaker, Adams, Aycock, Bogle, Bryson, Grier, Horton, March, Matthews, McCorckle, McEachern, Patterson, Patton, Powell, Wright and Smith—16.

For Mr. Dunn—Messrs. Blount, Dick, Mann, Snead, Speight, Ward and Warren—7.

For Mr. J. L. Ewell—Mr. Stubbs.

For Mr. Newsom—Messrs. Speaker and Whitford—2.

For Mr. Allston—Messrs. Speaker, Ellis, Harris, Lindsay, Pitchford, Powell, Stubbs, Taylor, Wiggins, Winstead and Wynn—11.

For Mr. Taylor—Messrs. Adams, Bogle, Crump, Horton and March—5.


For Mr. Barham—Messrs. Berry, Jones, Lindsay, Matthews, Sanders, Taylor, Whitford, Wynne and Bagley—9.

For Mr. J. F. Leach—Messrs. Dick, Jones and Snead—3.

For Mr. Hilliard—Messrs. Grier, Harris, Pitchford and Whitford—4.

For Mr. Peace—Messrs. Lindsay, Mann and Wiggins—3.

For Mr. Cooper—Messrs. Lassiter, Long, Odom and Winstead—4.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee to superintend the election for Engrossing Clerks, reported that Neil McKay received 95 votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is elected Engrossing Clerk; and that as to the others, who were in nomination, there is no election.

A message was received from the House, that they propose to go into an election for two Engrossing Clerks, immediately; that Messrs. Cameron and Newsom have been withdrawn, and Messrs. Smith, of Johnston, and Powell are the Committee on the part of the House to superintend the election, should the Senate agree.

The message was agreed to, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Blount and Odom as the Committee on the part of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the election when the name of Mr. Leach was withdrawn by Mr. Dick, and the name, also, of Mr. Mason was withdrawn by Mr. March.

The vote was as follows, to wit:

For Mr. Phillips—Messrs. Arendell, Aycock, Blount, Bryson, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Leitch, Long, March, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Pool, Powell, Smith,
For Mr. Moore—Messrs. Speaker, Adams, Berry, Bryson, Dick, Grier, Horton, Long, March, Matthews, McCorckle, McEachern, Patterson, Patton, Sanders, Snead, Speight, Straughan, Wright and Bagley—20.

For Mr. Huske—Messrs. Speaker, Aycock, Courts, Crump, Ellis, Kirby, Leitch, Miller, Patterson, Patton, Pool, Smith, Straughan, Winstead and Wright—15.

For Mr. Hill—Messrs. Courts, Lassiter, Mann, Taylor and Warren—5.

For Mr. Dunn—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Blount, Dick, Mann, Matthews, Sanders, Snead, Ward, Warren and Bagley—11.

For Mr. Weston—Messrs. Harris, Lindsay, Odom, Pitchford, Stubbs, Taylor, Wiggins, Wynn and Powell—9.

For Mr. Taylor—Messrs. Horton and Jones—2.

For Mr. Barram—Messrs. Jones and Lindsay—2.

For Mr. Cooper—Mr. Lassiter—1.

For Mr. Hilliard—Messrs. Pitchford and Whitford—2.

For Mr. Fife—Mr. Whitford—1.

On motion of Mr. Wiggins, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Nov. 24, 1864.

Mr. Patterson, from the Select Committee to prepare and report rules for the government of the Senate, reported the following, which were adopted—being the same in use and force at the previous session, to wit:

RULES OF ORDER FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SENATE.

1. It shall be the duty of the Speaker to invite the pastors of the several churches in 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 Senate.

2. When the Speaker takes the chair, each member shall take his seat, and, on the appearance of a quorum, the journal of the preceding day shall be read.

3. After the reading of the journal of the preceding day, the Senate shall proceed to business in the following order:
   1. The receiving of petitions, memorials, pension certificates, and papers addressed either to the General Assembly or to the Senate; 2. The Reports of Standing Committees; 3. The Reports of Select Committees; 4. Resolutions; 5. Bills; 6. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, messages, pension certificates, and other papers on the table; then, the orders of the day. But motions and messages proposing to elect officers shall always be in order.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Senate, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the Speaker, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality; and when two or more members happen to rise at once, the Speaker is to name the one who is first to speak. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question or nomination for office, without leave from the Senate; and when any member is speaking, he shall not be interrupted by any person, either by speaking, or by standing, or by passing between him and the Chair.

5. All bills and resolutions introduced shall pass, as a matter of course, the first reading.

6. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Senate, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case, the member so called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Senate shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed;
if otherwise, and the case requires it, he shall be liable to the

censure of the Senate.

7. When a question is under debate no motion shall be re-
ceived but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone inde-
finately, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to amend;
which several motions shall have precedence in the order
they stand arranged; and any motion to adjourn or lay on
the table shall be decided without debate; and a motion to
adjourn shall always be in order.

8. Questions may be stated by the Speaker sitting, but
shall be put standing. Questions shall be distinctly put in
this form: “Senators, as many as are of the opinion that, (as
the case may be,) saye Aye;” and, after the affirmative voice
is expressed, “As many as are of the contrary opinion, say
No.” If the Speaker doubt as to the voice of the majority, or
a division be called for, the Speaker shall call on those in the
affirmative of the question to rise from their seats, and after-
wards those in the negative. If the Speaker still doubts,
which being reported, he shall then name two others, one
from each side, to tell those in the negative, which being also
reported, he shall state the decision to the Senate and an-
ounce the decision. No member who was without the bar
of the Senate when any question was put from the Chair,
shall enter his yea or nay without leave, unless he shall have
been absent on some committee; and the row of pillars shall
be the bar of the Senate.

9. When any member shall make a motion, which is not
of course, he shall reduce the same to writing; if required.

10. In all cases of election by the Senate, the Speaker shall
vote; and when, on a division, there shall be an equal num-
ber of votes, the Speaker shall decide the question. In no
other case shall he vote, unless his vote, if given to the mi-
nority, will make the decision equal; and when an equal de-
cision is produced by the Speaker's vote, the question shall
be lost.
11. No member shall depart the service of the Senate without leave, or receive pay as a member for the time he is absent.

12. Petitions, memorials, and other papers addressed to the Senate, 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 the petition, memorial or other paper, shall not be read, unless so ordered by the Senate.

13. Resolutions for the appropriations of public money, and all other resolutions of a public nature, as well as all bills, shall be read the first time for information, and upon this reading shall not be subject to amendment, but may be amended on the second and third readings. And the Clerk shall keep a calendar of all such resolutions and bills, with the order taken on each, in the order in which they are introduced, and they shall be taken up and considered as they stand on the calendar, unless otherwise ordered; and the calendar shall be daily revised and kept on the Speaker's table for the inspection of members, and all bills shall be numbered and dispatched in the order in which they stand upon the calendar.

14. All bills of a public nature, when ready for the second reading, shall be noted as having been read at least one day previous thereto, and then shall be first read for information, and then paragraph by paragraph, and held open for amendment.

15. After a bill or resolution has been once rejected, postponed indefinitely, or to a day beyond the session, another of like provision shall not be introduced during the session.

16. When a question has been once decided, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or succeeding day, if the bill, resolution or paper upon which the question has been taken, be in possession of the Senate; and no bill or resolution of a pub-
lie nature shall be sent from the Senate until 12 o'clock the succeeding day; but when the motion to reconsider is laid on the table, it shall not again be called up.

17. When an amendment to be proposed to the Constitution is under consideration, a concurrence of two-thirds or three-fifths of the members present shall not be required to decide any question for amendments, or extending to the merits, short of the final question.

18. When a question may have been decided by the Senate, in which three-fifths or two-thirds of the members present are necessary to carry the affirmative, any member who voted on that side which prevailed in the question, may be at liberty to move a reconsideration; and a motion for reconsideration shall be decided by a majority of votes.

19. The Speaker shall examine and correct the Journal before it is read; he shall have the general direction of the hall; he shall designate who shall compose all committees, except when otherwise ordered; and the select committees of the Senate shall consist of five members.

20. There shall be appointed by the Speaker the following Committees, viz:

A Committee of Propositions and Grievances.
A Committee of Privileges and Elections.
A Committee of Claims.
A Committee on the Judiciary.
A Committee on Internal Improvements.
A Committee on Education and the Literary Fund.
A Committee on Banks and Currency.
A Committee on Corporations.
A Committee on Military Affairs, and
A Committee on Agriculture, consisting of seven members each.

21. When the Senate resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall leave the chair and appoint a
Chairman; and when upon any other occasion the Speaker wishes to leave the chair, he shall appoint a Speaker pro temp.

22. When a petition, memorial, or other paper addressed to the Senate, shall have been referred either to one of the Standing or Select Committees, they shall, in their report on the petition, memorial or other paper, make a statement in writing of the facts embraced in the case referred.

23. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobby or gallery, the Speaker, or Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, shall have power to have the same cleared.

24. No person, except members of the House of Commons, Officers and Clerks of the two Houses of the General Assembly, Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts, Members 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, shall be admitted within the hall of the Senate.

25. Any member dissatisfied with the decision of the Speaker on any question of order, may appeal to the Senate.

26. When the Senate adjourns, the members shall keep their seats until the Speaker leaves the Chair.

27. Saturday in every week shall be set apart for the consideration of private bills and private business, in preference to any other, unless otherwise determined by the majority of the Senate, and the Clerk shall keep a separate calendar of the same.

28. The rules for the government of the Senate shall not be amended or altered without giving at least one day's notice of such amendment or alteration, nor without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; but the rules may be suspended temporarily for a special purpose, by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Mr. Odom, from the committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk, reported that M. J. Moore received 81
votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is elected Engrossing Clerk, and that as to others in nomination there is no election.

Mr. Odom also introduced resolutions, entitled "Resolutions protesting against the policy of emancipation for public services;" which were read, and, on motion of Mr. Ward, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and they were ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. Patterson.

The bill to allow further time for the registration of grants, conveyances and other instruments, was read a second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Courts, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for one Engrossing Clerk, forthwith. The Speaker announced as the committee to superintend the election on the part of the Senate, should the House agree, Messrs. Courts and Straughan.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the foregoing message; that Messrs. W. W. Dunn, Frederick Phillips and T. H. Hill are in nomination, and Messrs. Huske, Alston, Cooper and Barham have been withdrawn; and that Messrs. Davis, of Franklin, and Horton, of Wilkes, are the committee to superintend the election on the part of the House. The Senate proceeded to the election, when the names of the following were withdrawn, to wit: Mr. Huske, by Mr. Wright; Mr. Hilliard, by Mr. Pitchford; Mr. Fife, by Mr. Whitford; Mr. Taylor, by Mr. Horton; Mr. Barham, by Mr. Jones, and Mr. Alston, by Mr. Wiggins.

The vote was as follows, to wit:

For Mr. Phillips—Messrs. Aycock, Berry, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Lindsay, Long, March, McCorkle, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Stubbs, Taylor, Ward, Whitford, Wiggins, Winstead, Wright and Wynn—27.

For Mr. Dunn—Messrs. Speaker, Adams, Arendell, Bagley.
Blount, Bogle, Dick, Horton, Lassiter, Leitch, Mann, Matthews, Patterson, Patton, Pool, Sanders, Snead and Warren—17.

For Mr. Hill—Messrs. Jones and Straughan—2.

Mr. Courts, from the committee to superintend the election of an Engrossing Clerk, reported that Frederick Phillips received 80 votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is elected.

Mr. Odom moved that a message be sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Confederate States Senator, on to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M., which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Leitch, a message was sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Auditor of Public Accounts on to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M., and that Mr. R. H. Battle is in nomination.

The Speaker announced, as the committee to superintend the election on the part of the Senate, should the House agree to the foregoing message, Messrs. Leitch and Arendell.

A message was received from the House, that they do not agree to the proposition to go into an election for Auditor of Public Accounts, at 12 o'clock, M., on to-morrow, but, propose to go into said election forthwith; and that Messrs. Johnson and Simmons will constitute the committee to superintend the election on the part of the House, should the Senate agree, and also, that T. H. Hill is in nomination.

The Senate agreed to the proposition, and proceeded to the election. The vote was as follows, to wit:

Mr. Leitch, from the committee to superintend the election of Auditor of Public Accounts, reported that R. H. Battle received 137 votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is elected.

A message was received from the House, that they propose to go into an election for Comptroller forthwith, and that Mr. C. H. Brogden is in nomination, and Messrs. Isbell and Costner will constitute the committee to superintend the election on the part of the House, should the Senate agree.

The message was agreed to, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Speight and Bryson the committee on the part of the Senate to superintend the election, when, the Senate proceeded to the same, and the vote was as follows, to wit:


Mr. Speight, from the committee to superintend the foregoing election, reported that C. H. Brogden received 142 votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is elected.

A message was received from the House, that they transmit a bill entitled "A bill to amend the fifth section of an act, entitled, 'An act to restore the courts and for other purposes.'" and a resolution entitled, "Resolution in favor of W. J. Webster," for the action of the Senate.

Same bill was read first time, when on motion of Mr. Warren, the rules were suspended, and it was read the second and third times and passed. Also, the resolution read three several times and passed, under a suspension of the rules, by motion of Mr. Straughan.
The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Lindsay, until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, Nov. 24, 1864.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial from sundry citizens of Forsythe county, praying the passage of an act to condemn to the use of Salem Chapel Church, one-fourth of an acre of land in said county; also, a memorial from sundry other citizens of said county against the same.

Mr. Horton introduced resolution in relation to adjournment of the General Assembly, which were read, and referred, on his motion, to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Straughan introduced a bill to incorporate the Leroyton Mining and Manufacturing Company, which was read first time, and referred, on his motion, to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Patterson introduced resolutions referring various portions of the Governor's message to appropriate Committees, which were read and adopted.

Mr. Pool introduced resolutions entitled "Resolutions to initiate negotiation for an honorable peace," which are as follows, to wit:

"To avoid formal objections hitherto raised, and effectually open negotiations for the termination of this most unfortunate and destructive war,

"Resolved, That five commissioners be elected by this General Assembly, to act with commissioners from the other States of the Confederacy, as a medium for negotiating a peace with the United States.

"Resolved, That each of the other States of the Confederacy be respectfully requested to create a similar commission, with as little delay as practicable, and to co-operate with North Carolina in requesting President Davis, in the name of
these sovereign States, that he tender to the United States a conference for negotiating a peace through the medium of these commissioners.

"Resolved, That the Governor make known to each of the other States of the Confederacy this action of the General Assembly of North Carolina, and endeavor to secure their cooperation.

"Resolved, That whenever any five of the States shall have responded by the appointment of commissioners, the Governor communicate the proceeding, officially, to President Davis, and request his prompt action upon the proposition."

The resolutions were read, and ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. Warren.

Mr. Jones introduced a bill to incorporate the Gorgas Mining and Manufacturing Company; which was read first time, and referred, on his motion, to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Lindsay, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election at 12½ o'clock to-day, for Secretary of State, and the House was informed that the following persons are in nomination, to wit: Henry G. Williams, of Nash, nominated by Mr. Wiggins; W. A. Huske, of Cumberland, by Mr. Wright; Donald W. Bain, by Mr. Long, and J. P. H. Russ, by Mr. Jones.

A message was received from the House, that they propose to raise three joint select committees, to consist each of five on the part of the House and three on the part of the Senate, to whom should be referred portions of the Governor's message, as follows, to wit: So much of the message as relates to a system of tything by the State—with a view of changing the money tax, by the several counties, for the support of soldiers' families, shall be referred to one; so much as relates to the importation of goods by the State and loss of the steamer
Advance to another, and so much as relates to a supply of salt to a third. The message was agreed to.

Mr. Lassiter moved to send a message to the House, that the Senate proposes to print three copies each, of the rules of order of each House, and the joint rules, together with the committee and names of members and officers of each House, with their counties and post offices; which was agreed to, but re-considered, on motion of Mr. Leitch, who moved to amend, by adding "and one copy of the Constitution of the State and Constitution of the Confederate States, for each member and officer of the General Assembly," which was agreed to, and the proposition, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill to allow further time for the registration of grants, conveyances, and other instruments, was read a third time and passed, and is ordered to be engrossed.

The following entitled bill and resolution transmitted from the House of Commons as duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker thereof, was signed also by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

- An act to amend the 5th section of an act entitled, "An act to restore the courts and for other purposes," ratified 14th day of December, 1863.

Resolution in favor of W. J. Webster.

A message was received from the House, that they do not agree to the proposition of the Senate in relation to printing three copies of the rules of each House, &c., but, they propose to print one copy of the rules of each House, joint rules and committees of both Houses, names of members, &c., with one copy also of the Constitution of the State and Constitution of the Confederate States, which was agreed to.

Another message was received from the House, that they propose to go into an election for Superintendent of Common Schools forthwith, and that Rev. C. H. Wiley is in nomination, and Messrs. Baxter and Wheeler will constitute the committee
to superintend the election on the part of the House, should the Senate agree.

The Senate agreed to the foregoing message, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Dick and Ward as the committee on the part of the Senate, when, the election was proceeded to, and the vote was as follows, to wit:

For C. H. Wiley—Messrs. Speaker, Adams, Arendell, Aycock, Bagley, Berry, Blount, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Dick, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Horton, Jones, Kirby, Leitch, Lindsay, Long, Mann, March, Matthews, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Pool, Powell, Sanders, Smith, Snead, Straughan, Stubbs, Taylor, Warren, Whitford, Winstead, Wright and Wynn—43.

For Mr. Archibald R. Black—Mr. Ward—1.

A message was received from the House, that they transmit a message of his Excellency, the Governor, and accompanying document, Reports of the Principal of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, and propose to print the documents, which was agreed to.

Mr. Jones introduced a bill to authorize and empower twenty-one magistrates to transact all county business in the county of Wake, which was read first time, when, on his motion, the rules were suspended, and the same was read a second and third times, and passed.

Mr. Dick, from the Committee to superintend the election for Superintendent of Common Schools, reported that Rev. Calvin H. Wiley received 140 votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is elected.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Lindsay for three days from and after to-day, on motion of Mr. Mann.

The Speaker presented the following communication, which was read, to wit:
Hon. Giles Mebane,

Speaker of the Senate:

Sir: I learn from the public prints that the General Assembly have done me the honor to elect me to the office of State Printer.

Please allow me, through you, to convey to the Honorable Body, over which you preside, my thanks for the honor conferred, and to signify my acceptance of the same.

I am ready to execute the bond, and to proceed at once with the work.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. Neathery.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Kirby, on motion of Mr. Blount, also, to Mr. Adams, on motion of Mr. Odom, until Monday next.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Arendell.

SUNDAY, November 25, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Atkinson.

The Speaker announced the following as Senate branches of joint select committees, to wit: on so much of the Governor's message as relates to a system of tything and of changing the money tax by the several counties for the support of soldiers' families, Messrs. Odom, Aycock and Crump; on so much thereof as relates to the importation of goods, Messrs. Wright, Ellis and Speight, and on so much as relates to a supply of salt, Messrs. Leitch, Courts and Blount.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that
they transmit an accompanying engrossed bill, entitled, to wit: “A bill concerning the expenses of the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts,” and resolution entitled “Resolution relative to the increase of pay of private soldiers.”

The bill and resolution were read first time.

On motion of Mr. Bagley, the Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock, Monday morning.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1864.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the memorials from sundry citizens of Forsythe county, made the following report, which was ordered, on motion of Mr. Matthews, to be spread upon the journal, to wit:

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom were referred certain memorials from sundry citizens of Forsythe county in relation to the condemnation of a tract of land for the purpose of a burying ground, have had the same under consideration, and have come to the conclusion that the Legislature can afford the memorialists no relief.

One of the said memorials prays that a half acre of land belonging to one Mrs. Barbara Marshall, be condemned to the use of Salem Chapel Church. The other is in the form of a protest against it.

It is well settled that the right of eminent domain, or inherent sovereign power, gives to the Legislature the control of private property for public uses, and for public uses only. And, it is the opinion of the committee that this is not such a public use as demands or authorizes the interposition of the Legislature.

To take A's property from him and give it to B, is a proposition equivalent to that contained in the memorial. A provision for compensation can not bring the matter within our jurisdiction.
The parties are therefore left to that remedy in the courts, and it is their misfortune, if they neglected to acquire a title to the land in question when they had opportunity.

The Committee, therefore, report the said memorials back to the Senate, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

E. J. WARREN, Chairman.

The Committee were discharged.

Edward D. Hall, Senator elect from the 16th District, appeared, presented a certificate of election, and qualified according to law.

Mr. Long introduced a bill to prevent the spread of small pox, which was read three several times, (the rules having been suspended on his motion,) and passed.

Mr. Pool introduced a bill to legalize advancements to the Insane Asylum, and to authorize a further advancement, which was read first time.

Engrossed bill entitled "A bill to amend an act entitled 'An act for the relief of the wives of families of soldiers in the army,'" ratified the 10th February, 1863, was read first time.

Mr. Arendell, from the Committee on Corporation; reported upon the bills entitled, "A bill to incorporate the Gorgas Mining and Manufacturing Company, and a bill to incorporate the Leroyton Mining and Manufacturing Company," and recommended their passage.

Mr. Straughan moved to suspend the rules in order that the latter bill might be read, which was not agreed to.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Winstead, Lassiter and Leitch as the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Warren introduced a resolution, which was read and adopted, to wit:

"Resolved, That a message be sent to the House of Commons, 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.

The resolution relative to the increase of pay of private soldiers, and the bill concerning the expenses of the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts, were read a second time and passed.

The bill to allow further time for the registration of grants, conveyances and other instruments, transmitted as duly enrolled, from the House of Commons, and signed by the Speaker thereof, was signed also by the Speaker of the Senate.

Resolutions to initiate negotiations for an honorable peace were read a second time, and Mr. Pool moved that the same be referred to a Joint Select Committee, to consist of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House of Commons, which was agreed to; and a message accordingly was sent to the House, on his motion, also.

A message was received from the House that they agree to the foregoing proposition and appoint Messrs. Caldwell, Brown, of Mecklenburg, and Cowles, as the Committee on the part of the House.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Pool and Ellis as the Committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Odom, a message was sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to raise a Joint Select Committee of two on its part and three on the part of the House, to be styled a Committee on Public Printing; and a message from the House was received that they agree thereto, and Messrs. Mann, Grier and Best constitute the Committee on the part of the House.
Messrs. Odom and Speight were announced as the Committee on the part of the Senate.

Another message was received from the House, that they agree to the message in relation to raising a Committee 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 to deprive, in a summary way, officers of the militia of their commissions. &c., and that Messrs. Fowle, Shepherd and Phillips are the Committee on the part of the House.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Warren and Bryson as the Committee on the part of the Senate.

Also, a message was received from the House of Commons, that Messrs. Waugh, W. J. Headen, Gaskins, Harrison and McLean constitute their branch of the Committee on enrolled bills for this week.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Arendell, until 11 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, Nov. 29, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Atkinson.

Mr. Stubbs, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported upon the resolution to adjourn this General Assembly, and recommended that it do not pass; also, upon the resolutions protesting against the policy of emancipation for public services, and recommended their passage, with an amendment, to wit: Strike out all after the word "whereas," and insert "Resolved, That while we are willing that the Confederate States may take as many of our slaves as may be needed as cooks, teamsters and laborers on fortifications, we think there is no necessity to arm them as soldiers, and we are, at present, opposed to such a policy," and strike out in the bill all
after the word "resolution" and insert the words "against the policy of arming slaves."

The bill to prevent the spread of small pox, was sent duly engrossed to the House of Commons.

The resolutions relative to the increase of the pay of private soldiers, were read a third time, when Mr. Warren moved to amend by striking out in resolution 1st the words "to forty-five dollars per month," which was agreed to, and Mr. Bagley moved to amend the same by striking out the word "increase" and inserting the words, "to use their best efforts to secure an increase of," which also was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the resolutions as amended, Mr. Matthews asked the ayes and nays, and one fifth agreeing:

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Aycock, Pitchford and Speight.

So the resolutions were adopted.

A message was received from the House, that they propose to rescind so much of the joint order to print the message of the Governor and accompanying documents as embraces the correspondence in relation to the State Salt Works, at Wilmington, and that said correspondence be referred to the Joint Select Committee upon the Governor's message as it relates to a supply of salt, which was agreed to; also, a message, that the House branches of the following Joint Select Committee are constituted as follows, to wit:

Messrs. Amis, Wooten, Horton, of Wilkes, Costner and Mc-
Gehee, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to a system of tithing in the State; Messrs. Person, Hanes, Cunningham, McAden and Murphy, on so much as relates to the importation of goods, and, Messrs. Harrison, McLean, Brown, of Mecklenburg, Sharpe and Perkins, on so much as relates to a supply of salt.

Engrossed bills from the House, entitled, "A bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Wilson Academy in the county of Chatham," and "A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville Iron Works," were read first time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, to the Committee on Corporations.

The bill concerning the expenses of the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts, was read a third time and passed, and is ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army," ratified on the 10th of February, 1863, was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Patterson, laid on the table.

The bill to legalize advancements to the Insane Asylum and to authorize a further advancement, was read a second time. Mr. Ward moved to amend, by inserting the words "to the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars," after the words "Public Treasurer," which was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed, when, on motion of Mr. Pool, the rules were suspended, and the same was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Speight, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election at 12 1/2 o'clock to-day, for Secretary of State. Mr. Wiggins nominated Henry O. Williams; Mr. Ellis, W. A. Huske; Mr. D. W. Bain, by Mr. Long; G. H. Dockery, by Mr. Pool, and W. R. Richardson by Mr. Jones, were severally also added to the nomination, and the House was informed thereof.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the foregoing message, and that George H. Faribault is in
nomination, and Messrs. Horton, of Watauga, and Davis, of Franklin, are the committee to superintend the election on the part of the House.

Messrs. Speight and McCorkle were announced as said committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Pool, at his own request, was excused from service on the Committee on Finance, and Mr. Odom was appointed thereon.

The Senate proceeded to the election of Secretary of State, when Mr. Jones stated that J. P. H. Russ would not be in nomination, and the vote was as follows, to wit:


For Henry G. Williams—Messrs. Aycock, Bryson, Courts, Harris, Kirby, Lindsay, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Powell, Speight, Taylor, Whitford and Wiggins—14.

For Mr. Geo. H. Faribault—Messrs. Grier, Hall and Pitchford—3.

For W. H. Bagley—Mr. Stubbs—1.

For W. A. Huske—Messrs. Ellis, Leitch, Patterson, Smith, Ward and Crump—6.


Mr. Speight, from the Committee to superintend the election of Secretary of State, reported that no one having received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election.

A message was received from the House, that Messrs. Allison, Wooten, J. H. Headen, Horton, of Wilkes, and Costner, constitute the House branch of the Joint Select Committee on as much of the Governor's message as relates to a system of tithing for the State,—Messrs. Amis and McGehee having been excused from serving on said Committee.
A message was sent, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Secretary of State forthwith. Messrs. Wiggins and Aycoek were announced as the Senate branch of the Committee to superintend the election.

A message was received from the House, that they propose to go immediately into an election for Secretary of State; and that Messrs. Horton, of Watauga, and Davis, of Franklin, constitute the Committee to superintend the election on the part of the House, and the name of Col. George H. Faribault is withdrawn, and Mr. W. R. Richardson is in nomination.

The Senate agreed to the message, and Messrs. Wiggins and Aycoek were announced as the Committee on the part of the Senate to superintend the election.

The Senate proceeded to the election, and the vote was as follows:


Mr. Ellis, having voted for Mr. Huske, changed for Mr. Williams.

For W. A. Huske—Messrs. Patterson and Smith—2.

For H. G. Williams—Messrs. Aycoek, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, Lindsay, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Pitchford, Powell, Speight, Taylor, Ward, Whitford and Wiggins—19.


The Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, on motion of Mr. Warren.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Pritchard.

Mr. Bryson introduced resolutions looking to a settlement of national difficulties, which were read, ordered to be printed on his motion, and, on motion of Mr. Warren, referred to the Joint Select Committee on "resolutions to initiate negotiations for an honorable peace."

Mr. Odom introduced a bill to provide just compensation to the State Printer, which was read first time.

Mr. Patterson introduced a bill to amend the 8th section of chapter 112 of the Revised Code, in relation to the Public Treasurer, which was read first time, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolutions to adjourn this General Assembly were read a second time, when, Mr. Horton moved to fill the blank with the words "fifth day of December," which was not agreed to.

Mr. Horton then moved to fill said blank with the words, "tenth day of December," which was agreed to. The resolutions were rejected.

Resolutions protesting against the policy of emancipation for public services, were read a second time, together with the substitute by way of amendment, reported by the Committee on Military Affairs, when, Mr. Pool moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "Resolved," therein, and inserting as follows, to wit:

"That the State of North-Carolina protests against the arming of slaves by the Confederate Government, in any emergency that can possibly arise, but gives its consent to their being taken and used as laborers in the public service, upon just compensation being made.

Resolved, That the provision in the Constitution of the Confederate States, which specifically forbids Congress to pass any law "impairing the right of property in negro slaves," was inserted for the special purpose of refusing to Congress
the power to take them for the public use, without the consent of the States.

Resolved, That North-Carolina denies the constitutional power of the Confederate Government to impress slaves for the purpose of arming them, or preparing them to be armed in any contingency, without the consent of the State being first freely given, and then, only according to State laws.

Resolved, That the failure of Congress to establish a Supreme Court of the Confederate States, in the face of the positive constitutional requirement, makes it necessary for each State to decide for itself the extent and meaning of the powers delegated to the General Government.

The amendment, and amendment to the amendment as proposed, were ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. Pool. Mr. Dick moved to refer the same, together with the bill, to a joint select committee of three on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House; which was agreed to, and a message was accordingly sent to the House, but the House refused to agree, and proposed to the Senate to raise a joint committee on Confederate relations, to consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, to which might be referred all matters involving our relations with the Confederate Government.

The Senate agreed to the foregoing proposition of the House, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Pool, Hall, and Wright as the Senate branch of the committee, when Mr. Stubbs moved to refer the bill and amendments before the Senate to said committee, and they were so referred.

Mr. Wiggins, from the committee to superintend the election for Secretary of State, reported that no one having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, there is no election.

Mr. Lindsay moved that a message be sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Secretary of State forthwith, which was agreed to. The Speaker an-
nounced Messrs. Lindsay and Ward as the Committee on the part of the Senate to superintend the election, and Mr. Pool withdrew the name of O. H. Dockery, and the House was informed thereof.

Engrossed bill from the House, entitled "A bill in reference to the Trustees of Sardis Academy in Mecklenburg county," was read first time, and on motion of Mr. Grier, the rules were subsequently suspended, when the same was read a second and third times, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lassiter, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Confederate States Senator on 12 o'clock, M., to-morrow; and Mr. Lassiter nominated Hon. Edwin G. Reade, and Mr. Speight nominated Hon. Wm. T. Dortch, therefore—which was also a part of the message to the House.

The bill concerning the expenses of the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts, transmitted from the House of Commons as duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker thereof, was signed also by the Speaker of the Senate.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the proposition to go into an election for Secretary of State, forthwith, and Messrs. Simmons and Enloe constitute the Committee to superintend the election on the part of the House.

Also a message was received from the House, that they agree to the proposition of the Senate to go into an election for Confederate States Senator, on to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M., and that Hon. Thomas S. Ashe is in nomination.

The Senate proceeded to the election of Secretary of State, and the vote was as follows, to wit:

For H. G. Williams—Messrs. Aycock, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, Lindsay, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Pitchford, Powell, Speight, Taylor, Ward, Whitford, Wiggins and Winstead—20.
For W. R. Richardson—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Berry, Dick, Jones, Lassiter, Mann, Pool, Sanders, Snead and Warren—11.


For W. A. Huske—Messrs. Patterson, Smith and Wright—3.

For Walter Dunn—Mr. Stubbs—1.

Mr. Lindsay, from the committee to superintend the election of Secretary of State, reported that no one having received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, another message was sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to go again, forthwith, into an election for Secretary of State.

And, a message was received from the House, that they propose to go into an election for Secretary of State, immediately, and Messrs. Simmons and Enloe will constitute the committee on the part of the House to superintend the election, should the Senate agree. The Senate agreed to the message, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Matthews and March as the committee to superintend said election on the part of the Senate. The Senate proceeded to the election, and the vote was as follows, to wit:


For W. A. Huske—Mr. Wright—1.

For Mr. Richardson—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Bogle, Dick, Jones, Lassiter, Mann, Matthews, Pool, Sanders, Snead and Warren—14.

For W. Dunn—Mr. Stubbs—1.

For H. G. Williams—Messrs. Aycock, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, Lindsay, March, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Pitchford, Powell, Speight, Taylor, Whitford, Wiggins and Winstead—21.
Mr. Matthews, from the committee to superintend the election of Secretary of State, reported that no one having received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the resolutions relative to the increase of the pay of private soldiers. And said resolutions are ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Bryson, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Secretary of State, forthwith, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Bryson and Miller as the Committee to superintend the election, should the House agree thereto.

Mr. Arendell moved to adjourn until 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Not agreed to.

The Senate adjourned, on motion again made by Mr. Arendell, until 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, Dec. 1, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Craven.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that they propose to go immediately into an election for Secretary of State, and that Messrs. Lowe and Farmer will constitute the Committee to superintend the election, should the Senate agree.

The Senate agreed to the message, and Messrs. Sanders and Berry were announced as said Committee on the part of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the election, and the vote was as follows, to wit:

For H. G. Williams—Messrs. Aycock, Bryson, Courts, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Lindsay, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Pitchford, Powell, Speight, Taylor, Ward, Whitford and Wiggins—17.

For Geo. H. Faribault—Mr. Hall—1.


For W. A. Huske—Messrs. Ellis, Patterson and Wright—3.

For Walter Dunn—Messrs. Stubbs and Blount—2.

Another message was received from the House, that Messrs. Fówle, Cunningham, Hanes, Love and Allison are the House branch of the Joint Select Committee on Confederate relations.

A message was sent to the House, on motion of Mr. Patterson, that Hon. John A. Gilmer is in nomination for Confederate States Senator.

A message was received from the House, that they transmit resolutions duly engrossed, entitled, to wit:

"Resolution in favor of abolishing Provost Guards," and "Resolution in reference to the employment of persons assigned to light duty, in active field service," which were read first time.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Finance, reported upon the bill to amend the 8th sec. of chap. 112 of Revised Code, in relation to the Public Treasurer, and recommended that it do pass, with an amendment, to wit: Insert in line 6, sec. 1, after the word "Comptroller," the words "and the Secretary of State."

Mr. Wiggins, from the same Committee, made a report, which was read, and transmitted to the House of Commons, on his motion.

Mr. Arendell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported upon the bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Wilson Academy, in the county of Chatham, and recommending that it do pass.
Mr. Odom, from the Joint Select Committee on the Governor's message, as it relates to a tax in kind, made a report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee were discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Berry, from the Committee to superintend the election for Secretary of State, reported that no one having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, there is no election.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go forthwith into an election for Secretary of State; and the Speaker announced Messrs. Matthews and Ward as the Committee on the part of the Senate to superintend the election, and Col. George H. Faribault was placed in nomination by Mr. Hall.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that Messrs. Perkins and Wooten are the committee to superintend the election of Confederate States' Senator on the part of the House, and that Hon. John A. Gilmer, W. N. H. Smith, John M. Morehead and Todd R. Caldwell, Esq., have been placed in nomination.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Patterson and Pitchford as the Senate branch of the committee to superintend the election. The bill to provide just compensation to the State Printer, was read a second time and passed.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the proposition of the Senate to go forthwith into an election for Secretary of State, and Messrs. Lowe and Farmer are the committee to superintend said election on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to the election, and the vote was as follows, to wit:


For H. G. Williams—Messrs. Courts, Kirby, Lindsay, Odom, Taylor, Whitford and Wiggins—7.
For W. A. Huske—Messrs. Patterson and Wright—2.
For W. P. Richardson—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Bogle, Dick, Jones, Lassiter, Mann, Pool, Sanders, Snead and Warren—13;
The Senate now proceeded to the election of Confederate States' Senator, at 12 o'clock, M. The vote was as follows, to wit:
For Hon. John A. Gilmer—Messrs. Speaker, Bogle, Horton, Lindsay, March, Matthews, McCorckle, Patterson, Patton and Whitford—10.
Mr. Matthews, from the committee to superintend the election for Secretary of State, reported that no one had received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election.
On motion of Mr. Leitch, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Secretary of State, forthwith, and Mr. Leitch nominated David Bethune, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Leitch and Adams as the committee on the part of the Senate to superintend the election.
A message was received from the House, that they agree to the foregoing message; that Messrs. Morrisey and Costner
will superintend the election on the part of the House, and the name of Henry G. Williams is withdrawn.

The Senate proceeded to said election, and the vote was as follows, to wit:


For W. R. Richardson—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Blount, Bogle, Dick, Horton, Jones, Lassiter, Lindsay, Mann, Matthews, Pool, Sanders, Snead and Warren—17.


For W. A. Huske—Mr. Wright—1.

Mr. Patterson, from the committee to superintend the election for Confederate States Senator reported that no one having received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election.

On motion of Mr. Lassiter, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Confederate States Senator immediately, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Lassiter and Courts the committee to superintend the election on the part of the Senate, and Mr. Pitchford nominated Honorable David Outlaw.

A message was received from the House, that they propose to go forthwith into an election for Public Treasurer; that Jonathan Worth is in nomination, and Messrs. Johnson and Crawford, of Wayne, will constitute the committee on the part of the House, to superintend the election, should the Senate agree.

The Senate agreed to the message, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Mann and Stubbs as the Senate branch of said committee.

The Senate proceeded to the election, and the vote was as follows, to wit:
For Jonathan Worth—Messrs. Speaker, Adams, Arendell, Aycock, Bagley, Berry, Blount, Bogle, Bryson, Dick, Grier, Hall, Harris, Horton, Jones, Kirby, Lassiter, Leitch, Lindsay, Mann, March, Matthews, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Pool, Powell, Sanders, Smith, Snead, Straughan, Stubbs, Taylor, Ward, Warren, Whitford, Wiggins, Winstead, Wright and Wynn—44.

For Mr. Patrick Murphy—Mr. Ellis—1.

For D. W. Courts—Mr. Speight—1.

Mr. Leitch, from the Committee to superintend the election of Secretary of State, reported that no one having received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to go into an election for Confederate States Senator, forthwith, and that Messrs. Perkins and Wooten are the Committee to superintend the election on the part of the House; also, the name of Hon. W. N. H. Smith has been withdrawn.

The Senate proceeded to the election—Mr. Dick in place of Mr. Courts, and Mr. Lassiter superintending the same. The vote was as follows, to wit:


Mr. Lindsay having voted for Mr. Gilmer, changed for Mr. Outlaw.


For Hon. David Outlaw—Messrs. Lindsay and Pitchford—2.

Mr. Smith moved to send a message to the House, that the Senate proposes to go, forthwith, into an election for Secretary of State, which was agreed to; and Mr. Stubbs nominated Phillip A. Wiley, and Messrs. Wiggins and Horton were announced as the Committee to superintend the election, should the House agree.

Mr. Stubbs, from the Committee to superintend the election of Public Treasurer, reported that Jonathan Worth received one hundred and forty-four votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and elected.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Straughan, until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, Dec. 2, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Raven.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial from sundry citizens of Cleveland county, praying the passage of a bill "to authorize Abel Earl to distil corn into whiskey for the benefit of the country in which he lives, for medical purposes," which was referred, on his motion, to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Hall introduced a bill to enable the County Court of New Hanover to fix the fees of County Solicitor, which was read first time and referred on his motion, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following resolution, notice of which was given yesterday by Mr. Warren, was read and adopted, to wit:

"Resolved, That the rules of order for the government of the Senate be amended by adding to rule 20th, as follows, to wit:

"There shall likewise be appointed for each and every week a Committee on engrossed bills, consisting of three members, who shall examine all bills, resolutions, &c., required to be engrossed, and report in aid of the Principal Clerk, whether the same be correctly engrossed, or not."
Messrs. Bagley and Snead were appointed Committee on engrossed bills for the week.

Mr. Ellis introduced a bill concerning the per diem and mileage of the members of the present General Assembly, which was read first time.

The bill to provide just compensation to the Public Printer, was read a third time and passed.

The bill to amend the 8th section of chapter 112, Revised Code, in relation to the Public Treasury, was read a second time, when, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Finance was adopted, and, as amended, the bill passed.

Resolution in favor of abolishing provost guards, and resolution in reference to the employment of persons assigned to light duty, in active field service, were read a second time and passed.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Speight until Wednesday next, on motion of Mr. Patterson; to Mr. Aycock for the same time, on motion of Mr. Leitch; to Mr. Whitford until Monday next, on motion of Mr. Ellis; to Mr. Odom until Wednesday next, on motion of Mr. Wright, and to Mr. March until Monday next, on motion of Mr. Bogle.

On motion of Mr. Straughan, Walter A. Huske, Esq., was appointed Assistant Clerk, pro tempore, of the Senate.

Mr. Dick, from the committee to superintend the election of Confederate States Senator, reported that no one having received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election.

On motion of Mr. Bagley, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go immediately into an election for Confederate States Senator. The Speaker announced Messrs. Bagley and Wynn as the committee on the part of the Senate to superintend the election, should the House agree.

The House agreed to the foregoing message, and Messrs. Carson, of Alexander, and George, the Senate was informed, constitute the committee to superintend the election.
The Senate proceeded to vote, and the vote was as follows, to wit:


For Hon. David Outlaw—Messrs. Lindsay, Pitchford and Wynn—3.

For Hon. John A. Gilmer—Messrs. Speaker, Hall, Horton, March, McCorckle, Miller, Patterson, Patton, Stranghan, and Wright—10.

For Hon. W. N. H. Smith—Mr. Wiggins—1.


Mr. Lindsay moved to send a message to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Secretary of State, on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock, M. Not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, a message was sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to go forthwith into said election. Mr. Smith withdrew the name of Philip A. Wiley, and the Speaker announced as the committee to superintend the election, should the House agree, Messrs. Matthews and Lindsay.

Resolution relative to the increase of the pay of private soldiers, and the bill in reference to the Trustees of Sardis Academy, in Mecklenburg county, transmitted from the House of Commons as duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker thereof, were signed also by the Speaker of the Senate.

Mr. Wynn, from the committee to superintend the election for Confederate States Senator, reported that no one hav-
ing received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election.

Mr. Odom introduced a resolution in favor of W. W. Holden, late State Printer; which was read three several times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on his motion.

Mr. Bryson introduced a bill to authorize the payment of fines in Confederate currency; which were read first time, and referred, on his motion, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to go into an election forthwith for Secretary of State, and Messrs. McCormick and Morrissey are the committee to superintend the election on the part of the House, also, John C. Ballentine is in nomination.

The Senate proceeded to the election, and the vote was as follows, to wit:

For W. R. Richardson—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Blount, Bogle, Dick, Horton, Jones, Lassiter, Lindsay, Mann, Matthews, Pool, Sanders, Snead, Warren and Winstead—18.

For W. A. Dunn—Mr. Stubbs—1.

For D. W. Bain—Mr. Patterson—1.


Mr. Lindsay, from the Committee to superintend the foregoing election, reported that no one having received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election.

On motion of Mr. Odom, a message was sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to go, forthwith, into an election for Secretary of State.
David Bethune was withdrawn by Mr. Leitch, and H. G. Williams was nominated by Mr. Wiggins, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Odom and Patton as the Committee on the part of the Senate to superintend the election.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the foregoing message; H. G. Williams and David Bethune have been withdrawn from nomination, Phillip A. Wiley is in nomination, and Messrs. McGhee and Allston will superintend the election on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to the election, and the vote was as follows, to wit:

For W. R. Richardson—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Berry, Blount, Bogle, Dick, Horton, Jones, Lassiter, Lindsay, Mann, Pool, Sanders, Snead, Warren and Winstead—16.


For D. W. Bain—Mr. Leitch—1.

For Phillip A. Wiley—Messrs. Speaker, Bagley, Odom, Straughan, Stubbs, Wright and Wynn—7.

Mr. Dick introduced a bill to incorporate the Jamestown Cotton Mills Company," which was read first time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Warren, to the Committee on Corporations; also, a bill to incorporate the Cavanah Button Factory and Machine Shops Company," which was read first time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, to the same committee.

A message was sent to the House of Commons, on motion of Mr. Matthews, that the Senate proposes to go forthwith into an election for Confederate States Senator. Mr. Speight withdrew the name of Mr. Dortch, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Matthews and Miller as the Committee on the part of the Senate to superintend the election, should the House agree.

Mr. Odom reported from the committee to superintend the
election for Secretary of State that no one having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, there is no election.

Mr. Lindsay moved to send a message to the House, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Secretary of State, on Friday next, at 12 o'clock, M., and Mr. Patton moved by way of amendment, to go immediately into said election, and thereon Mr. Lindsay asked the yeas and nays, and one fifth agreeing;

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aycock, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Horton, Kirby, Leitch, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Stubbs, Taylor, Ward, Whitford, Wiggins and Wright—27.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Blount, Bogle, Dick, Jones, Lassiter, Lindsay, Mann, March, Matthews, Odom, Sanders, Snead, Warren and Winstead—18.

The amendment was adopted, and the proposition as amended, to go into an election immediately, was agreed to, when the Speaker announced Messrs. Aycock and Horton as the Committee to superintend the election, should the House agree.

Engrossed bills transmitted from the House entitled "A bill to incorporate the Bingham School," and "A bill to incorporate the North Carolina Company of Chemists," were read first time, and the latter-named bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, to the Committee on Corporations.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that the House has resolved not to go into an election for Confederate States Senator until Wednesday, the 15th December, at 12 o'clock, M., which was agreed to, but a reconsideration was moved by Mr. Odom, and carried, and the message was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Matthews.

Mr. Mann moved to adjourn until 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning, which was not agreed to.
Engrossed bill for the relief of suffering and needy prisoners of war from North Carolina (transmitted from the House) was read first time.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Arendell, until 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, December 3, 1864.

An engrossed bill from the House, entitled "A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Factory," was read first time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Patterson, to the Committee on Corporations; also, an engrossed resolution entitled, "Resolution of thanks to the officers and soldiers of North-Carolina," was read and adopted.

Mr. Arendell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported upon the bills, entitled "A bill to incorporate the Jamestown Cotton Mills Company," and "A bill to incorporate the Cavanah Button Factory and Machine Shops Company," recommending their passage; also, upon the bill to incorporate the Fayetteville North-Carolina Iron Works, recommending amendments thereto.

The following resolution and bills transmitted from the House, duly engrossed, were read first time, entitled, to wit:

- "Resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, Tax Collector of Madison county;"
- "A bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund;"
- "A bill to charter the Ocknock Iron Company;" and
- "A bill to authorize the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department to witness the transfer of coupon bonds, and make endorsements on the same."

Also, "A bill to authorize the Treasurer to issue certain coupon bonds," and "Resolution in favor of A. J. McBride, sheriff of Watauga county," transmitted duly engrossed from
the House, were read three several times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Matthews.

The resolution in reference to the employment of persons assigned to light duty, in active field service, was read a third time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, on motion of Mr. Leitch.

Also, resolution in favor of abolishing provost guards, was read a third time, and referred to said committee, on motion of Mr. Ward.

The bill to amend the 8th section of chapter 112 of the Revised Code, in relation to the Public Treasurer, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on the Judiciary reported, upon the bill to authorize the payment of fines in Confederate currency, recommending that it do not pass; also, upon the bill to enable the County Court of New Hanover, to fix the fees of County Solicitor, recommending an amendment thereto, to wit: "Add as section 2. Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

The latter bill was subsequently taken up, on motion of Mr. Hall, and read a second time, under a suspension of the rules, when, the amendment recommended by the Judiciary Committee, was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed; and, it was read a third time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Wilson Academy, in the county of Chatham, was read a second time and passed.

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, were transmitted from the House of Commons, duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker thereof, and the same were signed by the Speaker of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Gorgas Mining and Manufacturing Company was read a second time, amended, on motion
of Mr. Wiggins, by striking out in section 1, last line, the word "ninety," and inserting the word "thirty," and as amended, passed, when, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Jones, and the same was read a third time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Leroytown Mining and Manufacturing Company, was read a second time, amended, on motion of Mr. Straughan, by striking out, in sec. 1, last line, the word "ninety," and inserting the word "sixty," and, as amended passed. Said bill was read a third time, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Straughan, when Mr. Arendell moved to strike out, in sec. 1, last line, the word "sixty," and insert the word "thirty," which was agreed to, and the bill, as now amended, passed.

The bill to incorporate the Bingham School was read a second time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Patterson, to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Leitch introduced a bill to incorporate the Chicora Collegiate Institute, in the county of Robeson; which was read first time, and referred, on his motion, to the same committee.

Mr. Bryson introduced a bill to amend sec. 1, chap. 87, of Revised Code; which was read first time, and referred, on his motion, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill concerning the *per diem* and mileage of the members of the present General Assembly, was read a second time, when Mr. Horton moved to amend, by striking out "forty-five" before the words "dollars *per diem,*" and inserting the word "thirty," which was not agreed to, and the bill passed, and was read a third time, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Matthews. Mr. Ward moved to refer to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, and it was not agreed to, but the bill passed.

The bill for the relief of suffering and needy prisoners of war from North-Carolina was read a second time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Hall, to the Joint Select Committee on Confederate relations.
Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Dick until Tuesday next, on motion of Mr. Miller.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Bryson, until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1864.

Mr. Patton introduced a bill to incorporate the Oak Hill Cemetery Company, in the county of Buncombe; which was read first time, and referred, on his motion, to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Grier introduced a bill, to exempt from military service certain persons in the employment of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company; which was read first time, and referred, on his motion, to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Patterson introduced a resolution, as follows, to wit:

WHEREAS, it appears from the report of the Public Treasurer, for the year 1863, that there are outstanding against the State, bonds to the amount of fifty-three thousand dollars, which the Treasurer states he does "not find mentioned in the reports of his predecessor," which bonds are now overdue, and a number of which have been presented for payment, and remain unpaid up to the present time; that no entry can be found in the books of the Treasury Department "shewing the date of their issue, or the number and amount issued;" and whereas, it is due alike to the credit of the State, and the character of the late Public Treasurer, that an investigation of the matter should be made, and all the facts connected therewith ascertained; therefore,

Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of three members, be appointed to examine fully the matter referred to in the foregoing preamble, and report the result of such examination to the Senate.
The resolutions were read, and after some discussion, in which Mr. Courts participated, suggesting amendments in order to a further and fuller investigation of his official conduct, &c., Mr. Warren moved to amend by striking out all in the Preamble after the word "that" in line 2, to the word "issued," inclusive, in line 11, and inserting these words, as follows, to wit: "The first class of bonds mentioned in this Exhibit, (A in Treasurers Report) amounting to $53,000, I do not find mentioned in the reports of my predecessor. They are over due, and I was not aware that they were in existence until a number of the class were presented for payment. At what time they fell due, I am unable to state, not having been able to find any entry in the office showing the date of their issue, or the number and amount issued. They are registered bonds; and I find in the office a book in which the holders of these bonds gave receipts for the semi-annual interest, from which it appears that the total amount of them was $370,000. The books show the payment of $317,000, leaving unpaid $53,000."

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Ellis moved to amend also, by inserting, after said amendment, as follows, to wit: "And whereas, it also appears in the Public Treasurers report of May 17, 1864, as follows, to wit: "The Atlantic and N. C. R. R. Company owed the State, on account of the loan to that Company, under the act of 1856, chap. 71, some $400,000. This act provides that the loan was to be made only on condition that the road should set aside its receipts over and above annual expenses, as a Sinking Fund, to pay the debt and interest; and on the further condition of giving a mortgage on the effects of the Company, conditioned to save the State harmless against loss of both principal and interest, which mortgage I have not been able to find. The following are all the payments which have been made on this debt, to wit: Nov., 1863, one hundred
and forty-eight thousand dollars. December, one hundred thousand dollars."

The amendment was agreed to, and the word "matter" so often as, and wherever it occurs, changed to the plural, the resolution was adopted.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Patterson, Winstead and Ellis as the Committee aforesaid; also, Messrs. Matthews and Jones as the Committee on engrossed, and Messrs. Wynn, Bagley and Straughan, as the Committee on enrolled bills for the week.

A message was received from the House, that the House branch of the Committee on enrolled bills for the week are Messrs. Patterson, Banks, Enloe, Reinhardt and Hadley.

Also, another message, that they transmit a report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, and propose to print the same, which was agreed to.

The bill to authorize the payment of fines in Confederate currency, was read a second time and rejected.

The bill to authorize the chief Clerk in the Treasury Department to witness the transfer of coupon bonds and make endorsements on the same, was read a second time and passed.

Mr. Miller introduced a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to charter the Shelby and Broad River Rail Road Company," which was read first time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Arendell, to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Pool introduced a bill to legalize an order of the Special Court of Bertie county, which was read first time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Engrossed resolution from the House entitled "Resolution directing Major Henry A. Dowd to make payment of money to the Public Treasurer," was read first time, and, on motion of Mr. Patterson, laid on the table.

Mr. Leitch introduced a bill to incorporate the Confederate Cotton and Woolen Mills, in the county of Richmond, which
was read first time and referred, on his motion, to the Committee on Corporations.

The bill to charter the Ocknock Iron Company was taken up, on motion of Mr. Wright, and read a second time and passed; when the rules were suspended, on his motion, and the same was read a third time and referred, on motion of Mr. Warren, to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Matthews moved to take up and proceed to consider the message from the House in relation to going into an election for Confederate States Senator on Wednesday, the 15th December. Not agreed to. But, on motion of Mr. Matthews, a message was sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Confederate States Senator, on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock, M.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Stranahan, until 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Atkinson.

Mr. Arendell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported upon the bill to charter the Ocknock Iron Company, and the bill to charter the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Factory, recommending their passage, with amendments there-to, to wit: Add to sec. 2, in the latter bill, the words "necessary to carry on the legitimate operations of said company, and no more," and in the former, add to sec. 1, the words "a sufficient amount to carry on the legitimate operations of said corporation, and no more;" also, upon the bill to incorporate the Oak Hill Cemetery Company, in the county of Buncombe, recommending that it do pass; and upon the bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of Chemists, and the bill to incorporate the Bingham School, asking to be discharged from their further consideration.
Mr. Leitch, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported upon the bill to amend an act, entitled an act to charter the Shelby and Broad River Railroad Company, recommending its passage. Said bill was subsequently taken up and read a second and third times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Miller.

A message was received from the House, that they concur in the proposition of the Senate to go into an election for Confederate States Senator, on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Ellis introduced a bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees, ratified 14th December, 1863; which was read first time, and referred, on his motion, to the Judiciary Committee.

Bills and resolutions, entitled as follows, were disposed of in a manner following, to wit:

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

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of Wilson Academy, in the county of Chatham, were read a third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Jamestown Cotton Mills;

A bill to incorporate the Cuyahah Button Factory and Machine Shops; and

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund, were read a second time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Fayetteville North-Carolina Iron Works, was read a second time, when, the amendments recommended by the committee were adopted, to wit:

In section 1, line 24, insert after the word "personal," the words, "a sufficient quantity to carry on the above named work," and in sec. 5, strike out "ninety-nine years," and insert "thirty years." The bill as amended, passed.

The resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, Tax Collector of Madison county, was referred, on motion of Mr. Patton, to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.
Mr. Patton also introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Asheville and Greenville Plank Road Company, passed in the year 1851, which was read first time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee, on his motion.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Secretary of State, on Thursday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Whitford introduced a resolution in relation to repayment of taxes, to John Rhem, which was read first time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Lassiter, to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The following bill and resolutions transmitted from the House of Commons as duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker thereof, were signed also by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

An act to authorize the Public Treasurer to issue certain coupon bonds.

Resolution in favor of A. J. McBride, Sheriff of Watauga county, and resolution of thanks to the officers and soldiers of North-Carolina.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, until tomorrow morning, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 7, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Pritchard.

Mr. Warren from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported upon the bill to amend the charter of the Asheville and Greenville Plank Road Company, passed in the year 1851, recommending its passage; also, upon the bill to amend the first section of 87th chapter of the Revised Code, recommending that it do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Lassiter, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to set apart Friday
next, as the day for comparing and counting the votes for Governor, at the late August election.

Mr. Patterson introduced the following resolution, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be in-structed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of call-ing on the Confederate States Government to refund to North-Carolina the amount she has expended in executing the Confederate States conscription act, arresting deserters and recusant conscripts, and sending them to the army, and that they report by resolution or otherwise.

Mr. Arendell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported upon the bill to incorporate the Chicora Collegiate Institute, in the county of Robeson, and the bill to incorporate the Confederate Cotton and Woolen Mills, in the county of Richmond, and recommended their passage.

Bills and resolutions were disposed of as follows, to wit:

The bill to incorporate the Fayetteville North Carolina Iron Works;
The bill to incorporate the Cavanah Button Factory and Machine Shops;
The bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Orphan’s Educa-tional Fund; and
The bill to incorporate the Jamestown Cotton Mills, were read a third time and passed.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to go into an election for Secretary of State on Thursday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Also, a message, that they transmit a statement of the con-dition of the Bank of Fayetteville, and propose to print the same, which was agreed to.

The bill to incorporate the Oak Hill Cemetery Company was read a second time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Bingham School, was read a second time and passed, when the rules were suspended, on
motion of Mr. Patterson, and the same was read a third time and passed.

The following entitled engrossed bills and resolutions, transmitted from the House, were disposed of as follows, to wit:

Resolution in favor of R. P. Melvin, Sheriff of Bladen county. Read first time.

Resolution in regard to Salisbury Distillery. Read and adopted.

Resolution upon the subject of impressments by the Confederate Government. Read and referred, on motion of Mr. Patton, to the Joint Select Committee on Confederate relations.

A bill to amend an act entitled, "An act in relation to the militia, and a guard for home defence." Read first time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Berry, to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill repealing an act appointing a tax collector for the county of Mecklenburg. Read first time; and, Mr. Grier presented a memorial from sundry magistrates and citizens of Mecklenburg, praying the passage of said bill.

A bill to incorporate the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Factory. Read second time, and the amendment recommended by the Committee on Corporations, adopted and passed, when, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Wright, and the same was read a third time and passed.

The bill to charter the Ocknock Iron Company, was read a third time and passed with the amendment thereto, recommended by the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of Chemists. Read a second time, when, Mr. Courts moved to recommit, and Mr. Patton moved to lay on the table, which latter motion prevailed. Said bill was subsequently taken up, on motion of Mr. Lassiter, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the House of Commons,
they transmit a statement of the Merchant's Bank of Newbern, and propose to print the same, which was agreed to.

A bill to authorize the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department to witness the transfer of coupon bonds, and make endorsements on the same, and a bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Wilson Academy, in the county of Chatham, were transmitted, duly enrolled from the House of Commons, signed by the Speaker thereof, and the same were signed by the Speaker of the Senate.

The bill in addition to, and amendatory of, the Ordinance of the Convention in relation to a supply of salt, transmitted duly engrossed from the House, was read first time, and subsequently taken up, on motion of Mr. Leitch, and read a second time, but passed over informally, at the suggestion of Mr. Warren.

Mr. Leitch, for the Committee on the Judiciary, reported upon the bill to amend an act in relation to Salaries and Fees, ratified 14th day of December, A. D., 1863, and recommended a substitute therefor.

Mr. Pool, from the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the resolutions to initiate negotiations for an honorable peace, made a report upon the same, on behalf of the majority of the committee, which is as follows, to wit:

The majority of the Joint Select Committee of the two Houses, to which were referred Senate resolutions, No. 4, entitled "Resolutions to initiate negotiations for an honorable peace," report the same to the Senate, and recommended that they pass.

The majority of the committee believe, that while every effort is being made to increase and strengthen the army by the most severe drain upon the people, of men and means, their extreme requirements should be accompanied by some manifestation of an effort and desire to secure an honorable peace by all other legitimate measures.
Commissioners heretofore tendered, have been refused by the United States upon the pretext, that their reception would imply a recognition of the Confederate Government, as preliminary, and that in case of a failure to agree upon a treaty, such recognition would stand.

These resolutions seek to remove this objection, by appointing Commissioners on the part of the States where civil existence and authority have never been denied, but, at the same time, to make their tender, and all their powers dependent on the action and adoption of the President.

It is not proposed that these Commissioners derive any powers from the States, but, only that they be tendered by the President, for a Peace Conference, he giving to them such powers and instructions as he may deem necessary and proper.

JOHN POOL, Chm'n.

Mr. Ellis submitted a minority report, which is as follows, to wit:

The undersigned, a minority of the Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred Senate Resolutions, Nos. 4 and 12, concerning negotiations for peace, being unable to concur in opinion with the majority, beg leave to submit the following report:

The minority of your committee cannot accept, as true, the doctrine which appears to them to be contained in these resolutions, that one State, while a member of the Confederate Government, can enter into any treaty or alliance with another State, for the purpose of negotiating treaties with a foreign power.

They recognize the Chief Magistrate of the Confederate States in connection with the Senate, as the only legitimate and constitutional medium through which peace can be negotiated, ratified and confirmed, and the minority of your committee are unwilling to believe that they will delay or
omitting any opportunity which may occur for the accomplishment of so desirable an object.

While the minority are anxious to contribute aught in their power to the procurement of peace, they do not feel justified or called upon to pursue that course which might give aid and comfort to our enemies, strengthen their hands, and serve to inspire them with renewed energy. They feel called upon to declare to our people, that, in their opinion, the only road to peace is to be found in a firm devotion in a righteous cause, an unwavering support of our government, and an absolute determination to be free.

The minority of your committee, therefore, submit the following resolutions, which are respectfully recommended for your adoption.

J. W. ELLIS, for the Com.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS.

Resolved, That the representatives of the people of North Carolina, in the General Assembly now convened, do not hesitate to declare their earnest desire for a peace based upon the independence and entire separation of the Confederate States Government from the Government of the United States, and will accept, with a ready and cheerful spirit, any propositions which the public authorities of the United States may make for the furtherance of such a purpose.

Resolved, That the war in which the people of the Confederate States are now engaged with the people of the United States of America, is, on the part of the Confederate States, a war of self-defence, and is both right and righteous, and as such ought to be maintained with all the power and resources of the State until our enemies shall agree to be at peace with us.

Resolved, That while the people of North Carolina stand firmly by this declaration of principle, they appeal to the con-
stitutional authorities of the country, in consideration of the sacrifices already made, the bloodshed and carnage, the sufferings and privations of our brave and faithful soldiers and our people, not to omit any fitting opportunity to negotiate for peace upon the basis of entire independence, whenever our enemies shall show a willingness to cease from their brutal and unchristian warfare.

Resolved, That we have the most implicit confidence in the ability of our soldiers and people to maintain, defend and obtain our independence—an independence that shall bring with it all the blessings of peace, prosperity and civil liberty.

Resolved, That we here declare our unalterable determination to stand by the flag of our country, rendered sacred by the blood of the brave who in battle fell beneath it, defending their birth-right to freedom.

Resolved, That his Excellency, Gov. Vance, be, and he is hereby requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to President Davis and our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

On motion of Mr. Courts, the foregoing reports and resolutions were ordered to be printed, and the bill and resolutions were made the special order for Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, M.,

Mr. Pool, for the same Committee, reported upon the resolutions looking to a settlement of national difficulties, which the majority of the Committee had also reported upon, recommending the passage of Senate resolutions, No. 4, on the same subject, and recommended that they do not pass.

Resolutions directing Major Henry A. Dowd to make payment of money to the Public Treasurer, were taken up and considered, on motion of Mr. Patterson, and adopted.

The bill to amend sec. 1, chap. 87, of Revised Code, was, on motion of Mr. Dick, taken up and recommitted, to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Mr. Warren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported upon the bill to legalize an order of the special court of Bertie county, recommending its passage.

Mr. Patton introduced a bill to incorporate Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, in the county of Buncombe, which was read first time and referred to Committee on Corporations, on his motion.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Dec. 8, 1864.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that Messrs. Bond, of Bertie, and Reinhardt will superintend the election of Secretary of State, on the part of the House, at one o'clock, P. M. to-day, and that C. R. Thomas, Esq., has been placed in nomination.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Arendell and Straughan as the committee on the part of the Senate to superintend said election.

Another message was received from the House, that Messrs. Shober and Cunningham will superintend, on the part of the House, the election for Confederate States Senator, at 12 o'clock, M., to-day, and that the Honorable David Outlaw has been withdrawn from nomination, and the Honorable W. N. H. Smith has been placed in nomination.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Patton and Hall as the Senate branch of the committee to superintend said election.

Engrossed bill to amend an act, ratified on the 17th day of December, 1862, entitled, "An act to prohibit the distillation of spirituous liquors," was read first time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Straughan, to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Odom presented a memorial from sundry officers and
soldiers of the 15th Battalion of (Cavalry) N. C. T., praying that the State troops be not transferred to the Confederate Government, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, on his motion.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported upon the resolution in relation to the repayment of taxes to John Rhem, and recommended that it do pass.

Mr. Dick, from the Committee on Education and the Literary Fund, reported a bill to grade the Common Schools and to increase their usefulness, which was read first time, and ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. Wiggins.

Mr. Bryson introduced resolutions relating to brigading certain North-Carolina regiments, which were read first time, and, on his motion, ordered to be printed.

The bill to amend an act in relation to Salaries and Fees, ratified 14th December, 1863, was read a second time, when, the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary was agreed to, and the bill passed.

The bill repealing an act appointing a tax collector for the county of Mecklenburg; the bill to amend the charter of the Asheville and Greenville Plank Road Company, passed in the year 1851; and resolution in favor of R. P. Melvin, Sheriff of Bladen county, were read a second time and passed.

The bill to legalize an order of the Special Court of Bertie county, was read a second and third time and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Pool.

The bill in addition to, and amendatory of, an ordinance of the Convention, in relation to a supply of salt, was read a second and third times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Wiggins.

The bill to incorporate the Oak Hill Cemetery Company in the county of Buncombe, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial from sundry citizens of the county of Rutherford, praying the passage of a bill "to
allow George Hamrick to distil a small amount of whiskey for medicinal purposes," which was referred, on his motion, to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

On motion of Mr. Grier, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate transmits a statement of the Bank of Charlotte, and proposes to print the same.

The Senate proceeded to the election for Confederate States Senator, the hour of 12 o'clock, M., having arrived, when, Mr. Wynn withdrew the name of Honorable W. N. H. Smith. The vote was as follows, to wit:

For Hon. Jno. A. Gilmer—Messrs. Speaker, Horton, March, McCorckle, Patterson, Patton, Straughan and Wright—8.


The bill to incorporate the Confederate Cotton and Woolen Mills, in the county of Richmond, was read a second and third times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Leitch.

The bill to incorporate the Chicora Collegiate Institute, in the county of Robeson, was read a second and third times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Odom.

Mr. Patton, from the committee to superintend the election for Confederate States Senator, reported that no one having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, there is no election.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, a message was sent to the
House, that the Senate proposes to go into an election for Confederate States Senator forthwith.

The hour of 1 o'clock, P. M., having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the election for Secretary of State, when W. R. Richardson was withdrawn by Mr. Jones, and D. W. Bain by Mr. Matthews. The vote was as follows, to wit:


For Mr. Ray—Mr. Straughan—1.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that they agree to the proposition of the Senate to go forthwith into an election for Confederate States Senator, and that Messrs. Shober and Cunningham are the Committee on the part of the House to superintend the election.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Courts and Berry as the Committee on the part of the Senate, and Mr. Wynne withdrew the name of Hon. W. N. H. Smith.

The Senate proceeded to the election. The vote was as follows, to wit:

For Hon. Thomas S. Ashe—Messrs. Speaker, Aycock, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, Leitch, Lindsay, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Taylor, Ward, Whitford, Wiggins, Wright and Wynne—27.


Mr. Arendell, from the Committee to superintend the election of Secretary of State, reported that C. R. Thomas received eighty votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is elected Secretary of State.

Mr. Courts, from the Committee to superintend the election of Confederate States Senator, reported that Hon. Thomas S. Ashe received 80 votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is elected.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Matthews, until tomorrow morning, 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 9, 1864.

Mr. Arendell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported upon the bill to incorporate Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, in the county of Buncombe, recommending its passage.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported upon the resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, Tax Collector of Madison county, recommending its passage; also, upon the memorial from sundry citizens of Cleveland county, praying that Abel Earl be allowed to distil corn into whiskey; and that the prayer of the memorialist be not granted.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. McEachern, on motion of Mr. Dick; to Mr. Grier, on motion of Mr. Powell; to Mr. Pitchford, on motion of Mr. Ellis; to Mr. Jones, on motion of Mr. Smith— to each until Tuesday next: also, to Mr. Harris, on motion of Mr. Grier, until Wednesday next.

Mr. Patton, for the Committee on Military Affairs, reported on the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act in relation to the militia, and a guard for home defence," and the bill to exempt from military service certain persons in the employment of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company, recommending that the same be not passed.

Also, Mr. Patton, for the same committee, reported a bill
to authorize the Governor to remove the State forces beyond the limits of the State; which was read first time.

Mr. Patterson introduced a bill to extend the time of perfecting titles to land heretofore entered; which was read first time.

Resolution in relation to re-payment of taxes to Jno. Rhem, was read a second time, and passed.

The bill to amend the charter of the Asheville and Greenville Plankroad Company, passed in the year 1851.

Resolution in favor of R. P. Melvin, sheriff of Bladen county.

The bill repealing an act appointing a tax collector for the county of Mecklenburg, and the bill to continue in force for the year 1865 and 1866, an act ratified 14th December, 1863, in relation to salaries and fees, were read a third time and passed.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that they invite the Senate into their Hall at 12 M., for the purpose of comparing the vote for Governor at the late election, and that Mr. Harrison is appointed teller on the part of the House.

A message was sent to the House, on motion of Mr. Patterson, that the Senate would attend at 12 o'clock, M., at the invitation of the House, and Mr. Patterson was appointed teller on the part of the Senate.

The hour of 12 o'clock, M., having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Commons Hall, when the returns of election were unsealed by the Speaker of the Senate, in the presence of a majority of both Houses of the General Assembly, and the votes compared.

Mr. Patterson reported on the part of the tellers, as follows, to wit: Zebulon B. Vance received 57,873 votes, and W. W. Holden received 14,432 votes.

Zebulon B. Vance received, therefore, a majority of 43,441 votes.
The Senate having returned to their chamber, Mr. Wright asked leave of absence for Mr. Straughan until Monday next, which was granted.

The following bills and resolutions transmitted from the House of Commons, duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker thereof, were signed also by the Speaker of the Senate, entitled, to wit:

- An act to incorporate the Bingham School.
- An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund.
- Resolution in regard to Salisbury Distillery; and
- Resolution directing Major Henry A. Dowd to make payment of money to the Public Treasurer.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Ellis, until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1864.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported upon the bill to amend an act ratified on the 17th day of December, 1862, entitled, "An act to prohibit the distillation of spirituous liquors," recommending that it do pass.

Also, upon the memorial of sundry citizens of Rutherford county, praying that George Hamrick be permitted to distil corn into whiskey for medicinal purposes, that the prayer of the memorialists be not granted.

Mr. Patton, for the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization, which was read first time, and, on his motion, ordered to be printed.

Also, Mr. Patton for the same committee, reported upon the resolution of instruction to said committee, in relating to calling on the Confederate Government for the amount which
the State has expended in executing the conscription acts, arresting deserters, &c., and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The committee were so discharged.

The bill to authorize the Governor to remove the State forces beyond the limits thereof, was ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. Lassiter.

Mr. Odom introduced a bill to prevent the taxing of property belonging to orphans for county purposes, which was read first time, and referred, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, to the Committee on the Judiciary; but, reconsidered and referred, on motion of Mr. Odom, to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. McKay, Principal Engrossing Clerk, on motion of Mr. Arendell; also, to Mr. Lindsay, on motion of Mr. Bagley—to each, until Tuesday next.

Mr. Warren introduced a bill to authorize the Secretary of State to employ a clerk, which was read first time.

Mr. Ward introduced a bill to levy a tax in kind for the support of needy families of soldiers, which was read first time, referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, on his motion, and on motion of Mr. Wright, ordered to be printed.

The bill to continue in force for the years 1865 and 1866, an act ratified the 14th day of December, 1863, entitled "An act in relation to Salaries and Fees," was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. Patton, and on motion of Mr. Warren, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Warren, also a message was sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to raise a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, to consider the subjects of Salaries and Fees, and report thereon. The Speaker announced Messrs. Odom
and Leitch as said committee on the part of the Senate, should the House agree to the proposition.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wynn until Monday, on motion of Mr. Odom.

Mr. Matthews introduced a resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That this General Assembly adjourn on the 19th instant, at 5 o'clock, A. M., to meet again the third Monday in March, 1865, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The resolution was read, when Mr. Miller moved to strike out all after the word "adjourn" and insert "on the 23rd inst., at 5 o'clock, A. M., to meet again at the call of the Governor and Council;" and Mr. Warren moved to lay on the table, which latter motion prevailed.

Bills duly engrossed from the House were disposed of as follows, to wit:

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 Confederate Joint Stock Publishing Company;

A bill in relation to Alimony; and

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

A bill for the relief of Power, Lowe & Co., of Wilmington, was read first time, and

Mr. Warren moved to refer to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances; and

Mr. Hall to amend by reference to the Judiciary Committee.

Not agreed to; but said bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Wright, to a Select Committee.

The Speaker announced as said Committee, Messrs. Wright, Warren, Hall, Wiggins and Lassiter.
A bill to incorporate the Linville Steel and Iron Company; and
A bill to incorporate the Cranberry Iron Company, were read first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations, on motion of Mr. Patterson.
Resolution in relation to re-payment of taxes to John Rhem was read a third time and passed.
A message was received from the House, that they transmit accompanying statements of the condition of Banks in the State, and propose to print them, which was agreed to.
The bill to incorporate Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, in the county of Buncombe, was read a second time and passed, when the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Patterson, and the same was read a third time and passed.
Resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, tax collector of Madison county, was read a second and third times, and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Patton.
A bill in addition to, and amendatory of, the ordinance of the Convention in relation to a supply of salt, transmitted duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House of Commons, was signed also by the Speaker of the Senate.
The Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock, Monday morning, on motion of Mr. Berry.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Mason.
Mr. Patton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported upon the "Resolution in reference to the employment of persons assigned to light duty in active field service," recommending its passage.
Mr. Bryson, from the Committee on Cherokee Lands and Western Turnpikes reported a bill to keep in repair the Western Turnpike Road, which was read first time.
Mr. Patton submitted a minority report of the Committee on Military Affairs, dissenting from the majority of said Committee on their recommendation that the Governor be allowed to send the Guard for Home Defence and State Troops out of the State.

Mr. Patton moved to print the same, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lassiter, leave of absence was granted to C. R. Thomas, the Principal Clerk, until to-morrow.

Mr. Pool, from the Joint Select Committee on Confederate Relations, reported back resolutions upon the subject of impressments by the Confederate Government, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

The Committee were so discharged.

Mr. Odom presented a resolution requesting the Governor to remove, in a certain contingency, the appraising State Commissioner, who had been appointed by him; and, on his motion, the same were referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Matthews introduced a bill to incorporate Stokesburg Lodge, of Free and Accepted Masons, in the county of Stokes, which was read first time.

Mr. Odom introduced a bill concerning impressments, which was read first time, and it was moved by him to refer it to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Smith moved to amend by referring it to the Committee on the Judiciary, which was agreed to, and the bill was so referred.

A resolution in favor of Robert H. Williams was presented by Mr. Winstead and read first time, and, on motion of Mr. Lassiter, was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Ward presented the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to ascertain and report to the Senate, whether the presence
of the General Assembly is required by the Constitution on
the first of January, to inaugurate the Governor elect, which
was adopted.

A message was received from the House concurring in the
amendment proposed by the Senate to "the bill to incorpo-
rate the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Factory; the bill to
incorporate the Fayetteville North-Carolina Iron Works," and
the "the bill to charter the Ockneck Iron Company," and
said bills are ordered to be enrolled.

A message was received from the House that they propose
to go into an election for seven Councillors of State, on
Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, M., which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dick moved to send a message to the House, that the
Senate proposes to go into an election for seven Councillors of
State on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Pool moved to amend by substituting to-morrow at 12
o'clock, M., which was accepted.

Mr. Wiggins moved to amend by striking out "to-morrow
at 12 o'clock," and inserting "Thursday at 12 o'clock," which
was agreed to.

A message was received from the House, that they propose
to raise a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of each
House, to examine into the unfinished business and report
when the General Assembly can adjourn, with due regard to
the public interest, which was agreed to; and Messrs. Courts
and Lassiter were appointed the Senate branch of said Com-
mittee.

A message was received from the House, that they had
passed the bill concerning the per diem and mileage of mem-
ers of the General Assembly during its present session, with
the following amendment, to wit: Strike out the words "forty-
five" and insert the word "fifty," to which the Senate
agreed.

A message was received from the House, that they trans-
mit, for the action of the Senate, the following engrossed bills and resolutions, to wit:

Resolution in relation to the expenses of the State incurred in the execution of the conscript laws; and

A bill in reference to the Public Treasurer; and, also.

That they agree to the proposition to raise a Joint Select Committee to consider and report what additional legislation, if any, is necessary upon the subject of salaries and fees; and that Messrs. McAden, Allison and Shepherd constitute the House branch of said Committee.

Resolution in relation to the expenses of the State incurred in the execution of the conscription laws, was read and adopted.

The bill in reference to the Public Treasurer was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, the rules were suspended, and it was read a second time.

Mr. Ellis moved to amend the bill by inserting, in the sixth line of the third section after the word "opinion" the words "and the opinion of the Governor," which was not agreed to.

The bill then passed its second and third readings.

Mr. Straughan introduced a bill to increase the capital stock of the Sapona Iron Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A message was received from the House that they propose to raise a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, to which shall be referred so much of the Treasurer's report as relates to reassignment of rooms in the Capitol, to which the Senate agreed, and Messrs. Hall and Winstead were appointed the Senate branch of said Committee.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the proposition to go into an election for Councillors of State on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, at 11 o'clock.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Atkinson.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported upon the bill to prevent the taxing of property belonging to the orphans, for county purposes, and recommended that it do not pass.

Mr. Wright, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of Power, Low & Co., reported upon the same, recommending its passage.

Mr. Pool, from the Joint Select Committee on Confederate relations, reported upon resolutions protesting against the policy of emancipation for public services, together with two substitutes, and recommended the passage of the substitute offered by the Senator from Bertie.

Mr. Arendell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported upon the following bills, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the Cranbury Iron Company; a bill to incorporate Linville Steel and Iron Company; and a bill to increase the capital stock of the Sapona Iron Company, recommending their passage.

Mr. Warren introduced "a bill to amend certain acts authorizing Courts of Oyer and Terminer to be held;" which was read first time, and, on motion of Mr. Wright, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to lands heretofore entered, was read second time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Patterson, was read the third time and passed, under suspension of the rules.

A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to employ a clerk, was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Speight, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to amend an act ratified on the 17th day of December, 1862, entitled "an act to prohibit the distillation of spirituous liquors," passed its second reading.
The following bills were read and passed their second readings, to wit:

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

A bill to incorporate the Confederate Joint Stock Publishing Company;

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

A bill to keep in repair the Western Turnpike Road, was amended, and passed its second reading.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that Messrs. Carson, of Rutherford, Bond, of Gates, Stancill, Strong and Duke constitute the House branch of the Joint Committee on enrolled bills.

Messrs. Aycock, Dick and McCorckle were appointed the Senate branch of said committee for the present week, and Messrs. March and Snead the Senate Committee on Engrossed bills.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that Messrs. Carter, Morrissey and McCormick constitute the House branch of the joint committee on the subject of the assignment of the rooms in the Capitol, and Messrs. Waugh and Harrison the House branch of the joint select committee upon the subject of the adjournment of the General Assembly.

A message was received from the House, that they transmit for the action of the Senate a resolution in reference to the payment of bounty money to soldiers, and a resolution in favor of the Junior Reserves; which passed their first readings.

Resolution in reference to the employment of persons assigned to light duty in active field service, was read and adopted.
Mr. Dick moved to take up a bill to grade the Common Schools, and to increase their usefulness. Agreed to. The bill then passed its second reading.

Mr. Wiggins moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the bill in relation to the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly.

The Speaker decided the motion to be out of order.

Mr. Long appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Mr. Straughan asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing upon the question, shall the decision of the Chair Stand?

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Long and March—2.

Mr. Matthews moved to take up a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act in relation to the militia and a guard for home defence." Agreed to.

Mr. Patton moved to lay the bill on the table; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Bryson moved to take up resolutions relative to brigading certain North-Carolina regiments. Agreed to.

The resolutions were then read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 14, 1864.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Pritchard.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported upon the bill to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize
the Governor to issue Commissions to hold Courts of Oyer and Terminer," and for other purposes, ratified the 9th day of February, 1862; and also, an act entitled "An act to authorize Courts of Oyer and Terminer," ratified the 12th day of December, 1863, and recommended that they do pass.

Mr. Winstead, for the same committee, reported back a bill concerning Impressments, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration. The committee were so discharged.

Mr. Odom, from the Joint Select Committee on Salaries and Fees, reported a bill to amend "An act in relation to Salaries and Fees," which was ratified the 14th day of December, 1863, and recommended that it do pass.

Said bill was read first time, and, on motion of Mr. Patterson, was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dick introduced a bill to amend an act to incorporate the North-Carolina Volunteer Navy Company, which was read first time, and, on motion of Mr. Lassiter, referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Berry introduced a bill to repeal an act concerning the per diem and mileage of members of the General Assembly, passed the present session, was read first time.

The bill to keep in repair the Western Turnpike Road, was read third time and passed.

Mr. Dick introduced a bill to amend an act to exempt certain officers and employees of the State from conscription, which was read first time.

Mr. Grier introduced a bill to incorporate the North and South-Carolina Central Rail Road Company, which was read first time, and, on motion of Mr. Matthews was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Lindsay moved a message be sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to set apart Saturday as a day for the appointment of magistrates; which was agreed to.

Mr. Warren moved to take up the bill relative to authorizing the Governor to issue Commissions to hold Courts of
Oyer and Terminus, and for other purposes, which was agreed to, and the bill passed its third reading.

A message was received from the House, that they transmit a communication from his Excellency, the Governor, and also propose to go into an election of five Trustees of the University, on to-morrow, at 12½ o'clock, P. M., to which the Senate agreed.

Another message was received from the House, that they transmit the following engrossed resolutions, to wit:

- Resolution in favor of Drewry King;
- Resolution of thanks to Col. J. B. Starr, and his command;
- Resolutions relating to the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus; and
- Resolution of thanks to the Junior Reserves and Home Guards;

Which were read and adopted.

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

Resolutions to initiate negotiations for an honorable peace, being the special order for this day at 12 o'clock, and the hour having arrived, were read.

Mr. Ellis moved to amend the resolutions recommended by the majority of the Select Committee, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," in the first resolution, and inserting in lieu thereof, all after the word "Resolved," embraced in the resolutions reported by the minority of the committee.

Mr. Speight moved to lay the resolutions and amendment on the table.

Mr. Arendell asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aycock, Berry, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Kirby, Lindsay, Long, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller,

Those who voted in the negative are:


So the resolutions were laid on the table.

A bill to repeal an act, entitled "An act to prevent obstructions in the Big Swamp by means of fish traps," was read third time and passed.

An engrossed bill from the House in relation to alimony; and the bill to incorporate the Joint Stock Publishing Company, were read a third time and passed.

Mr. Berry moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolutions to initiate negotiations for an honorable peace were laid upon the table.

Mr. Lindsay moved to lay this motion on the table, and called for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:


The Speaker gave the casting vote in the negative.

So the motion did not prevail.

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr. Berry, Mr. Arendell asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Blount, Bogle, Dick,
Horton, Jones, Lassiter, Mann, March, Matthews, McEachern, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pool, Sanders, Snead, Straughan, Warren and Winstead—22.

Those who voted in the negative are:


So the motion to reconsider did not prevail.

A bill to grade the Common Schools and to increase their usefulness, was read the third time, and, on motion of Mr. Patterson, was postponed until Friday next, at twelve o'clock, M.

Mr. Lindsay moved to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Berry's motion to reconsider the vote by which peace resolutions were laid upon the table was carried, and it was not agreed to.

Mr. Matthews asked leave to record his vote against Mr. Speight's motion to lay peace resolutions on the table, and to record his vote for Mr. Berry's motion to reconsider said resolutions. Agreed to.

A bill to incorporate Stokesburg Lodge, No. 220, in Stokes County, of Free and Accepted Masons, was read second and third times and passed, under a suspension of the rules.

A bill to authorize the Governor to remove the State forces beyond the limits thereof, passed second reading.

A bill to incorporate the Linville Steel and Iron Company passed its second reading.

A bill to increase the capital stock of the Sapona Iron Company passed its second and third readings, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straughan.

Engrossed bill authorising the payment of bounty to citizens of the State enlisted in the naval service of the Confederate States, passed its third reading.
Engrossed resolution in reference to payment of bounty money to soldiers; and
Resolution in favor of Junior Reserves, passed their second reading.
A bill to incorporate the Cranbury Iron Company passed its second reading; and
The bill to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization was read a second time.
Mr. Odom offered the following amendment, to wit:
"Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That an act in relation to the militia and a Guard for Home Defence, ratified the 7th day of July, 1863, and all subsequent laws in addition to, and amendatory of, said act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.
Mr. Patterson moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, which was agreed to.
A bill for the relief of Hugh B. Guthrie, late Sheriff of Orange county, passed its third reading.
Resolutions protesting against the policy of emancipation for public services were read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Pool, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, Dec. 15, 1864.

Mr. Leitch, for the Committee on the Judiciary, reported back the bill to amend the 1st section of the 87th chapter of the Revised Code, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration; and the Committee were so discharged.
Mr. Dick, for the same Committee, made a report which was adopted, as follows, to wit:
The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the accompanying Senate resolution, in which they are requested to ascertain and report whether the presence of the General Assembly is required by the Constitution, on the 1st day of January, to inaugurate the Governor elect, beg leave to report:

Your Committee, after full consideration of the question proposed, are unanimously of the opinion that the Governor elect may be constitutionally inaugurated on the 1st day of January next, without the presence of the General Assembly.

They have consulted the Judges of the Supreme Court and find that they are unanimously of the same opinion with your Committee.

Your Committee also find that the question has been determined in the same way by a previous Legislature, in the case of the inauguration of Gov. Reid.

ROBERT P. DICK, for Committee.

The Speaker presented a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Patterson, was transmitted to the House of Commons, with a proposition to print, and, also, to raise a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, to which the same should be referred.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Patterson and Pitchford as the Senate branch of the Committee, should the House agree.

Mr. Courts, for the Committee, to whom was referred the matter of inquiry in relation to the adjournment of the two Houses of the General Assembly, reported that in the opinion of the Committee, the two Houses could adjourn at 7 o'clock, A. M., on Friday, the 23rd inst.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported upon the bill to levy a tax in kind for the support of needy families of soldiers, recommending a substitute by way of amendment thereto; also, upon the resolution re-
questing the Governor to remove, in a certain contingency, 
the appraising State Commissioner, who has been appointed 
by him, recommending, also, a substitute by way of amend-
ment thereto.

Mr. Warren, from the Judiciary Committee, reported upon 
the bill to authorize the Secretary of State to employ a clerk, 
recommending that it do pass.

Mr. McEachern introduced a bill to provide spirituous 
liquors for medicinal purposes, in Cabarrus county, for the 
use of soldiers and citizens; which was read first time, and 
referred, on motion of Mr. Leitch, to the Committee on Prop-
ositions and Grievances.

Mr. Blount introduced a resolution in favor of Virginia 
Atkinson, Executrix of P. A. Atkinson, dec'd; which was 
read first time, and referred, on his motion, to the same com-
mittee.

Leave of absence was granted, on motion of Mr. Patterson, 
to Mr. Matthews, from and after to-morrow.

Mr. Miller presented a paper writing in reference to the 
loss of a slave of James H. Williams, while at work above 
the fortifications around Wilmington; and the same was re-
ferred, on his motion, to the Committee on Propositions and 
Grievances.

The bill to incorporate the Cranbury Iron Company, the 
resolution in favor of the Junior Reserves, and resolution in 
reference to the payment of bounty money to soldiers, were 
read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dick moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill 
to amend an act, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor 
to issue commissions to hold Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and 
for other purposes," ratified 9th February, 1862; and also, an 
act entitled "An act to authorize Courts of Oyer and Ter-
miner," ratified 12th December, 1863; which was agreed to.

The bill to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard or-
ganization was read a second time, when,
The amendment proposed by Mr. Odom, on yesterday, was withdrawn by unanimous consent, and he offered a substitute by way of amendment to the bill.


Also, a message was received, that Messrs. Phillips and Cunningham will superintend the election for five Trustees of the University, at 12½ o'clock to-day, on the part of the House, and that Messrs. C. F. Deems, T. J. Morrissey, John W. Cameron, W. B. Wright, W. S. Battle, D. A. Barnes, John A. Young, Purdie Richardson, D. M. Carter, Henry R. Bryan, James P. Speight, Z. B. Vance, S. F. Phillips and M. McGehee are in nomination.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Long and Jones as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Nicholas L. Williams, by Mr. Berry; Geo. Green, by Mr. Whitford; E. A. Welborn, by Mr. Horton; Chas. E. Shober, by Mr. Dick; Murdock McRae, by Mr. Leitch, and John Shackelford, by Mr. Arendell, were placed in nomination for Councillors of State.

Messrs. John Pool, R. P. Dick, J. S. Amis, J. S. Cannon and S. F. Phillips, by Mr. Lassiter; John Jordan, by Mr. Whitford; P. E. Hines, by Mr. Blount, were placed in nomination for Trustees of the University.
The Senate proceeded at 12 o'clock, M., to the election of seven Councillors of State. The vote was as follows, to wit:

For Wm. Eaton—Messrs. Speaker, Berry, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Horton, Lassiter, Lindsay, Long, March, Patton, Pitchford, Speight, Straughan, Stubbis, Whitford, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—19.


For A. T. Davidson—Messrs. Speaker; March, Patterson, Patton and Wright—5.


For R. L. Patterson—Messrs. Speaker, Berry, Bogle, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Horton, Leitch, Long, McCorckle, Miller, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Smith, Snead, Speight, Straughan, Wiggins and Wright—20.

For Chas. E. Shober—Messrs. Speaker. Adams, Bagley, Bryson, Courts, Dick, Ellis, Jones, Lindsay, Long, Mann, March, McCorckle, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Sanders, Winstead and Wynn—19.

For W. J. Hill—Messrs. Speaker, Berry, Ellis, Harris, Horton, Patterson, Patton, Smith, Speight, Wiggins and Wright—11.

For P. H. Winston, Jr.—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Blount, Bogle, Dick, Grier, Harris, Jones, Lassiter, Lindsay, Mann, Miller, Odom, Pool, Sanders, Snead, Stubbs, Warren, Winstead and Wynn—21.

For F. B. Satterthwaite—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Blount, Bogle, Dick, Jones, Lassiter, Leitch, Lindsay, Mann, Odom, Pool, Sanders, Snead, Straughan, Stubbs, Warren and Winstead—20.


For Dr. John Shackelford—Messrs. Adams, Arendell and Warren—3.


For C. C. Henderson—Mr. McCorckle—1.

For Geo. H. Faribault—Mr. Taylor—1.

For Geo. Green—Mr. Whitford—1.


For W. A. Jenkins—Messrs. Bagley, Jones, Mann, Odom, Pool, Sanders, Dick, Lassiter and Winstead—9.

For John H. Haughton—Messrs. Blount, Patterson and Straughan—3.


The Senate, at 12½ o'clock, proceeded to ballot for five Trustees of the University.

Mr. Lassiter introduced a resolution in favor of the Doorkeepers, which was read three several times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on his motion.

Mr. Odom moved to reconsider the vote by which was passed, on yesterday, the resolution in favor of Drewry King, and it was agreed to.

A message was received from the House, that they transmit a communication from the Governor, and accompanying papers, and propose to refer the same to the Joint Select Committee on the supply of salt, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Warren, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to have printed the report of the Treasurer of the University.

The consideration of the bill to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization informally passed, was resumed.

Mr. Lassiter moved to amend the amendment, by adding to sec. 2, as follows, to wit:

Provided, That the officers of the Home Guard organization and the officers of the Militia, as heretofore and now commissioned between the ages of 45 and 50 years, be exempt from military duty, outside of the limits of the county in which they reside; but said officers shall be required to per-
form military duties within the limits of their own counties.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Arendell, until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1864.

Mr. Pitchford presented a minority report from the Committee on Military Affairs, recommending the passage of a bill entitled "A bill in relation to the Militia and Guard for Home Defence," which was read first time.

Mr. Courts, from the Committee to superintend the election of seven Councillors of State, reported that Messrs. P. H. Winston, Jr., N. L. Williams and A. G. Foster severally received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and are elected.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported upon the resolution in favor of Virginia Atkinson, Executrix of P. A. Atkinson, dec'd, recommending its passage; also,

Upon the resolution in favor of Robert W. Williams, recommending as a substitute therefore, a bill to amend an act to authorize the Governor to employ slave labor, &c., which was read; and upon the bill to provide spirituous liquors for medical purposes, in Cabarrus county, for the use of soldiers and citizens, recommending that it do not pass.

Mr. Patterson introduced a resolution in favor of J. S. Montgomery, of Caldwell county, which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims, on his motion.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that they agree to refer the report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to a Joint Select Committee, and that Messrs. Phillips and Murphy constitute the Committee on the part of the House, and they also agree to have printed the report of the Treasurer of the University.
Mr. Berry, from the Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, made a report, and recommended the passage of an accompanying bill entitled "A bill authorizing the Public Treasurer to rent out the buildings on Burke Square."

The report was ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, and the bill was read first time.

The following bills and resolutions, transmitted from the House of Commons as duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker thereof, were signed, also, by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

An act to enable the County Court of New Hanover to fix the fees of County Solicitor;

An act in reference to the Public Treasurer;

An act concerning the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly during the present session;

An act to incorporate Chicora Collegiate Institute in the county of Robeson;

An act to incorporate the Fayetteville North Carolina Iron Works;

An act to charter the Ocklock Iron Company;

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 to incorporate the Fayetteville Enterprise Cotton Factory;

Resolution in relation to the expenses of the State, incurred in the execution of the Conscription laws;

Resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, tax collector of Madison county; and

Resolution in favor of R. P. Melvin, Sheriff of the county of Bladen.

Mr. Bryson introduced resolutions appointing commissioners to confer with the President of the Confederate States, which were read first time.
Mr. Leitch, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported upon the bill to incorporate the North and South Carolina Central R. R. Company, recommending its passage.

Mr. Patterson introduced resolutions making certain inquiries of the Supreme Court, as to the right of the State to tax either the bonds or notes of the Confederate States of America, which were read and adopted.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that they transmit to the Senate for its action, the bill to be entitled "Revenue act." The bill was read first time.

Mr. Wiggins moved to make said revenue bill the special order for Monday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Dick moved to amend by striking out "7 o'clock," and inserting "3 o'clock," which was agreed to.

Mr. Pool moved to amend by striking out "Revenue bill," and inserting "Military bill," which was not agreed to, and the proposition of Mr. Wiggins as amended, was agreed to.

Engrossed resolutions amendatory of the North-Carolina Educational Association were read and adopted.

Also, engrossed bill for the support of the North-Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and for other purposes, was read first time.

A message was received from the House, that they propose to proceed forthwith to the election of four Councillors of State, and Messrs. Carter and Shepherd will superintend the election, should the Senate agree.

The Senate agreed to the message, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Patterson and Dick as the committee on the part of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the election, and the vote was as follows, to wit:

For Wm. Eaton—Messrs. Speaker, Aycock, Berry, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Lassiter, Lindsay, Long, March, McCorckle, McEachern, Patton, Pitchford, Powell,

For J. R. Hargrave—Messrs. Speaker, Aycock, Berry, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Long, March, McCorckle, McCaehern, Miller, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Stubbs, Taylor, Wiggins, Winstead, Wright and Wynn—27.

For W. J. Hill—Messrs. Speaker, Patterson, Smith and Wiggins—4.


For W. H. Harrison—Mr. Jones—1.

For G. H. Farrault—Mr. Whitford—1.

For R. L. Patterson—Messrs. Speaker, Adams, Bogle, Courts, Horton, Leitch, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Straughan and Wright—12.


For L. Eldridge—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Berry, Blount, Bogle, Dick, Horton, Jones, Lassiter, Lindsay, Odom, Pool, Sanders, Snead, Straughan, Stubbs, Warren and Winstead—18.

For H. E. Colton—Messrs. Bagley, Leitch, Pool, Sanders and Snead—5.


For C. B. Sanders—Messrs. Wright and Kirby—2.

For Chas. E. Shoher—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Courts, Dick, Ellis, Harris, Jones, Lindsay, Long, March, McCorckle, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Pool, Sanders, Straughan, Whitford and Wynn—20.


Mr. Long, from the committee to superintend the election of Trustees of the University, reported that Samuel F. Phillips received 82 votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is elected.

Mr. Hall introduced a resolution in favor of Thomas D. Walker; which was read, and referred, on his motion, to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported upon the bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of Chemists, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration; and the committee were so discharged.

The bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to issue commissions to hold Courts of Oyer and Terminer. &c.," reconsidered on yesterday, was taken up. on motion of Mr. Dick, and passed.

Mr. Miller, by unanimous consent, withdrew the paper writing presented by him on yesterday, in relation to the loss of a slave about the fortifications around Wilmington.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Leitch, until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Claims, reported upon the resolution in favor of Thomas D. Walker, and the resolution in favor of J. S. Montgomery, of Caldwell county, recommending their passage.
Mr. Wright, from the Joint Select Committee, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the importation of goods, reported a resolution to refer to S. F. Phillips, Esq., the matters pertaining to the States' blockading operations, which was read first time.

Also, Mr. Wright, for the same committee, made reports, as follows, recommending the passage of resolutions as follows, to wit:

The Joint Select Committee to whom was referred that portion of his Excellency, the Governor's message, in relation to the importation of goods, have carefully considered the same, and from the evidence before them, are convinced that great injustice has been done the State of North-Carolina in the regulations imposed by the Confederate Government on her interest in blockade running; contrary, as we believe, to the true meaning and spirit of the act of Congress. Your committee entertain the opinion that the system of blockade running, carried on by the State, has resulted in great good in providing clothing for her soldiers, and has been of essential benefit to the Confederate Government. That if the restrictions and regulations now pending are not removed, the State will be deprived of the means of providing clothing for her soldiers and many supplies absolutely necessary for their welfare and comfort, and will be detrimental to the interest of the Confederate Government.

Your committee are of the opinion that the restrictions and regulations imposed should be removed, or so modified as to exempt the interest of the State from their operation, and recommend the passage of the following resolutions.

W. B. WRIGHT, for Com.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their efforts to procure a repeal, or such modification of the laws and restrictions upon the in-
terest of the State in procuring supplies from abroad as will secure to the State, exemptions from said restrictions upon her exports and imports:

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Governor to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, requesting immediate action in the matter.

The Joint Select Committee upon the importation of goods recommend the adoption also of the following resolutions.

W. B. WRIGHT, for Con.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, the capture of the steamer Advance, was caused by the taking of the coal from her wharf, for the steamer Tallahassee, without authority.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to present to the Confederate Government the claim of North-Carolina for the loss of her interest in the steamer Advance, and to insist upon the payment of the same.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Governor to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The report was adopted, and the resolutions also were read and adopted.

Mr. Dick, from the Committee to superintend the election of four Councillors of State, reported that Charles E. Shober, J. R. Hargrave and Wm. Eaton, Jr., having received severally a majority of the whole number of votes cast, are elected.

Mr. Patton, for the Committee on Military Affairs, reported upon the resolution in favor of abolishing provost guards, recommended a substitute therefor.

Mr. Dick introduced resolutions, making inquiries of the Public Treasurer, which were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Courts, the bill in regard to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence, together with the report of
the minority of the Committee on Military Affairs, was ordered to be printed.

Also, on motion of Mr. Pitchford, the substitute proposed by Mr. Odom to the bill to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization, was ordered to be printed.

Resolution in favor of Drury King; and

A bill to incorporate the Linville Steel and Iron Company, were read a third time and passed.

Resolution in favor of Virginia Atkinson, Executrix of P. A. Atkinson; and

A bill to incorporate the North and South Carolina Central Rail Road Company, were read a second time and passed.

Resolution in favor of Robert W. Williams was read a second time; when Mr. Winstead moved to lay on the table, and it was agreed to.

Mr. Dick introduced a bill in relation to Courts of Oyer and Terminer, which was read three several times, and passed, the rules having been suspended on his motion.

The bill to authorize the Secretary of State to employ a Clerk, was taken up and read a second and third times, and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Lassiter.

Mr. Bagley introduced a bill in favor of the estate of James B. Wynn, which was read three several times and passed, the rules having been suspended on his motion.

Mr. Courts introduced this resolution, to wit:

Resolved, As the opinion of the Senate, that no person, who is within the conscript age, should be appointed a magistrate at this session, unless he is already exempt from military service.

Mr. Odom moved to amend, by adding this proviso, to wit:

Provided, That no officer, belonging to the Home Guards, shall be so appointed, unless he is otherwise exempt from conscription.

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Courts.
Mr. Leitch moved to lay on the table, and thereon Mr. Hall asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the motion did not prevail.

The word "military" was stricken out, and the word "field" was inserted before the word "service," on motion of Mr. Courts.

The proviso was stricken out, on motion of Mr. Pool; and the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,
Mr. Jones asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,
Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the resolution was adopted.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that they recommend sundry persons to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace for their respective counties, to wit:
T. C. Upshaw, J. T. Brown, J. J. Rowland, W. H. Willard,
S. G. Bryan, Horace G. Hilton and Jas. L. Fowle, of Beaufort;
Wilson, John Williams, G. H. Clark and C. Halsey, of Bertie;
J. C. I. Lilly, H. B. Billingsby, Adam Lockhart and Richmond Buchanan, of Anson;
Thos. J. Calloway, Solomon Ham, Riley P. Stamper and
William Warden, of Ashe and Alleghany;
J. P. McDowell, James B. Simpson, John C. Daniel, E. J.
Cain, A. J. Barhill, Duncan Cromartie, John II. Ballentine,
Jas. F. Gillespie and C. B. Richardson, of Bladen;
Robert Patton, John T. Patterson and J. A. Claywell, of
Burke;
W. F. Stroud, W. G. Albright, J. C. Kirkman, W. D. Wat-
son, P. J. Snipes, J. J. Rigsbee, J. M. Bridges and W. B. Dor-
sett, of Chatham;
Wm. E. Allen, Jr., of Buncombe;
F. Brown, Lewis Estis, Lewis Harriss and James C. Steel, of
Caldwell;
Jesse B. Craven, James M. Williams, W. J. McPhail, Jonath-
an Evans, J. W. Baker, Jr., Jno. G. Smith, Wm. Elliott, J.
N. Tillinghast and John Shaw of Cumberland;
Duncan A. McLean, James Cameron, Randall Turlington,
N. A. Cameron, D. G. Messey, K. P. Harmon, John McLeod,
Jr., and W. B. Lurles, of Harnett;
W. S. Ector, A. H. Pattillo, T. Y. Baine, and Jas. M. Swift,
of Caswell;
A. O. Lion, Elisha Coward, James Alexander, Noah Pope
and Peter Mastiter, of Clay;
Thomas J. Merony, John McKinsie, C. C. Gore, James C. Powell, Lewis George and A. J. Troy, of Columbus;
D. McD. Lindsay, B. M. Baxter, W. G. Wilson, W. H. Cowell and W. G. Robertson, of Currituck;
F. P. Wells, James O. Eaker, W. Q. Willis, R. W. Patterson and E. A. Price, of Cleveland;
Geo. Green, Hardy B. Whitford, Leven Lee, Enoch H. Lane, R. T. Bryan, W. H. Harvey and Henry R. Bryan, of Craven;
J. A. Kelly, Milton Hobbs, John M. Peebles, J. M. Hobson and Harrison Cook, of Davie;
E. D. Hampton and Sam'l. S. Jones, of Davidson;
A. D. Crudup, of Franklin;
Joel Loften, A. O. Grady, Ed. Armstrong, Gibson Sloane, Benj. Lanier, Gabriel Boney, Stokes Wells, Bizzel Johnston, John W. Hall, W. B. Middleton, Bazil Garner, F. A. Newbury, David Brown and Albert F. Williams, of Duplin;
J. J. Whedbee and Lemuel Riddick, of Gates;
Richard G. Cowper, Starkey Sharp and Uriah Vaughan, of Hertford;
James Parks and Joseph Brindle, of Haywood;
J. Harvey Stevenson, John A. Brown and A. W. Blackburn, of Iredell;
E. D. Brindle, John L. Potts, Hugh Rogers, W. H. Bryson, Jr., F. P. Allison and Jos. Keener, of Jackson;
Thomas J. Gillett, A. J. Fordham, Elisha Stanly, A. E. Rhodes and N. P. Smith, of Jones;
Geo. N. Rush, Thomas P. Siler, Loftin Howard and Alfred Hall, of Macon;
Jerre Luther, T. L. Colton, T. J. Forney, C. W. Wooley, John Robinson and Sam. L. Parsons, of Montgomery:
B. R. Taylor, C. B. Strickland, C. C. Bonner, C. W. W. Woodard and Rufus Pullen, of Nash;
Hugh B. Guthrie and James M. Check, of Orange;
Michael Watson and Hector McNeill, of Robeson;
J. G. Fortune, Jos. W. Green, Henderson Weaver, Thomas
Wilkins, M. O. Dickerson, D. Morgan, M. Coon and John Smart, of Rutherford;
John Ramsey and Chas. McPheters, of Madison;
Jas. McNeiley, J. H. Gilkey, J. B. Burgin, Wm. Tate and A. W. Crawford, of McDowell;
Benj. Miles, James W. Grant, Edwin J. Thomas, Joseph B. Barnes, Nichols Peebles, W. J. Edwards and W. P. Vick, of Northampton;
Ed. C. Albertson, James L. Skinner and A. A. Perry, of Perquimans;
Sam'l. F. Adams, Jr., Thomas D. Price, M. Osborne, Joseph H. Cardwell and Nathaniel B. Scales, of Rockingham;
Joseph Wrench and Jesse Wilson, of Sampson;
H. A. Hunter, of Stanly;
Jas. M. Covington, N. M. Pepper, Sam. G. Hill, John W. Spainhour, W. J. King, Frank S. Lynch, Jos. T. Green and Hardy B. Carroll, of Stokes;
Edward Mann and John B. Brickhouse, of Tyrrell;
J. C. Webber, of Polk;
James Greenwood, Samuel H. Taylor, Jos., Alson, W. R. Hollingsworth and Meredith Greenwood, of Surry;
Harrison Lee, Ellis D. Gaddy, C. Austen, F. L. Wyatt, Calvin Laine, Calvin A. Ashecraft, Thomas J. Lockart, V. C. Chears and E. W. Richardson, of Union;
L. J. Sauls, John V. Sherard and J. R. Manly, of Wayne;
George W. Swain, Wm. Doshier, W. J. Potts, F. M. Galloway and Cornelius Thomas, of Brunswick;


James A. Melson, Thomas S. Latham, John C. Johnston and Joshua B. Davenport, of Washington;


M. L. Penland, of Yancey;

Hiram Lorance, of Catawba;

D. W. Barnes, Edwin Barnes, Josiah Barnes, R. H. Baker, David Taylor and Albert Farmer, of Wilson;


The message was agreed to.

Mr. Leitch moved that a message be sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate recommends to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace for Richmond county, Messrs. Daniel C. Stewart, R. T. Long, Duncan Johnson, M. D. Bethune, Daniel D. McRae, Wm. B. Cole, Benj. H. Covington and Isaac Mason; and for Robeson county Messrs. William McMillan, Angus D. Brown, Richard J. Milsaps and Wm. B. Thompson; which was agreed to.

And there were added to the foregoing nominations by Mr. Lassiter, Elijah Satterwhite and Wm. M. Blackwell, for Granville; by Mr. Wynn, James F. Bond, of Gates; by Mr. Grier, Wm. L. Erwin and David M. Hart, for Mecklenburg; by Mr. Straughan, D. H. Albright and B. W. Brown, for Chatham; by Mr. Bagley, Wm. E. Mann and Anthony W. Morgan, of Pasquotank; by Mr. Warren, B. F. Harding, C. A. Jordan
and Henry S. Latham, of Beaufort; by Mr. Jones, James D. Pullen and F. H. Perry, of Wake; by Mr. Whitford, John V. Jordan, of Craven; by Mr. March, R. F. Williams, of Davie; by Mr. Bagley, for Currituck, Messrs. Jerome Simmons, Haywood Bell, Graham Gallop, Benj. Walker, J. J. Baxter and W. C. Mercer; by Mr. Warren, for Pitt, F. B. Satterthwaite; by Mr. Arendell, for Guilford, James W. Dick, and by Mr. Pool, for Bertie, George Bishop.

Mr. Warren introduced a bill to authorize attachments against corporations; which was read first time.

The following bills and resolutions, transmitted from the House of Commons as duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker thereof, were signed also by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

An act in relation to alimony;
An act for the relief of Hugh B. Guthrie, late sheriff of Orange county;
An act to incorporate the Confederate Joint Stock Publishing Company.
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 authorizing the payment of bounty to citizens of the State, enlisted in the naval service of the Confederate States.
An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act to prevent obstructions in the Big Swamp, by means of fish traps."

Resolution in reference to the employment of persons assigned to light duty, in active field service.
Resolution of thanks to Col. Joseph B. Starr and his command, for the successful repulse of the public enemy near Kinston, and resolution of thanks to the Junior Reserves and Home Guards.

The Senate adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Arendell.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Mason.

A message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate recommends to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace for their respective counties the following persons, to wit:

Marquis L. F. Redd, Bryant E. Williams, Hill King, Micajah T. Farnell and Erastus A. Coston, of Onslow, nominated by Mr. Sanders; Jesse M. Cossey and Dr. W. H. Robeson, of Yadkin, nominated by Mr. Horton; Wesley Joines, George F. McNeil and Joseph Gray, of Wilkes, nominated by Mr. Bogle; Joseph Nichols and David Taylor, of Bertie, nominated by Mr. Pool; John J. Falford, John M. Mann and Henry J. Gibbs, of Hyde, nominated by Mr. Mann; T. N. Calbreth, of Sampson, nominated by Mr. Kirby; H. A. Moore and Dr. Charles Ghee, nominated by Mr. Wiggins; S. L. Gavin, of Duplin, nominated by Mr. Ward; Abram Dixon, William Benson, David S. Avera, Alfred Holland, Jesse Creed, Henry Millinder and B. B. Rose, of Johnston, nominated by Mr. Snead; Noah Smutherman, of Randolph, nominated by Mr. Speaker; and Henry A. Gilliam, of Washington, nominated by Mr. Stubbs.

Mr. Pitchford moved to reconsider the vote by which the message from the House of Commons, on yesterday, that they recommend sundry persons to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace was agreed to, and Mr. Adams moved to lay the motion on the table, which latter motion prevailed.

A message was received from the House, that they propose to go into an election at 11 o'clock, A. M. to-day, for a Councillor of State, and immediately thereafter, into an election for four Trustees of the University, and should the Senate agree, Messrs. Shober and Love will superintend the election for a Councillor of State, and Messrs. Cunningham and Alston for Trustees of the University on the part of the House.
The Senate agreed to the message, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Miller and Wynn as the committee to superintend the election of a Councillor of State, and Messrs. Straughan and Aycock, as the committee to superintend the election of Trustees of the University on the part of the Senate.

Another message from the House was received, that Messrs. Calvert, Johnson, Caho and Russell constitute the House branch of the Committee on Enrolled Bills for the week. And the Speaker announced Messrs. Harris, Long and McCorckle as said committee on the part of the Senate. Also, Messrs. Horton and Bagley as the Committee on Engrossed Bills, but Mr. Horton was, at his request, excused, and Mr. Berry appointed in his place.

Mr. Berry moved to take up and consider the bill concerning the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly at the present session. Not agreed to.

Engrossed bill from the House, entitled "A bill respecting the qualification of magistrates within the enemy's lines," was read first time, when the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Warren, and the same was read a second time and passed, and read a third time.

Mr. Pitchford moved to amend by striking out sec. 2, which was not agreed to, and the bill passed.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Smith from and after to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Warren; to Mr. Crump, on motion of Mr. McEachern; to Mr. Long, on motion of Mr. Winstead; to Mr. Bogle, on motion of Mr. Bagley, on and after to-morrow also.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Councillor of State.

The vote was as follows, to wit:

For A. T. Davidson—Messrs. Speaker, Aycock, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, Long, March, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Patterson, Patton,


For R. L. Patterson—Mr. Leitch—1.

The Senate proceeded to the election by ballot, of four Trustees of the University. Mr. Arendell nominated Rev. Dr. Wm. Closs, and Mr. Wiggins nominated John L. Brown, of Mecklenburg.

Mr. Miller, from the committee to superintend the election of a Councillor of State, reported that A. T. Davidson received 83 votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and is elected.

A message was received from the House, that they recommend sundry persons to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace for their respective counties, to wit:


John R. Hawes, of New Hanover;
Jesse Sandlin and F. J. Jarman, of Onslow;
Noah White, of Caldwell;
John Snow and Hardin Laffoon, of Surry;
D. J. Correll, of Alexander;
Neill McLane, of Moore;
Jesse M. Cossey and W. H. Robinson, of Yadkin;
Jonathan Nichols, Marcus Harris, Wm. Harris, John Bain, W. T. Smyte, M. Claws, Archibald Nichols, Thomas J. Cates and John C. McCown, of Orange;
Robt. Lynn, of Rowan;
J. H. Hill and Wm. M. Knox, of Iredell;
James Weaver, of Alleghany; 
C. J. Rountree, J. J. Lawrence and R. H. Blount, of Wilson;  
Nicholas Allston, Jr., Plummer Allston and Archibald Allston, of Warren; 
James Galloway, F. B. Satterthwaite and John Bernard, of Pitt; 
John Q. Headen, of Chatham; 
Isaac Jackson, of Columbus; 
J. H. Ennis and Bryant Williams, of Johnston.

Mr. Pitchford moved to strike out the names recommended for Warren, which was agreed to. 
Also, on motion of Mr. Powell, the names recommended for Wilson county were stricken out. 
Mr. Pitchford moved to lay the message on the table. Not agreed to. 
Mr. Ellis moved to strike out the name of John R. Hawes, of New Hanover, and it was so agreed. The message was agreed to. 
Also, Mr. Leitch moved to reconsider the vote by which the message from the House, received on yesterday, was agreed to, so as to strike out the name of E. D. Hall, recommended for appointment as Justice of the Peace for New Hanover therein, and it was agreed to. 
Mr. Leitch introduced a resolution for the protection of the State Salt Works, which was read and adopted. 
The Senate agreed to the recommendation of the House, of C. C. Atwater, of Chatham, and Dr. P. Babcock, of Wake, as Justices of the Peace for their respective counties. 
Mr. Dick moved to take up and consider the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to exempt certain officers and employees of the State from conscription." Not agreed to. 
The following bills and resolutions transmitted from the House, were disposed of as follows, to wit: 


Resolution in reference to the Revenue law;
Resolutions protesting against ill treatment of slaves conscripted for military purposes; and
Resolutions requesting the Governor to correspond with the authorities at Richmond, relative to disabled soldiers, were read and adopted.
A bill to provide for the holding of courts in the county of Hertford:
A bill to amend the Hickory Nut Turnpike Road;
A bill authorizing the sale of lots, in the town of Webster:
A bill for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army;
A bill to incorporate the trustees of Laplan High School;
A bill to incorporate Leakesville Lodge, No. 136, Ancient York Masons;
A bill to amend the 143d chapter of the acts of 1858-'59, entitled "An act to authorize the Roanoke Navigation Company to discontinue the use of their canal, &c."
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;
A bill to amend the charter of the Merchant's Bank of Newbern;
A bill to incorporate Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, of A. Y. Masons, in the county of Stanly;
A bill to legalize certain acts of the County Court of Madison county;
Resolution in favor of J. W. Steed, former sheriff of Randolph county; and
Resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, of Madison county, were read first time.
A message was received from the House of Commons, that they propose that the two Houses of the General As-
semblbly take a recess from Friday next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., until Tuesday after the third Monday in January next.

Mr Wiggins moved to amend, by striking out "9" and inserting "7," which was agreed to; also, to strike out "third Monday" and insert "fourth Monday," which was not agreed to.

Mr. Ward having moved to lay the message and proposed amendments of Mr. Wiggins on the table, and the motion not having prevailed,

Mr. Berry now moved to lay the message, as amended, on the table, and asked the yeas and nays thereon, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Patterson moved to amend by striking out "Tuesday after the third Monday in January," and inserting "the third Tuesday in May," and

Mr. Wiggins moved to amend the amendment by striking out the "third Tuesday in May," and inserting "the first Tuesday in January," which was not agreed to; and

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Pitchford moved a substitute by way of amendment, to wit:

Resolved, That the two Houses of the General Assembly take a recess from and after 7 o'clock, A. M., on Friday
next to 12 o'clock, M., on the first Tuesday in January, 1865, and that during the recess no important bill or resolution shall be perfected, nor shall any member receive his per diem or mileage, for or during his absence.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Patton moved to strike out "Tuesday after the third Monday in January," and insert "27th day of December."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the agreement with the message, it was agreed to.

Leave of absence, on motion of Mr. Pitchford, was granted to Mr. Hall from and after to-day.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. Lassiter, adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Mr. Straughan, from the committee to superintend the election of Trustees of the University, reported that C. F. Deems, D. M. Carter and Montford McGehee received severally a majority of the whole number of votes cast, and are elected.

The bill to be entitled "Revenue Act," was read section by section and paragraph by paragraph.

Mr. Warren moved to amend by adding to section 1, paragraph 1, as follows, to wit:

Provided, That where 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 the tax lists; such valuation to be fixed by the owner, his agent or attorney, upon oath, and in case the tax taker shall be dissatisfied therewith, by two freeholders, one to be chosen by
the owner or his representative, and the other by the tax
taker, who, if they disagree, shall choose an umpire, and
their decision shall be final.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Ward moved to amend by striking out all between
9th and 15th lines, including them, and inserting "all the
real and personal property in this State, not otherwise taxed
or exempted." Not agreed to.

Mr. Ward also moved to amend by striking out in para-
graph 5, section 1, the words "above the value of two hun-
dred dollars." Not agreed to.

Mr. Ward further moved to amend section 2, by adding
as follows, to wit:

"The property of soldiers in the service of this State, or
the Confederate States, for the period of the war, the widows
and orphans of such soldiers as have died therein, to the
amount of one thousand dollars for each soldier, his widow
or orphans; Provided, This exemption shall not extend to
any person, his widow, or orphans, whose taxable property
exceeds two thousand dollars in value." Not agreed to.

Mr. Grier moved to amend by adding to sec. 2, as follows
to wit:

"The property of soldiers in the military or naval service
of this State or of the Confederate States of America, for
the term of the war, and of 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 ex-
empted from taxation.

On the question of agreeing to this amendment, Mr. Ellis
asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Aycock, Bagley, Berry, Bry-
son, Crump, Dick, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Horton,

Those who voted in the negative—none.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Ward moved to amend sec. 4, by striking out the word "eight," and inserting "sixteen." Not agreed to.

Mr. Wiggins moved to add to sec. 5 these words: "excepting stock in corporations, exempt from any other tax than that imposed by the charter," which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Patterson, the word "day" was stricken out, and the word "Monday" inserted in sec. 7 and in sec. 11, in line 1 after the word "person" the words "other than Justices of the Peace," were inserted, on his motion; also.

Mr. Wiggins moved to strike out in sec. 14, the words and figures "after the year 1865," which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Senate took a recess until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Evening Session, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the amendment made by the Senate, to strike out "9 o'clock" and insert "7 o'clock" in the message, in relation to adjournment.

The Revenue bill being under consideration, Mr. Wiggins moved to strike out "July" and insert "April" in sec. 52, par. 4, and it was agreed to; also, to insert in par. 9, line 3, the words "or by females;" which was not agreed to.
Mr. Ward moved to strike out the words "above two" in par. 11, line 2. Not agreed to.

Mr. Bagley moved to strike out paragraph 11. Not agreed to.

Mr. Wiggins moved to strike out "five," and and insert "three," before the words "cents per mile," in par. 12, and it was not agreed to; and

Mr. Leitch moved to strike out said paragraph, but it was not agreed to.

Mr. Ellis moved to strike out in par. 13 "fifty cents" and insert "five dollars." Not agreed to.

Amendments proposed by Mr. Hall were agreed to, to wit: strike out in line 1, par. 14, the words "residents of the State," and insert the word "person;" strike out "profits," and insert "purchases;" strike out "thirty," and insert "ten," and strike out "fifteen," and insert "five."

Mr. Hall also moved to insert in par. 15, after the words "five cents" the words "such dividends or profits shall be assessed in Confederate money or its equivalent;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Ellis moved to strike out from the 16th to 21st paragraphs, both inclusive, in sec. 52. Not agreed to.

Mr. Hall moved to insert, in sec. 68, after words "next ensuing" in line 4, the words "and shall demand a bond with good and sufficient security of all those included in this Schedule, who may commence doing business after the 1st day of July preceding, to the effect that they shall pay the tax required on the 1st day of July next ensuing;" which was agreed to. Also, on his motion, the word "fifty" was stricken out, and the words "five hundred" inserted in par. 2, same section, and par. 4 of the same, the word "three" was stricken out, and the word "five" inserted; in par. 6, "twenty-five" was stricken out, and "fifteen" inserted; in par. 7, line 10, the words "first day of July" were stricken out, and the words "and the sheriff collect
the same on the first days of July, October, January and April," were inserted.

Mr. Ward moved to strike out in paragraph 7, line 4, the word "seven," and insert "twenty;" also, to add "and the same shall not be subject to any county tax;" both of which were agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hall, in paragraph 8, "five hundred" was stricken out, and "one thousand" inserted; and in paragraph 9 "two hundred" was stricken out, and "five hundred" inserted.

Mr. Patterson moved to strike out "fifty," and insert "one hundred" in paragraph 10; and

Mr. Bogle moved to insert "five hundred."

The question being on striking out, it was agreed to, and the amendment of Mr. Bogle was agreed to.

In paragraph 17, line 3, to strike out "two" and insert "five," and after the word "sales," to add "and that the same shall not be subject to any county tax;" to insert the words "foreign or domestic" in line 2; in paragraph 18, to strike out "one per cent" and insert "five per cent," in line 8, and add "but the same shall not be subject to any county tax;" and in paragraph 19 to insert the word "male" before "manufacturers," upon several motions of Mr. Hall, were agreed to.

Mr. Patterson moved to strike out in paragraph 21 "three per cent." and insert "five per cent.," and it was agreed to; and

Mr. Hall moved to strike out therein "five hundred" and insert "fifteen hundred," which also was agreed to.

To insert "or any three Justices of the Peace" in paragraph 23, line 5, after words "proved before county courts;" to strike out in line 14 of same paragraph "one hundred," and insert "two hundred," and to strike out the words in
parentheses "who may, in its discretion, make or refuse," were, on several motions of Mr. Hall, agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning, on motion of Mr. Arendell.

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TUESDAY, Dec. 20, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Atkinson.

Mr. Patton, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolution proposing to raise a Select Committee to make an investigation as to matters in the Treasurer's Reports for 1863 and 1864, made a report, which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Leitch, ordered to be printed.

Mr. McCorckle introduced a bill for local defence, which was read first time.

A message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate recommend to be commissioned Justices of the Peace for Sampson county, Owen B. Morrisey and Isaiah McPhail, nominated by Mr. Kirby; and for Northampton, John Deveraux, nominated by Mr. Odom.

The consideration of the Revenue bill was resumed.

Mr. Wiggins moved to amend sec. 90, by striking out in line 2, the word "three" and inserting the word "thirty," also by striking out "ten" and inserting "five," which was agreed to.

As amended, the bill passed its second reading.

A message was received from the House, that they propose a resolution, to wit:

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.
The resolution was read and adopted.

Another message was received from the House, that they propose to go into an election at 12 o'clock, M., to-day, for a Trustee of the University, and should the Senate agree, Messrs. Lowe and Murphy will superintend the election.

The Senate refused to agree to the message.

Mr. Arendell moved to take from the table and proceed to consider the "resolution to initiate negotiations for an honorable peace."

Mr. Ellis moved to postpone until 12 o'clock, M., to-morrow. Not agreed to.

Mr. Ward moved to adjourn until 7½ o'clock, P. M. Not agreed to.

Mr. Speight moved to adjourn, after some discussion, until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to take up and proceed to consider the resolutions before maintained, Mr. Arendell asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the motion did not prevail.

The Senate adjourned until 7½ o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Leitch.
Evening Session, 7½ o'clock.

The following bills and resolutions transmitted from the House of Commons, duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker thereof, were signed also by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

Resolution in reference to the payment of bounty money to soldiers;
Resolution in favor of W. W. Holden, late State Printer;
Resolutions relative to brigading certain North-Carolina Regiments;
Resolution in favor of Drury King;
Resolution in favor of the Junior Reserves;
Resolution in relation to the pay of the Doorkeepers;
Resolutions commendatory of the N. C. Educational Association;
An act to incorporate the Linville Steel and Iron Company;
An act to incorporate the Cranbury Iron Company;
An act to incorporate the Leroyton Mining and Manufacturing Company;
An act to increase the capital stock of the Sapona Iron Company;
An act to incorporate the Gorgas Mining and Manufacturing Company;
An act to amend an act entitled, "An act to charter the Shelby and Broad River Rail Road Company;"
An act to provide just compensation to the Public Printer; and,
An act to amend the 8th section of chapter 112, Revised Code, in relation to the Public Treasury.

Engrossed bill to incorporate the William R. Davie Lodge, Ancient York Masons, in Lexington, N. C., was read first time.

Engrossed Resolutions of instruction to our Senators and
Representatives in Congress in regard to disabled soldiers, were read and adopted.

Resolutions directing the Governor to correspond with the Governor of Virginia on the subject of salt, were read, and, on the question of their adoption, Mr. Ward asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative were:


So the resolution was adopted.

Engrossed bill to provide for the keeping up the public roads in the county of Watauga, was read first time.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the recommendations of the Senate of sundry persons to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace, excepting Jerome Simmons, of Currituck; also, a message that they recommend, in response to a petition, the commissioning of Dr. J. J. Lawrence, of Wilson county, a Justice of the Peace; which was agreed to.

The bill to exempt from military service certain persons in the employment of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company, was read a second time and rejected.

The bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees, which was ratified the 14th day of December, 1863, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the words "State Salt Commissioner three thousand dollars and travelling expenses, not to exceed two thousand dollars," were inserted.

On motion of Mr. Odom, the words "General in the Con-
federate service, commanding in the field," were stricken out, and the words "Major General, whilst serving in the field," were inserted.

Mr. Warren moved to amend by inserting, "Provided, Clerks and Masters in Equity be paid double the allowance, also, now authorized by law," which was agreed to.

Mr. Odom moved to strike out "two thousand dollars," the salary of the Clerk of the Comptroller, and insert "two thousand and five hundred dollars;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Odom also moved to amend, which was agreed to, to wit: "The Surgeon General the pay of Colonel whilst serving in the field, and his necessary expenses whilst travelling on business pertaining to his office, not to exceed $2000; each of the Clerks in the Adjutant General's department shall receive such pay not exceeding $1500, as the Adjutant General may determine, and one ration."

Mr. Warren moved to strike out "sixty dollars" and insert "one hundred dollars" as the fees of Solicitors, and it was agreed to.

Mr. Arendell moved to strike out "two thousand and five hundred dollars," the salary of the Secretary of State, and insert "three thousand dollars," and it was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, passed, when, on motion of Mr. Arendell, the rules were suspended, and the same was read a third time.

Mr. Patton moved to amend by striking out "sixty dollars" and inserting "one hundred dollars," as the fees of the Attorney General, and it was agreed to.

Mr. Jones moved to amend by striking out "one thousand" and inserting "fifteen hundred," as the salary of the Keeper of the Capitol, and it was agreed to.

Mr. Ellis moved to increase the salary of the State Librarian to two thousand dollars. Not agreed to.

The bill, as amended, now passed.
The bill to grade the Common Schools and increase their usefulness was read a third time.

Mr. Straughan moved to strike out the last sentence in sec. 15, authorizing the employment of a Clerk, &c., which was not agreed to. But the bill passed.

The bill to authorize the Governor to remove the State forces beyond the limits thereof, was read a third time.

Mr. Patterson moved to strike out "sixty" and insert "thirty" as the number of days that the militia and home guard might be kept beyond the limits of the State, which was agreed to, and the bill was passed over informally, at the suggestion of Mr. Warren.

The bill to repeal an act concerning the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly, during the present session, was read a second time; when Mr. Warren raised the point of order whether the Senate should entertain a proposition to repeal an act passed at the same session.

The Speaker decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Warren appealed, and the question being, "shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the Senate. Mr. Warren asked thereon the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aycock, Berry, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Horton, Long, March, McCorckle, McEachern, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Powell, Snead, Taylor and Whitford—18.

Those who voted in the negative are:


The decision does not stand, therefore, as the decision of the Senate.
The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Jones.

WEDNESDAY, December 21, 1864.

Mr. Jones introduced a resolution in favor of Creech & Litchford, which was read first time, when, the rules were suspended, on his motion, and the same was read a second time.

Mr. Pitchford moved to refer to the Committee on Claims, and it was so referred.

Mr. McCorckle moved to reconsider the bill to exempt from military service, certain persons in the employment of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company, which was agreed to, and said bill was laid on the table, on his motion.

By leave of the Senate, Mr. Wynn recorded his vote in the affirmative, upon the question to take from the table and proceed to consider, the bill to initiate negotiations for an honorable peace; and

Mr. Whitford recorded his vote in the negative.

The revenue bill was read third time.

Mr. Wiggins moved to amend by inserting in line 11, sec. 1, paragraph 4, the words, "or bonds of incorporated towns;" which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that they propose to raise a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of each House, to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inquire 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 inauguration.
The message was agreed to, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Patterson and Courts as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Patterson reported subsequently, that the committee had waited on his Excellency, the Governor, and also upon the Judges of the Supreme Court, and that the Governor would appear before the General Assembly at 2 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow, to take oaths of office, &c.

Mr. Ward moved to amend the revenue bill by striking out in sec. 1, line 33, the words "above the value of two hundred dollars." Not agreed to.

Mr. Ward further moved to amend by adding to sec. 2, the words, "household and kitchen furniture of any person, the value of two hundred dollars; Provided, This exemption shall not extend to persons having more than four hundred dollars worth of household and kitchen furniture." Not agreed to.

Mr. Speight moved to amend section 68, paragraph 12, by inserting in line 2, after the word "slaves," the words "corn, pork, bacon or spirituous liquors." Agreed to.

The words "belonging to churches," after the word "graveyard," in sec. 2, were stricken out, on motion of Mr. Grier.

Mr. Wiggins moved to insert the word "females," after the word "soldiers," in sec. 52, paragraph 9, and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are:


Those who voted in the negative, are:

Messrs. Adams, Aycock, Bagley, Berry, Blount, Courts, Grier, Jones, Leitch, Long, March, McEachern, Odom,
Pitchford, Sanders, Snead, Straughan, Ward and Winstead—19.

So the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Odom moved to amend sec. 67, by striking out the words of the amendment made to sec. 68, line 4, and agreed to; also to strike out "ninety-two" and insert "seventy-five," and agreed to.

Mr. Ward moved to amend by adding to sec. 4, the words "upon all Confederate, State, County and Corporate bonds, or other securities, one-sixth of the interest annually accruing thereon." Not agreed to.

The Senate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, until 3 o'clock, P. M.

**Afternoon Session, 3 o'clock.**

Mr. Wiggins moved to amend the Revenue bill, by inserting in sec. 1, paragraph 3, the words "the Confederate and" before the words "State treasurer notes," and it was agreed to.

Mr. Ward moved to add to sec 4, "upon Confederate and Corporation bonds, not otherwise taxed, one-sixth of the interest annually accruing thereon," which was agreed to.

Mr. Ellis moved to amend sec. 52, paragraph 16, by striking out "two" and inserting "one." Not agreed to.

Mr. Grier moved to strike out the Senate amendment to paragraph 18, "but the same shall not be subject to county tax;" also to strike out the words "or begging." Not agreed to.

The bill, as now amended, passed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act in relation to the militia and a guard for home defence, was taken up, on motion of Mr. Dick, and, on motion of Mr. Ellis, laid on the table.
The bill for local defence was read a second time.
Mr. Bryson moved to amend by striking out "twenty" in line 7, sec. 1, and inserting "ten," which was agreed to; also, to insert the words "as conservators of the peace" in line 11, after the word "company," which was agreed to.

The bill passed and was read a third time, under a suspension of the rules; when

Mr. Warren moved to strike out the words "as conservators of the peace," which was not agreed to. The bill passed.

The bill to increase the efficiency of the home guard organization, was read a second time.

The pending question being on the agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Lassiter to the amendment proposed by Mr. Odom, was not agreed to.

Mr. Pitchford moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "that" therein, and inserting the words of the bill introduced by the minority of the Committee on Military Affairs entitled "A bill in relation to the militia and a guard for home defence," and thereon Mr. Odom asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the Senate refused to agree.

The question recurring on the amendment,

Mr. Stubbs called for a division of the question, and upon
the first part, to strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill.

Mr. Odom asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,
Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Patton moved to amend, by adding to section 3d as follows, to wit: "The Governor shall have power to discriminate in favor of farmers and mechanics, when he calls out a less number than the whole of a company; also, to declare vacant the office of an officer who is declared by a medical board permanently disabled for field duty in either the militia or home guards, or of an officer who absconds to the enemy." The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Odom moved to strike out the words "having care of a congregation" after the "ministry," in 7th section. Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller moved to insert the word "hatters" after the word "tanners," and before the word "shoe-makers," in section 7th; which was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, passed, and was read a third time, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Stubbs.

Mr. Kirby moved to insert the word "farmers" after the word "shoe-makers," in section 7. Not agreed to.

Mr. Leitch moved to insert in section 7, line 18, "and teachers of schools other than academies, having twenty pupils."
Mr. Lassiter moved to strike out "twenty" in the amendment, and insert "thirty," which was agreed to; but the amendment, as amended, was not agreed to.

Mr. Ellis moved to strike out section 7, and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:
Messrs. Aycock, Berry, Courts, Ellis, Harris, Kirby, Leitch, Pitchford, Powell, Speight, Ward and Wiggins—12.

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Straughan moved to strike out in section 7 the words "having the care of a congregation" after the word "ministry." Not agreed to.

Mr. McCorckle moved to amend, by inserting after the word "time," in the 7th section, the words "Provided said tanners shall sell one-third of their leather to indigent soldiers' wives and widows, for their own use, at schedule prices;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Speight moved to insert in section 7 the words "and also all persons subject to conscription, who have been detailed as agriculturists, either as owner, agent, or overseer." Not agreed to.

Mr. Pool moved to insert in 7th section, after the word "time," the words "and one commissioner for each county, appointed by the County Court, to disburse county appropriations for the poor, and also the Directors of the Insane Asylum, and the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind." and thereon he asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing.
Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Arendell moved to add to the 6th section, after the word "behalf," this proviso:

"Provided, That if, at any time, the Home Guard, or any part of it, shall be employed beyond the limits of this State, nothing contained in this act shall have any force or effect during the time that they are so employed."

And thereon he asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Warren moved to make the engrossed resolutions in relation to *habeas corpus*, the special order for to-morrow, 11 o'clock, and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are.


So the motion did not prevail.

The following bills and resolutions, transmitted from the House of Commons, duly enrolled, and signed by the Speaker thereof, were signed also by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

An act to incorporate Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, in the county of Buncombe;

An act to incorporate the Jamestown Cotton Mills;

An act to legalize an order of the Special Court of Bertie county;

An act to incorporate the Cavanah Button Factory and Machine Shops;

An act to incorporate Oak Hill Cemetery, in the County of Buncombe;

An act to incorporate the Confederate Cotton and Woolen Mills, in the county of Richmond;

An act to amend the charter of the Asheville and Greenville Plank, Road Company, passed in the year 1851; and

Resolution in relation to payment of taxes to John Rhem.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Speight.
THURSDAY, December 22, 1864.

Messrs. Bryson and Speight were announced as the committee on Enrolled Bills.

A message was received from the House, that they recommend to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace, A. G. Pinnix, for Alamance, and B. F. Hoover, for Randolph. The Senate agreed to the message; and

Also to another message received, that they recommend sundry other persons to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace for their respective counties, to wit:

For Wayne, N. B. Stephens; Nash, W. H. Rowland; Johnston, J. L. Banks and J. G. Barber; Bertie, George Bishop, who was appointed by the House, on Saturday last, but failed to be recorded in the Senate; Moore, John Gilchrist; Wake, J. L. Johnston and A. Kline; Ashe, Geo. W. Miller and John Ham; Jackson, J. N. Bryson; Montgomery, Jesse Smotherman; Sampson, A. S. C. Powell; Franklin, J. W. Neal; Surry, C. Kapp; Duplin, B. K. Cutlaw; Yadkin, J. A. Mock, Wm. Royal, Jasper Howell and Dr. Lewis York; Caldwell, Albert Luts; Haywood, H. M. Rogers; Columbus, J. B. Cox and D. N. Brown.

Also, that they agree to all the nominations of the Senate except the name of Isaac McPhail, of Sampson, and places in nomination the name of Isaiah McPhail, of Sampson county, to which the Senate likewise agreed.

Mr. Pool, from the Committee on Confederate relations, reported upon the bill for the relief of suffering and needy prisoners of war from North Carolina, recommending a substitute by way of amendment thereto. The bill was read a second time.

The rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Pool, when the amendment was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed, and was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Claims, reported
upon the resolution in favor of Messrs. Creech Litchford, recommending its passage.

Mr. Pool, from the Joint Standing Committee on the Insane Asylum, made a report and recommended the passage of a bill entitled "A bill appropriating money for the Insane Asylum."

The report was ordered to be printed, and the bill was read three several times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on Mr. Pool's motion.

On motion of Mr. Pitchford, the rules of the Senate requiring all bills, &c., to be kept until 12 o'clock the next succeeding day before being sent to the House of Commons, was suspended for the day.

Mr. Pitchford introduced a resolution in regard to State troops, which was read and adopted, and sent to the House for its action.

A message was received from the House, that they transmit certain engrossed bills and resolutions for the action of the Senate.

Said bills and resolutions were disposed of as follows, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the Deep River Transportation Company. Read three several times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Straughan.

The bill to re-arrange the public offices in the Capitol. Read first time, and Mr. Dick moved to suspend the rules in order that it might be read again, which was not agreed to.

Resolution relative to the exemption of certain State employees;

Resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to receive partial payments of taxes due from counties within the lines of the enemy;
A bill authorizing the County Court of Jackson to appoint or elect a tax collector for said county;

A bill concerning the mode of taking depositions in certain cases;

A bill making the Chief Clerk in the Treasury department a commissioner for certain purposes;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cape Fear Importing and Exporting Company;

A bill to amend the 6th sec. 71 chap. of Revised Code;

A bill to incorporate Mount Herman Lodge, in the county of Buncombe;

A bill to incorporate the Deep River Woolen Mills;

A bill to incorporate the Cumberland Monumental Association;

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to provide for a Turnpike Road from Salisbury, west, to the line of the state of Georgia;"

A bill to re-arrange the public offices in the Capitol; and

A bill declaring what number of Justices of the Peace, of the county of Columbus, shall constitute a quorum, in cases where one-third is now required, were read first time.

The bill to provide for the keeping up of the public roads, in the county of Watauga, was read a second and third times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Patterson.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that the Senate is invited to meet in joint convention with the House at 2 o'clock P. M., to-day, in the Commons Hall, in order that the oaths of office may be taken by his Excellency, the Governor, in the presence of a majority of the two Houses, and the Speaker of the Senate is invited to a seat at the Speaker's desk, and the seats on the right of the Speaker will be set apart for the use of Senators.

A message was received from the House, that they trans-
mit a communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, declining to give opinions upon certain questions as to the right of the General Assembly to tax either Confederate States treasury notes or bonds, upon the ground that the cases involving those questions might come before the court for adjudication, and the Judges are not at liberty to prejudge questions.

The message and communication was laid on the table.

Engrossed bill to authorize the Mayor and Commissioners of the town of Fayetteville to supply said town with water, was read three several times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Wright.

The bill for the support of the North-Carolina-Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and for other purposes, was read a second and third times, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Arendell.

The bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of Chemists, was read a second time.

Mr. Pool moved to strike out the preamble, and to amend by adding these words, to wit:

"And provided further, That the interest in real or personal estate, authorized by this section to be vested in said company, shall be no more than a temporary license to use the same, for the purpose of obtaining the minerals contemplated in this act, to continue only during the present war between the United States and the Confederate States."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Pool moved to amend further, by adding to sec. 5, the words, "And provided further, That the whole of the blue stone so manufactured shall be held by the company for one month, subject to the refusal of the Governor," which was agreed to.

And the bill as amended passed.

The resolution in favor of Virginia Atkinson, Executrix
of P. A. Atkinson, deceased, was read a third time and passed.

The bill authorizing the Public Treasurer to rent out the Buildings on Burke Square; and

The bill to authorize attachments against corporations, were read a second and third times and passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The bill to prevent taxing of property belonging to orphans for county purposes, was read a second time and rejected.

The bill to authorize the Governor to remove the State forces beyond the limits thereof, was read a third time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Pool.

The following bills and resolutions transmitted from the House of Commons as duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker thereof, were signed also by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

An act to incorporate Stokesburg Lodge, No. 220, in Stokes county, of Free and Accepted Masons;

An act in favor of the estate of James D. Wynn;

An act respecting the qualification of magistrates within the enemy's lines;

An act in relation to Courts of Oyer and Terminer;

Resolution making inquiries of the Public Treasurer;

Resolution of instruction to our Senators and Representatives in Congress in regard to disabled soldiers;

Resolution requesting the Governor to correspond with the authorities at Richmond, relative to disabled soldiers; and,

Resolutions directing the Governor to correspond with the Governor of Virginia, on the subject of salt.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that they agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the Revenue bill, excepting the following, to wit:
To strike out the words "profits," and insert the word "purchases," in sec. 52, paragraph 14, and to strike out "fifteen" and insert "five," in line 12 of same sec. and paragraph, and to strike out "thirty" and insert "ten," in same paragraph and section;

To strike out in sec. 68, paragraph 4, the word "three" and insert "five;"

To strike out "twenty-five" and insert "fifteen," in same section, paragraph 3, and in paragraph 18, to strike out "one per cent." and insert "five per cent." and add "but the same shall not be subject to any county tax;" also, in paragraph 23, line 5, of same section, to insert after the words "County Court," the words, "or any three Justices of the Peace."

The Senate receded from the amendments disagreed to by the House, and the bill is ordered to be enrolled.

The resolution in favor of S. S. Montgomery, of Caldwell county, was read a second time, amended; on motion of Mr. Patterson, by inserting "five hundred" after the words "one thousand" and before the word "dollars," and, as amended, passed; and it was read a third time and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Patterson.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to exempt certain officers and employees of the State from conscription, was read a second time and passed, when the rules were suspended, and the same was read a third time.

On the question of its passage, Mr. Berry asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

So the bill was rejected.

The Senate adjourned until 3½ o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. Blount.

Afternoon Session, 3½ o'clock.

Engrossed resolution instructing the State Salt Commissioner as to the making of Salt in Bladen county, was read three several times, and passed.

Engrossed bill to secure the State Salt Works from interruption, was read first and second times, when Mr. Ellis moved to strike out section 2, and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aycock, Berry, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, March, Pitchford, Powell, Speight, Ward and Whitford—12.

Those who voted in the negative are:


So the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Ellis now moved to strike out "five thousand" and insert "one thousand" before the word "dollars" in sec. 2, and it was not agreed to.

The bill passed, and was read a third time and passed.

Bills and resolutions transmitted as duly engrossed from the House were disposed of as follows, to wit:
Resolution of thanks to Capt. John A. Teague, and the men under his command. Read and adopted.

A bill for the relief of indigent families of soldiers from Northampton county. Read three several times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Odom.

A bill to punish violations of the impressment laws of the Confederate States was read first time, when the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Dick, and the same was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Patton, laid on the table.

A bill to make appropriation for the military establishment of the State was read three several times and passed.

The bill in relation to the robbing of dwelling houses was read first time and referred, on motion of Mr. Lassiter, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolutions instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives to vote for certain laws, was read first and second times, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Patterson.

A bill in relation to the collection of arrearages of taxes in the county of Nash, was read first and second times, and amended by inserting Reuben King, Sheriff of Robeson, on motion of Mr. Leitch, and passed, and read a third time and passed.

Resolution in reference to the officers of the General Assembly, was read a second and third times and passed, the rules having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Wiggins.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Company of Chemists, and to the bill for the relief of suffering and needy prisoners of war from North-Carolina, and said bills are ordered to be enrolled.
Resolution in favor of W. A. Maroney, Sheriff of Davie county, was read three several times and passed.

A message was received from the House, that they have passed the bill appropriating money to the Insane Asylum, with amendments, to wit:

"Strike out in line 4, sec. 1, all after the word "of" and insert "two hundred and fifty thousand dollars," and strike out in section 2, the word "annually."

The Senate agreed to the amendments, and said bill is ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate agreed to a message received from the House, that they recommend Isaiah Prag, of Randolph county, to be commissioned a Justice of the Peace.

The bill for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army was read a second time.

Mr. Odom moved to amend by adding to sec. 2, as follows, to wit:

Provided, That the sum of $750,000 be paid on the 1st April, 1865; the sum of $750,000 on the 1st July, 1865; the sum of $750,000 on the 1st of October, 1865, and the sum of $750,000 on the 1st January, 1866.

The amendment was agreed to and the bill passed; and it was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Patterson introduced a resolution of thanks to Major Harvey Bingham and Capt. Jordan Cook, and the men under their command, which was read and adopted.

A bill for the relief of Power, Lowe & Co., of Wilmington, was read a second and third times and passed.

On motion of Mr. Wiggins, the Senate adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M.
Evening Session, 8 o'clock.

Resolution in favor of Creech & Litchford;
A bill to legalize certain acts of the County Court of Madison county;
A bill to amend the charter of the Merchant's Bank of Newbern;
Resolution in favor of J. W. Steed, former sheriff of Randolph county;
A bill to incorporate the William R. Davie Lodge, A. Y. Masons, in Lexington, N. C. ;
Resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, of Madison county;
A bill to incorporate the Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, of A. Y. Masons, in the county of Stanly;
A bill to incorporate the Trustees of Lapland High School;
A bill to amend the 143d chapter of the acts of 1858-'59, entitled "An act to authorize the Roanoke Navigation Company to discontinue the use of their canals," &c. ;
Resolution referring to S. F. Phillips, Esq., the matters pertaining to the States' blockading operations;
Resolution in favor of Thomas D. Walker;
A bill to incorporate Leakesville Lodge, No. 136, A. Y. Masons;
A bill to provide for the holding of courts in the county of Hertford; and,
A bill authorizing the sale of lots in the town of Webster, were read a second and third times and passed.

Resolutions appointing Commissioners to confer with the President of the Confederate States, were read a second time and passed, when the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Bryson, and the same were read a third time, and were laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Patton.

Mr. Arendell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported upon the bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Vol-
unteer Navy Company, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and the committee were so discharged.

A message was received from the House of Commons, that they transmit a communication from his Excellency, the Governor, in reference to certain inquiries made in relation to unadjusted accounts of D. K. McRae.

On motion of Mr. Leitch, a message was sent to the House of Commons, that the Senate proposes to raise a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate to adjust and settle the accounts of D. K. McRae, as State Commissioner.

The Senate adjourned until 6 o'clock to-morrow morning, on motion of Mr. Bryson.

FRIDAY, 6 o'clock, A. M., Dec. 23, 1864.

A message was received from the House, that they agree to the proposition of the Senate to raise a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, to adjust and settle the account of D. K. McRae, late agent for the State, and they appoint Messrs. Waugh, McGehee and Murphy the committee on the part of the House.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Leitch and Odom as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Another message was received from the House, that they have passed the bill to authorize the Public Treasurer to rent out the buildings on Burke Square, with an amendment, to wit: Strike out all after the word "square," in sec. 1, line 5, and further, they agree to the amendment
made by the Senate to the bill for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army, and to the amendments made by the Senate to the bill, in relation to the collection of arrearages of taxes in the county of Nash.

The message, so far as it relates to the proposed amendment made by the House, to the bill in relation to renting out buildings on Burke Square was disagreed to, and as to the rest, agreed to, on motion of Mr. Wiggins.

A message was sent to the House, that the Senate proposes to extend the time of recess to 12 o'clock, M., and a message was received from the House, that they agree thereto.

Messrs. Patton and Leitch were appointed Committee on enrolled bills.

The Senate adjourned to 11½ o'clock, on motion of Mr. Odom.

11½ o'clock, A. M.

The following bills and resolutions, duly enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House of Commons, were signed, also, by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

Resolution of thanks to Capt. John A. Teague and the men under his command.

Resolution instructing the State salt comissssoner, as to the making of salt in Bladen county.

Resolutions protesting against ill treatment of slaves conscribed for military purposes.

Resolution in favor of W. A. Maroney, Sheriff of Davie county.
Resolution in reference to the Revenue Laws.
Resolution in favor of Virginia Atkinson, Executrix of P. A. Atkinson.
Resolution for the protection of the State Salt Works.
Resolution in favor of Messrs. Creech & Litchford.
Resolution in favor of J. S. Montgomery, of Caldwell county.
Resolution in reference to the officers of the General Assembly.
Resolution for the relief of Power, Lowe & Co., of Wilmington.
Resolution in favor of Joseph W. Steed, former Sheriff of Randolph county.
Resolution in favor of D. M. Ray, tax collector of Madison county.
An act to incorporate the Lapland High School.
An act authorising the sale of lots in the town of Webster.
An act appropriating money to the Insane Asylum.
An act to amend the charter of the Merchants’ Bank of Newbern.
An act to incorporate the Wm. R. Davie Lodge, A. Y. M., in Lexington, N. C.
An act to provide for the holding the 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, Ancient York Masons.
An act to legalize certain acts of the county court of Madison and for other purposes.
An act to amend the 143rd chap. of the acts of 1858-’59, 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.

An act for the relief of suffering and needy prisoners of war from North Carolina.

An act to incorporate Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, A. Y. M., in the county of Stanly.

An act for the relief of the indigent families of soldiers from Northampton county.

An act in relation to the collection of arrearages of taxes in the counties of Nash and Robeson.

An act to provide for the keeping up of the public roads in the county of Watauga.

An act to secure the State Salt Works from interruption.

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 Feb., 1862, and, also, an act entitled an act to authorize Courts of Oyer and Terminer, ratified the 12th day of December, 1863.

An act to amend the Hickory Nut Turnpike Road.

An act to incorporate the North Carolina Company of Chemists.

An act to authorize the Mayor and Commissioners of the town of Fayetteville to supply said town with water.

An act to authorize attachment against Corporations.

An act for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers in the army.

An act to incorporate the Deep River Transportation Company.

An act to grade the Common Schools and to increase their usefulness.

An act for local defence.
An act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization.

An act for the support of the North Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and for other purposes, and

Revenue act.

The hour of 12 o'clock, M., having arrived, the Senate stands adjourned, in pursuance of the joint order of the two Houses of the General Assembly, until Tuesday after the third Monday in January, A. D., 1865.

GILES MEBANE,
Speaker of the Senate.

C. R. Thomas,
Clerk of the Senate.
SENATE JOURNAL, 1864–'65.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1865.

The Senate met, in the City of Raleigh, pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, following the third Monday in January, 1865, at 12 o'clock, M.

Upon a call of the Senate by R. C. Badger, Assistant Clerk, the following members were found to be present: Messrs. Arendell, Aycock, Bagley, Dick, Kirby, Harris, Odom, Ward, Warren, Whitford, Winstead and Wright.

It appearing that no quorum was present, the Senate, upon motion of Mr. Arendell, adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1865.

The Senate met, and, upon a call of the House, the following members were found to be present:


There being a quorum present, a message was, on motion of Mr. Arendell, sent to the House of Commons, informing that body that the Senate was in readiness to co-operate with them in the dispatch of the public business.

A message was received from the House of Commons, stating that that body was now in session, and ready to co-operate with the Senate in the dispatch of the public business.
Mr. Berry presented a bill to facilitate the building of bridges which have been washed away in the county of Alamance; which was read the first time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the rules were suspended, and the bill put on its several readings. It was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Lassiter, amended, by inserting after the word "Alamance," in the first section, the words "and Granville."

The bill, as amended, passed its second and third readings.

A message was received from the House of Commons, 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 General Assembly was in session, and ready to receive any communication he might desire to make, and announcing Messrs. McGehee and Shepherd as the House branch of the committee; which was read and concurred in; and Messrs. Courts and Long were appointed the Senate branch of the committee.

The following communication from C. R. Thomas, Principal Clerk of the Senate, was received and read:

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3d, 1865.

Hon. Giles Mebane,

Speaker of the Senate:

Sir:—Although I hastily assented that I would accept, I do not now feel at liberty to decline the office of Secretary of State. I shall enter, to day, upon the duties of the office, with a disposition and will to do them, because they have been imposed by the Constitution and Statutes of my native State, for whom I have, in these her trials of revolution, these words: "whither thou goest, I will go."

I therefore beg leave to resign the office of Principal Clerk of the Senate.
I feel grateful to the Senate for the favor shown me in the discharge of my duties as Clerk.

I thank you, sir, especially, for the uniform courtesy and kindness which you have shown me in the discharge of your own duties as Speaker of the Senate; duties which you have discharged, as I believe, very faithfully, honestly, and capably.

I am yours, truly,

(Signed) C. R. THOMAS.

The resignation of C. R. Thomas, Principal Clerk, was accepted.

The following gentlemen were placed in nomination for the office of the Principal Clerk of the Senate: Theo. H. Hill, Walter Huske, Frank I. Wilson and Neill McKay.

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the election for Principal Clerk, was postponed, and made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. Courts, from the Joint Select Committee, to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, and receive any communication he might be pleased to make, reported that the committee had waited upon his Excellency, and that he had no communication to make at this time.

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1865.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Craven.

The journal of yesterday was read.

A message was received from the House of Commons, proposing to rescind so much of the joint order adopted in December, as prohibits the two Houses from proceeding with
the calendar business until the third day of the session. Concluded in.

A message was received from the House of Commons, requesting the concurrence of the Senate in the appointment of F. W. Waddell, J. D. Morris, D. M. Cameron and D. M. Kennedy as Justices of the Peace for Moore county; which was agreed to.

Mr. Bryson nominated as Justice of the Peace for the county of Macon, C. T. Rogers: Agreed to.

Mr. Adams nominated Charles M. Perryman, for the county of Davidson. Agreed to.

Mr. Powell nominated for the county of Edgecombe, Robt. Pender. Agreed to.

Mr. Horton placed in nomination for Chief Clerk of the Senate, John W. Alspaugh.

Mr. Straughan nominated for Justices of the Peace for the county of Chatham, Andrew J. Riggsbee and George P. Moore. Agreed to.

Mr. McCorckle nominated as a Justice of the Peace for Catawba county, E. A. Warlick. Agreed to.

Mr. Kirby nominated as Justices of the Peace for Sampson county, Benson Parker, W. W. Cox and Warren Johnson. Agreed to.


Mr. Jones moved that the votes by which the nominations for the counties of Davidson, Macon, Edgecombe, Chatham, Catawba and Sampson were passed, be reconsidered, upon which motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Bagley.

The roll being called.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Arendell, Aycock, Bagley, Blount, Bogle, Dick,

Those who voted in the negative are:

The motion to reconsider prevailed.
On motion of Mr. Arendell, the nominations for these counties were laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Commons asking the concurrence of the Senate in the nomination as Justice of the Peace for Beaufort county of Thos. H. Blount.

The message was, on motion of Mr. Long, laid on the table.

Mr. Winstead moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate laid on the table the message from the House of Commons, asking the concurrence of the Senate in the nomination of Thos. H. Blount, as Justice of the Peace for Beaufort county.

Agreed to, and the Senate concurred in the nomination.

On motion of Mr. Powell, the Senate reconsidered the vote by which the nominations for Edgecombe county were laid on the table, and the nomination of Robert Pender was agreed to.

Mr. Bogle placed in nomination as Justice of the Peace for Alexander county, G. L. Mundy, N. R. White, Peter A. Childers and Elijah Cline, and for McDowell county, Joseph W. Hunter.

Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Wiggins.

The hour of 12, M, having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Principal Clerk, Messrs. Wright and Long were appointed a committee to superintend the election.
The following Senators voted for Neill McKay:
The following for W. A. Huske:
Messrs. Ellis, Kirby, Powell, Smith, Speight, Ward and Wright—7.
Neill McKay was declared duly elected.
On motion of Mr. Speight, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, at 10 o’clock.

FRIDAY, January 20, 1865.
The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the journal was read and approved.
Mr. Crump presented a petition from sundry citizens of Moore county, asking the appointment of Hugh C. McLean and John McN. Ferguson as magistrates in said county, and moved that they be appointed.
Mr. Wiggins moved that the matter be laid on the table. Agreed to.
Mr. Wiggins presented the petition of Rice B. Peirce, Chairman of the County Court of Halifax county, praying the passage of a law authorizing fifteen magistrates of said county to transact all county business therein. Also, a bill accompanying the petition to that effect; which passed its first reading.
Mr. Wright moved a suspension of the rules, in order to place the bill on its second and third readings; which was agreed to, and the bill passed its second and third readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.
Mr. Ward introduced a resolution to furnish Nathan Whitford, special magistrate of Craven county, a copy of the Revised Code; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Ellis introduced a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to enquire what legislation may be necessary to authorize the wives of soldiers in the army to make contracts, and that the committee report by bill or otherwise.

Also, a resolution asking the same committee to enquire what legislation may be necessary, if any, to prevent the sale of property under execution for specie, and also what legislation may be necessary to prevent the courts awarding judgments collectable in specie, in all cases where it does not appear to have been a specie contract, and that the committee report by bill or otherwise.

The Speaker announced the committee on enrolled bills for the present week, as consisting of Messrs. Long, Smith and Harris, and that on engrossed bills, as Messrs. Adams and Whitford.

The unfinished business in its order on the calendar being taken up, a resolution in favor of abolishing provost guards, with a substitute from the Committee on Military Affairs therefor was considered, and the substitute to the original resolution was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, passed its third reading.

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the North-Carolina Volunteer Navy Company," passed its second reading.

Resolutions protesting against the policy of emancipation for public services, with a substitute therefor, being before the Senate, were, on motion of Mr. Dick, made the special order for Monday next, at 12, M.

A bill to amend the 1st section of the 87th chapter, Revised Code, was put upon its second reading, and rejected.
Resolutions on the subject of impressment by the Confederate Government being before the Senate,

Mr. Wright moved that the second and third of the series be stricken out; but, on motion of Mr. Arendell, the further consideration of the subject was postponed till Tuesday next, at 12, M., being made the special order for that hour.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the resignation of Neill McKay, Esq., Engrossing Clerk, which had been accepted, and proposing to go into an election to supply the vacancy, naming as the candidates W. A. Huske, Theo. H. Hill and A. Pfohl, and stating that Messrs. Brown and Johnston were the committee on behalf of the House to superintend the election.

The Senate concurring in the House proposition, Messrs. Ward and Adams were appointed its committee to superintend the election, and the Senate then proceeded to vote, as follows:


For Mr. Pfohl—Messrs. Speaker, Bagley, Bogle, Dick, Lassiter, Matthews, Pool and Winstead—8.

A resolution requesting the Governor to remove, in a certain contingency, the Appraising State Commissioner, appointed by him, being under consideration, a substitute therefor, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, entitled "A resolution requesting the Appraising State Commissioners, in cases of appeal, to allow market value for articles impressed," was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, passed its second and, under a suspension of the rules, its third readings.
A bill to provide spirituous liquors for medical purposes in Cabarrus county for the use of indigent soldiers and citizens was, on its second reading, rejected.

A bill concerning impressments, being on its second reading,

Mr. Odom moved to amend by inserting in the sixteenth line, after the word "or," the words "shall refuse to select, when requested to do so, an individual to act as one of the local Appraisers, or shall impress without proper authority, or shall fail," which amendment was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, failed to pass its second reading.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk, reported the whole number of votes cast 133, of which Mr. Huske received 54, Mr. Hill 44, Mr. Pfohl 17 and Mr. Davis 18, and no one having received a majority of the votes cast, there was no election.

Mr. Berry moved a message be sent to the House, proposing to go forthwith into an election for Engrossing Clerk, which was agreed to, and the message was sent, Messrs. Straughan and Blount being appointed a committee on the part of the Senate to superintend said election, should the House concur.

Mr. Harris nominated T. W. Davis for Engrossing Clerk.

A bill to levy a tax in kind for the support of needy families of soldiers, being before the Senate on its second reading, and a substitute thereto being proposed by the committee on Propositions and Grievances, Mr. Wiggins moved that the substitute be printed. Agreed to.

A message was received from the House, concurring in the Senate proposition to go forthwith into the election of Engrossing Clerk, stating the withdrawal from nomination of Mr. Pfohl, and declaring the House committee on said election to be Messrs. Harrison and Brown, of Mecklenburg. The Senate then proceeded to vote as follows:


For Mr. Davis—Messrs. Grier, Harris, Powell, Whitford and Wiggins—5.

Engrossed resolutions concerning the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus were, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, owing to the absence of their mover, Mr. Warren, informally passed over.

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act authorizing the Governor to employ slave labor in erecting fortifications and other works," was put upon its second reading, and passed.

Mr. Straughan, from the committee to superintend the election of an Engrossing Clerk, on the part of the Senate, reported the whole number of votes cast 134, necessary to a choice 68, of which Mr. Huske receiving 56, Mr. Hill 46, and Mr. Davis 32. There was no election.

Engrossed bill to amend the laws regulating the appointment of Flour Inspectors for the town of Fayetteville, was, on motion of Mr. Straughan, amended so as to read in sec. 3, "one per cent." instead of "two per cent." and, as amended, passed its second reading.

Engrossed resolution relative to exemption of certain State employees, passed its second reading.

Engrossed bill to re-arrange the public offices in the capital, being under consideration,

Mr. Wright moved to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting an amendment, which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Ellis presented a communication from the Comptrol
ler relative to the re-arrangement of the public offices in the
capital, and ask that it be read, which, by leave of the Sen-
ate, was done.

Mr. Matthews then moved to lay the bill on the table.
So ordered.

Mr. Jones moved to adjourn till to-morrow at 10 o'clock,
A. M., which motion prevailed, and the Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1865.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following engrossed bills were read a second time and
passed, viz:

A bill to incorporate the Cumberland Monumental Asso-
ciation;

A bill to incorporate the Deep River Woolen Mills;

A bill to incorporate Mount Herman Lodge, A. Y. M., in
the county of Buncombe;

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate
the Cape Fear Importing and Exporting Company.

Engrossed bill to amend the 6th section, 71st chapter Re-
vised Code, being on its second reading,

Mr. Ward moved it be indefinitely postponed, and it was
so ordered by the Senate.

Engrossed bill declaring what number of Justices of the
Peace of the county of Columbus shall constitute a quorum
in cases where one-third is now required, passed its second
reading, and, on motion of Mr. Ellis, the rules were sus-
pended and the bill passed its third reading and was ordered
to be enrolled.

The following engrossed bills were read a second time and
passed, viz:

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for a
Turnpike Road from Salisbury, west, to the line of the State of Georgia;"

A bill making 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 authorizing the County Court of Jackson to appoint a Tax Collector;

Resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to receive partial payments of taxes due from counties within the enemy's lines, was read a second time and passed.

Senate resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish Nathan Whitford, Esq., with a copy of the Revised Code, passed its second, and, under a suspension of the rules, third reading.

Mr. Ward moved a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing to go forthwith into an election for Engrossing Clerk.

Mr. Matthews placed in nomination for Engrossing Clerk, Mr. A. Pfohl, and asked that the nomination accompany the message to the House. So ordered.

Messrs. Bryson and Matthews were announced as the committee on the part of the Senate to superintend the election, and the House was informed thereof.

Mr. Berry moved a suspension of the rules to place upon its third reading,

A bill to incorporate the Cumberland Monumental Association, which motion prevailing, the bill passed its third reading and was ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the North-Carolina Volunteer Navy Company, was read a third time and passed.

A bill to amend an act to authorize the Governor to employ slave labor, was read a third time and passed.

Engrossed bill to amend the laws regulating the appoint-
ment of Flour Inspector for the town of Fayetteville and fees to be charged by the same, being under consideration on its third reading,

Mr. Straughan, moved to amend by adding an additional section, as follows:

*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.*

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended, passed its third reading.

Engrossed resolution to exempt certain State employees, was read a third time and passed.

A message was received from the House, concurring in the Senate proposition to go forthwith into the election of an Engrossing Clerk, and announcing Messrs. Crawford, of Rowan and Riddick as the committee to superintend such election on the part of the House.

The Senate then proceeded to vote, as follows:

For Mr. Huske—Messrs. Speaker, Aycock, Berry, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Ellis, Hall, Horton, Miller, Patton, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Ward, Whitford and Wright—18.


For Mr. Davis—Messrs. Bagley, Bogle, Grier, Harris, Pitchford, Stubbs and Wiggins—7.

A message was received from the House, transmitting a statement of the condition of the Bank of Wadsworth', with a proposition to print the same, in which the Senate concurred.

A bill to incorporate the North and South Carolina Cen-
entral Railroad Company, being on its third reading, was, on motion of Mr. Ellis, laid on the table.

Mr. Hall introduced a resolution to authorize the Governor to send State supplies to Wilmington for the use of citizens, and moved the rules be suspended in order to place the resolution on its second and third readings.

Mr. Dick moved to amend by extending the provisions of the resolution to the county of Guilford.

Mr. Jones moved to amend the amendment by inserting after the word "Guilford," the words "and Wake."

The question being upon the adoption of the amendment to the amendment proposed by Mr. Jones, it was rejected.

The question then being on agreeing to Mr. Dick's amendment, it was rejected.

Mr. Pool moved to amend the resolution by inserting the word "military" before the word "supplies;" which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, passed its second and third readings, and, under a suspension of the rules, was ordered to be immediately engrossed and sent to the House.

Mr. Bryson, from the committee to superintend the election for an Engrossing Clerk on the part of the Senate, reported as follows: whole number of votes cast 134. Necessary to a choice 68. Of which Mr. Davis received 45; Mr. Huske 42; Mr. Hill 41, and Mr. Pfohl 6, and no candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, there was no election.

Mr. Horton moved a message be sent to the House, proposing to go forthwith into an election for Engrossing Clerk, which was agreed to, but thereafter, Mr. Horton moving to reconsider the vote by which his motion was carried, a reconsideration was had, and the motion laid on the table.

Mr. Bagley introduced a resolution in favor of D. F.
Bagley, Sheriff of Perquimans county, which was read first time.

Mr. Matthews moved a message be sent to the House, recommending certain citizens of Forsythe county to be appointed Justices of the Peace, which motion was laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Matthews then moved to adjourn until Monday at 10 o'clock, A.M. Not agreed to.

Mr. Arendell moved the Senate adjourn till Monday next, at 10 o'clock, which motion prevailed, and the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, January 23, 1865.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, A.M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Richard S. Mason, Jr., of the Episcopal Church.

The journal of Saturday last, the 21st, was read and approved.

The following engrossed resolutions and bills were put upon their third reading, and passed, to wit:

Resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to receive partial payments of taxes due from counties within the lines of the enemy.

A bill authorizing the County Court of Jackson to appoint or elect a tax collector for said county.

A bill concerning the mode of taking depositions in certain cases.

A message was received from the House, 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; in which proposition the Senate concurred, and
Messrs. Wiggins and Patterson were appointed the Senate branch of said committee, and the House informed thereof.

Also, another message, informing the Senate that the House had agreed to the Senate amendment to the "resolution in favor of abolishing provost guards."

Also, another message, transmitting the following engrossed bill and resolution, to wit:

A bill concerning the town of Fayetteville.

Resolution to retain millers and artizans at home, to serve the public.

Which, severally, passed their first readings.

The Speaker announced the committee on enrolled bills for the week, as Messrs. Smith, Wynne, and Patton; and, as the committee on engrossed bills, Messrs. Aycock and Ward.

The following engrossed bills were read a third time and passed, to wit:

A bill making the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department a Commissioner of Affidavits, for certain purposes.

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to provide for a Turnpike Road, west, to the line of the State of Georgia."

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Cape Fear Importing and Exporting Company."

A bill to incorporate Mount Herman Lodge, A. Y. M., in the county of Buncombe," after being amended, on motion of Mr. Patton, so as to read, after the word "property," in section 1, "real and personal, necessary only for the transaction of the business of the corporation."

A bill to incorporate Deep River Woolen Mills.

Resolution in favor of D. F. Bagley, sheriff of Perquimans county, was read a second time and passed.

Resolution to authorize the Governor to send State military supplies to the city of Wilmington, for the support of the citizens, was duly engrossed, and sent to the House.
Mr. Crump offered a resolution in favor of A. H. Sanders, former sheriff of Montgomery county, which passed its first reading.

Mr. Miller presented a petition from certain citizens of North-Carolina, soldiers in General Scales' Brigade, praying the passage of a law, allowing soldiers, on a second furlough of indulgence, transportation to their homes and back to the army. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following engrossed bills, which passed their first reading, to wit:

A bill to legalize the election of Intendent and Commissioners in the town of Monroe, in the county of Union.

A bill in regard to the holding of Courts in and for the county of Brunswick.

Mr. Wiggins moved a message be sent the House, proposing to go forthwith into the election of an Engrossing Clerk. Not agreed to.

Engrossed bill to amend the laws regulating the appointment of Flour Inspectors in the town of Fayetteville, and fees to be charged for the same, with an amendment thereto, adopted by the Senate, was sent to the House, with a message, asking its concurrence in the same.

A report was received from the Public Treasurer, in answer to a resolution of enquiry adopted by the Senate as to "the amount of money drawn from his department, under the contract by the State, to clothe her troops, and the amount reimbursed by the Confederate Government; which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Dick, informally laid on the table.

Mr. Smith moved a suspension of the rules to place it on its second and third readings.
A bill to legalize the election of Intendent and Commissioners in the town of Monroe, in the county of Union.

The rules were suspended, and the bill passed its second and third readings.

Mr. Kirby moved a message be sent to the House, proposing an adjournment on Saturday next. Referred to the Committee on Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Pool, a bill authorizing the Public Treasurer to rent out the buildings on Burke Square, with an amendment thereto from the House, proposing to strike out all after the word "square" in the fifth line of the first section, was taken from the table, and, the question being on concurring in the amendment of the House, the Senate refused to concur therein, and the House was informed thereof.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the special order that time was taken up, being resolutions protesting against the policy of emancipation for public services, with the report of the Committee on Confederate Relation thereon, which report proposed to strike out all after "Resolved" in the amendment to the original resolution, and insert the substitute reported by the committee.

The question being upon the adoption of the report,

Mr. Odom moved an amendment thereto, as follows: To strike out all in the second resolution after the word "of" in the fourth line, and insert "not only preventing the agitation of the slavery question by Congress, with a view to its destruction, but of establishing the institution permanently and forever throughout the whole Southern Confederacy, so far as Congress could affect it." And add an additional resolution, as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That we believe slavery to be the normal condition of the negro, and hence we will ever oppose any and every attempt to inaugurate a system, which is advocated
by some, of liberating slaves in consideration of public services to be rendered, or for any other cause, present or future; and

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to communicate a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The following bills and resolutions, duly engrossed, were transmitted to the House, to wit:

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the North-Carolina Volunteer Navy Company."

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.

Resolution requesting the Appraising State Commissioners, in cases of appeal, to allow market value for articles impressed.

Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish Nathan Whitford, Esq., with a copy of the Revised Code.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage by that body of Senate engrossed resolution authorizing the Governor to send State military supplies to Wilmington for the support of citizens, with the following amendments, viz: after the word "Wilmington," to insert the words "and town of Smithville," strike out the words "he may see proper" and insert instead "may be necessary," and also strike out the words "or the payment of the value of the same into the State Treasury," in which amendments the Senate concurred and the House is informed thereof.

Also, a message informing the Senate that the House concurred in Senate amendments to 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.

Also, a message announcing that the House receded from its amendments to a bill authorizing the Public Treasurer to rent out the buildings on Burke Square.

Also, a message proposing to go forthwith into an election for Engrossing Clerk, and placing in nomination S. Dutcher, Esq.

Also, a message placing in nomination for the office of Engrossing Clerk, Mrs. Win. J. Clark.

On motion of Mr. Ward, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, at 10 o’clock, A. M.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1865.

The Senate met at 10 o’clock, A. M.
The journal was read and approved.
Mr. Wright, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill in relation to the robbing of dwelling houses, reported it back, recommending that it do not pass. Also,
A resolution of inquiry as to the propriety of authorizing the wives of soldiers to make contracts, reporting that no further legislation was necessary.
Mr. Leitch introduced a bill, to be entitled “An act to enable the citizens of this State to consolidate their lands; which was read a first time, and referred the Committee on the Judiciary.
Mr. Bryson a resolution, instructing the Committee on Propositions and Grievances to inquire into the practicability of supplying the families of soldiers in the field, or the families of those that have been killed, captured or disabled, and other indigent families in the State, with cotton.
yarn or other material for the manufacture of clothing, at a cheaper rate than the present market prices, and that they report by bill or otherwise; which was adopted.

Mr. Ellis; resolutions instructing the Committee on Internal Improvements to inquire how many of the Railroad Companies in North-Carolina have violated and forfeited their charters, and that they report to the General Assembly, if in session, and if not in session, to the Governor. Postponed until to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hall a resolution, that the Senate go into secret session this evening, at 7 o'clock, and that the House be informed thereof. Agreed to.

Mr. Courts moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the foregoing resolution was adopted, and a recommendation being had, he moved to insert "three" instead of "seven;" which was agreed to.

The resolutions, as amended, passed.

Mr. Ellis; a bill to prevent the collection of debts in "specie" passed its first reading.

A message was sent to the House, concurring in the proposition to go immediately into an election for Engrossing Clerk, and Messrs Powell and Winstead were appointed to superintend the election on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Albright, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a resolution inquiring what legislation may be necessary to prevent the sale of property under execution for specie, and to prevent the Courts awarding judgments collectable in specie, asking to be discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Wright introduced a bill to repeal section 119, chapter 34, of the Revised Code; which passed its first reading.

A message was received from the House, announcing Messrs. Patterson and Cobb as the House committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk.
The Senate then voted as follows, viz:

For Mr. Dutcher—Mr. Speaker—1.

For Mr. Huske—Messrs. Aycock, Berry, Courts, Ellis, Hall, Horton, Leitch, Miller, Patterson, Patton, Smith, Straughan, Ward and Wright—14.


For Mr. Davis—Messrs. Bagley, Bogle, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Matthews, Pitchford, Whitford and Wiggins—9.

For Mr. Hill—Messrs. Adams, Blount, Mann, Odom and Snead—5.

For Mr. Smith—Mr. Powell—1.

For Mr. Wilson—Mr. Lassiter—1.

The unfinished business was then taken up, it being Mr. Odom's amendment to the report of the Committee on Confederate relations, proposed as a substitute for the amendment to resolutions protesting against the policy of general emancipation, pending its consideration, the hour of 12, M. having arrived, the special order for that time, resolutions on the subject of impressments, was, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, postponed.

Mr. Winstead, from the committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk, reported as follows, viz: whole number of votes cast 144. Necessary to a choice 73; of which Mr. Hill received 40; Mr. Wilson 2; Mr. Dutcher 1; Mr. Huske 20; Mr. Davis, 58; Mrs. Clark 22; Mr. Smith 1.

No one having received a majority, there was no election.

A message was received from the House, proposing to go forthwith into an election for Engrossing Clerk, and announcing Messrs. Patterson and Cobb as the committee to superintend the election on the part of the House.

Concurred in, and Messrs. Horton and Bryson were ap-
pointed to superintend the election on the part of the Senate, and the House informed thereof.

A message was received from the House, proposing that the Senate meet in joint convention this afternoon at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of going into secret session, which proposition was agreed to, and a message sent to the House announcing the Senate's concurrence.

A message was received, announcing that the House branch of the Select Committee on adjournment consisted of Messrs. Cowles, McAden and Love.

The Senate then proceeded to vote for Engrossing Clerk, as follows, viz:

For Mr. Davis—Messrs. Speaker, Aycock, Bagley, Berry, Bogle, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, Matthews, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Ward, Whitford and Wiggins—19.

For Mrs. Clark—Messrs. Arendell, Bryson, Horton, Long, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Patterson, Stubbs, Taylor, Winstead and Wynn—12:

For Mr. Huske—Messrs. Courts, Leitch, Straughan and Wright—4.

For Mr. Hill—Messrs. Adams, Blount, Dick, Lassiter, Mann and Odom—6.

Mr. Bryson, from the committee to superintend the election of Engrossing Clerk, reported as follows, viz:

Whole number of votes cast 137. Necessary to a choice 69. Of which Mr. Davis received 80; Mr. Hill 35; Mrs. Clark 21, and Mr. Wilson 1. Mr. Davis having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected.

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the Senate then adjourned to meet the House in joint secret conference this evening, at 3 o'clock.
Evening Session, 6 o’clock.

The Senate met, and, on motion of Mr. Courts, went into secret session.

At ten minutes to eight o’clock, the Senate resolved itself into open session, and, on motion of Mr. Ellis, adjourned until to-morrow, 10 A. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 25, 1865.

Senate met at 10 o’clock, A. M.

The journal was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Courts, the Senate went into secret session.

The Senate resolved itself into open session at twenty minutes to 11 o’clock.

Mr. Hall introduced a resolution exempting the commissioners and others of the town of Wilmington from Home Guard duty; which was referred to the Committee on military affairs.

A message was received from the House, transmitting statements from the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Insane Asylum, in response to certain inquiries of the Committee on the Insane Asylum, with a proposition to print; in which proposition the Senate concurred, and the House is so informed.

Mr. Wright, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill, to be entitled "An act to enable the citizens of this State to consolidate their lands," reported against the passage of the bill.

The unfinished business was then taken up, being the consideration of resolutions protesting against the policy of emancipation for public services.

The question being on agreeing to the amendments pro-
posed by Mr. Odom to the report of the Committee on Confederate Relations,

Mr. Patterson moved to strike out the words "or for any other cause, present or future," at the close of the second resolution; which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Odom's amendments were then not agreed to.

Mr. Wiggins moved to strike out the fourth resolution in the report of the Committee on Confederate Relations, to wit:

"That the failure of Congress to establish a Supreme Court of the Confederate States, in the face of the positive constitutional requirements, makes it necessary for each State to decide for itself the extent and meaning of the powers delegated to the General Government.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Ellis then moved to strike out the second resolution in the report of the committee:

"That the provision in the Constitution of the Confederate States, which specifically forbids Congress to pass any law 'impairing the right of property in negro slaves,' was inserted for the special purpose of refusing to Congress the power to take them for public use without the consent of the States."

And upon this question Mr. Dick asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aycock, Bryson, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Leitch, McEachern, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Stubbs, Ward, Whitford, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—22.

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the resolution was stricken out.
The question being on agreeing to the resolution as amended,

Mr. Patterson asked for a division of the question. The Speaker decided the question was divisible, and that the resolutions be voted on separately.

Mr. Odom asked for the yeas and nays on the passage of these resolutions, and the question being on the passage of the first resolution, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the resolution passed.
The question then being on the passage of the third resolution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the resolution passed.

Mr. Odom moved to add an additional resolution, as follows:
“That his Excellency, Governor Z. B. Vance, be requested to communicate a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Ward moved to amend by striking out all after “Resolved” in the first resolution, and insert the following: “That, while we are willing that the Confederate Government may take as many of our slaves as may be necessary, as cooks, teamsters, and laborers, we see no necessity for arming them as soldiers at present.”

Upon this question, Mr. Arendell asked for the yeas and nays, and, one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:
Messrs. Aycock, Bryson, Crump, Grier, Harris, Kirby, McEachern, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Ward and Winstead—12.

Those who voted in the negative are:

So this amendment was not agreed to.

The resolutions as amended, the report of the committee, were agreed to, and then passed their second reading.

Mr. Lassiter moved to make resolutions upon the subject of impressments by the Confederate Government the special order for to-morrow at 12 o’clock, M. Agreed to.

Mr. Ellis introduced resolutions recommending that a bounty of land and negroes be paid in kind to soldiers. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the Public Treasurer in answer to certain enquiries of him, and that the same be printed. Agreed to.

Mr. Bryson moved the bill to amend the 19th section,
chapter 34, of the Revised Code, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. And the reference was agreed to.

Mr. McCorkle introduced a bill more effectually to prevent the sacrifice of property during the war. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Straughan, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, January 26, 1865.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The journal was read and approved.

Mr. Stubbs, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a petition signed by a number of the soldiers of Scales' Brigade, praying the General Assembly to pass a law admitting all soldiers, who may get a second furlough of indulgence, transportation to their homes and back to the army again, reported it back, asking to be discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Bryson, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to repeal section 119, chapter 34, of the Revised Code, reported it back, asking to be discharged from its further consideration.

A message was received from the House, transmitting to the Senate a report of the Public Treasurer in answer to a resolution of the House of Commons, requiring information as to the steps he may have taken to collect the claims due the State from Confederate Government; which was read.

Also, a message, transmitting the following engrossed bill and resolutions, viz:

A bill to give the County Courts of Pitt jurisdiction in the re-establishment of lost wills;

Resolution in reference to the arrest and confinement of
Henry P. Ritter, of Chowan county, by the Provost Marshal at Weldon.

Which were severally read the first time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Blount, the rules were suspended, and the said engrossed bill to give the County Court of Pitt jurisdiction in the re-establishment of lost wills, passed its second and third readings.

Mr. Patterson moved that the resolution in reference to the arrest and confinement of Henry P. Ritter, of Chowan county, be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances; and the reference was so ordered.

Mr. Matthews introduced a bill to amend the act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization; which passed its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Engrossed bill concerning the town of Fayetteville, was read a second time, and passed.

Engrossed resolution, entitled "A resolution to retain millers and artizans at home to serve the public," was read, and the question being on their adoption,

Mr. Lassiter asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:


The resolution was adopted.

Engrossed bill entitled "A bill in regard to the holding of courts in and for the county of Brunswick," was read a
second time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Ellis, the rules were suspended and the bill passed its third reading.

Engrossed bill in relation to the robbing of dwelling houses, being on its second reading, Mr. McEachern moved an amendment as follows, to come in at the end of the first section:

*Provided,* That this law shall apply only to deserters from our army, and such bands of deserters and lawless men as have banded themselves together for the express purpose of robbing our citizens.

Mr. Bagley moved to lay the whole matter upon the table, and upon that question, asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Aycock, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Horton, Kirby, McCorkle, McEachern, Miller, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford and Whitford—14.

So the bill was laid on the table.

The hour of 12 M., having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the special order for that time, viz: resolutions upon the subject of impressments by the Confederate government, the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Wright, to strike out the second and third resolutions.

Pending the consideration of the subject, on motion of Mr. McEachern, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock.
FRIDAY, January 27, 1865.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The journal was read and approved.

Mr. Stubbs, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a resolution exempting the Commissioners and others of the town of Wilmington from Home Guard duty, recommending it do not pass.

Also, a bill to amend the act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization, with a recommendation that it do not pass.

A message was received from the House of Commons, transmitting the following engrossed bills and resolutions, which were read the first time and passed, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the Trustee of the Hill Orphan Fund.

A bill to exempt employees of newspapers from Home Guard duty.

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 book furnished the House of Commons.

Resolutions authorizing the Governor to cause the removal of the State Salt Works near Wilmington, North Carolina, to Saltville, in Virginia, or to such other point as he shall deem best.

Resolution in favor of Thomas R. Fentress, of the City of Raleigh, was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Jones, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Resolutions in favor of privates, non-commissioned officers, and officers of the line, were read and adopted.

Mr. Arendell introduced a resolution in favor of the Surgeons composing the Home Guard Examining Boards, which
passed its first reading and was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Winstead introduced a resolution in favor of Samuel F. Phillips and Henry T. Plummer, which passed its first, and, under a suspension of the rules, its second and third readings.

The unfinished business was then taken up, to wit:

Resolutions upon the subject of impressments by the Confederate government, the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Wright, to strike out the second and third resolutions, and, upon this question, Mr. Wiggins asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:


So the second and third resolutions were stricken out.

Mr. Ward moved an amendment, as follows: strike out all after the word "Resolved," in the first resolution, and insert as follows, to wit:

That an act, entitled "An act concerning impressments," ratified 12th of December, 1863, be published, with the laws passed at the present session of this General Assembly.

Which amendment was not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon the passage of the resolutions on their second reading,

Mr. Lassiter asked for the yeas and nays thereon, and one-fifth agreeing,
Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the resolutions passed their second reading.

Mr. Matthews moved that the rules be suspended, and that the resolutions be put upon their third reading; which was agreed to, and the resolutions were read the third time and passed.

A message was received from the House, transmitting a communication from the Public Treasurer, with a proposition that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance; in which proposition the Senate concurred, and the House was so informed.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following engrossed bills; which were read the first time and passed, to wit:

A bill to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish up Newbegan creek, in the county of Pasquotank.
A bill concerning roads.
A bill in favor of discharged soldiers from the Confederate States Army.

Mr. Ellis moved that resolutions introduced by himself, entitled "Resolutions recommending a bounty of land and negroes, to be paid in kind to soldiers, be made the special order for Monday next, at 12 o'clock. Agreed to.

Mr. Ward moved that a bill to levy a tax in kind for the support of needy families of soldiers, be made the special
order for Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock; and the Senate so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Pitchford, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 28, 1865.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock.

The journal was read and approved.

Mr. Bryson, by permission of the Senate, changed his vote on the final passage of the resolutions upon the subject of impressments by the Confederate government.

Mr. Bryson presented a petition from certain citizens of Clay county, asking the appointment of T. J. Herbert as a magistrate for said county, which was passed over informally.

Mr. Patterson introduced 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 was read the first time and passed, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed its second and third readings.

Mr. Warren introduced a bill to amend an act entitled "Revenue," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, a bill for the relief of W. B. Campbell, Sheriff of Beaufort county, which passed its first reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, was read the second and third time and passed.

The following resolutions and bill on the private calendar were then taken up, viz:

Resolution in favor of D. F. Bagley, Sheriff of Perquimans county, which was read the third time and passed.

A resolution in favor of A. H. Saunders, former sheriff of Montgomery county, passed its second reading; and, on mo-
tion of Mr. Crump, the rules were suspended, and the resolution passed its third reading.

Engrossed bill entitled "A bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Hill Orphan fund," was read the second time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Patterson, the rules were suspended, and the bill passed its third reading.

Resolutions protesting against the policy of arming slaves, were read the third time, and the question being upon their final passage, Mr. Arendell called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Patton asked a division of the question.

The Speaker decided that the question was divisible, and that the resolutions would be voted on separately. The question then being upon the passage of the first resolution, and one-fifth agreeing to the call for the yeas and nays, the vote was so taken.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:
Messrs. Aycock, Bryson, Courts, Crump, Grier, Harris, McEachern, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford and Ward—11.

So the first resolution was passed.

The question then being on the passage of the second resolution, (the third in the report as originally proposed,) it passed its third reading.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:
Those who voted in the negative are:
Mr. Arendell withdrew his call for the yeas and nays on the passage of the last resolution, and it was passed.
So the resolutions passed *seriatim*, their third and last reading.

Engrossed bill entitled "A bill concerning the town of Fayetteville," was read a third time and passed.
A bill to prevent the collection of debts in specie, was read a second time and informally passed over.
A message was received from the House, transmitting the following engrossed bills and resolutions, which were disposed of as follows:

A bill to exempt the officers and employees of the North Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company from service, on certain conditions, which passed its first reading.

Mr. Grier moved a suspension of the rules to put the bill on its second and third readings, which was agreed to, and the bill passed its second reading.
The bill then being on its third reading,
Mr. McCorckle moved to amend by striking out the word "both" in the 9th line of the first section, and in the 10th line of the same section, to strike out words "and Confederate States," which amendments were agreed to.

Mr. Patterson moved to amend, by adding the following additional section, viz:

*Be it further enacted,* That the Governor be requested to ask the detail from the Confederate Government of the employees mentioned in the section of this act for the purposes aforesaid; and the bill, as amended, passed its third reading.

A bill to amend the charter of the Drakesville Iron Company, in the county of Chatham, passed its first reading,
and, under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straughan, passed its second and third readings.

A bill concerning injunctions, passed its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolution in favor of Clement Jackson and Guion McFarland, was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Patterson, its further consideration was postponed till Monday.

Resolution in favor of D. F. Bagley, sheriff of Perquimans, and

A resolution in favor of S. F. Phillips and H. L. Plummer, were duly engrossed, and sent to the House.

A message was received from the House, containing resolutions proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee of two from the House and one from the Senate, to enquire into the amount of expenditures made by the Superintendent and Directors of the Lunatic Asylum for the last two years, and for what purposes the said expenditures have been made, and whether it be expedient to make any further appropriation to continue the aforesaid institution, and that the committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making any change in the number of Directors or other officers, or reforms in the management thereof—should they be of opinion that the institution should be longer continued.

The Senate concurred in the proposition contained in the resolutions from the House, and Mr. Patterson was appointed the Senate branch of the Joint Select Committee.

A bill to repeal section 119, chapter 34, of the Revised Code, was read the second time and passed.

A bill to enable citizens of this State to consolidate their lands, was read the second time, and rejected.

A resolution exempting the commissioners and others of the town of Wilmington from Home Guard duty, was read the second time, and informally passed over.
A bill to amend the act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard Organization, ratified December 23d, 1864, was read the second time; but informally passed over.

A resolution authorizing the Governor to cause the removal of the State Salt Works, near Wilmington, N. C., to Saltville, in Virginia, or to such other point as he shall deem best, was read the second time, and

Mr. Straughan moved to amend, by adding an additional resolution, as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the Governor be authorized to sell or rent any portion of the machinery to any company or individual in the interior of the State that may be engaged in making salt; which amendment was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, passed its second reading; and,

On motion of Mr. Wright, the rules were suspended, and the resolution passed its third reading.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Claims, reported an engrossed resolution, entitled "Resolution in favor of Thos. R. Fentress, of the City of Raleigh," with the recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the rules were suspended, and the resolution passed its second and third readings.

Engrossed bill, entitled "A bill to exempt employees of newspapers from Home Guard duty, was read the second time.

Mr. Dick asked for the yeas and nays on the passage of the bill on its second reading, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Aycock, Bryson, Ellis, Harris, McCorkle, Miller,
So the bill did pass its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the Senate adjourned till Monday, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 30, 1865.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, A. M.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Richard Mason, Jr.
The journal was read and approved.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported resolutions in reference to the arrest and confinement of Henry P. Ritter, of Chowan county, by the Provost Marshal, at Weldon, recommending their passage.

Mr. Wright, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill more effectually to prevent the sacrifice of property during the war, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Messages were received from the House, recommending certain persons to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace for their respective counties.

Mr. Bogle moved that the name of Jas. C. Roseman be stricken from the list for Rowan county, which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Pitchford moved to lay the recommendations on the table, and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing, the vote was so ordered.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:
Messrs. Ellis, Grier, Harris, McEachern, Pitchford, Speight, Stubbs, Ward, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—11.
Those who voted in the negative are:

So the Senate refused to lay the recommendations on the table.

The Senate then concurred in the recommendations from the House, excepting the name of M. Roseman, for the county of Rowan, the recommendations so concurred in being as follows, to wit:

For Alamance county—Messrs. Joel Shoffner and Wm A. Albright.


For Ashe county—Messrs. Jas B Porson, Joshua Sturgill and Alex D McMillan.


For Alexander county—Messrs. P A Childers, N B White, E Cline, Logan Munday and Wm M Bogle.

For Bladen county—Messrs. A D McLean and Ewing Johnston.

For Bertie county—Messrs. W F McGlurhorn and W S Pugh.


For Brunswick county—Messrs. F W Potter and Jas E Roberts.

For Catawba county—Messrs. Frederick Smith, Wm G James, Thomas Wilkinson, John S Robinson and Eli Warlock.


For Davidson county—Messrs. William F Rice, Charles M Perryman, Robert Gray, Harvey Blackburn, Andrew Sechrist and Daniel Ward.

For Gaston county—Messrs. Jerome B Fulton, Robert Rankin, Robert Wilson and Samuel Craig.

For Guilford county—Messrs. F Halton, Manley Jarrell D P Foust.


For Craven county—Messrs. T H Allen, J Fulford, J D Whitford, B F Mason and W W Fife.


For Edgecombe county—Messrs. E S Cobb and R R Dupre.


For Hertford county—Mr. Jesse A Perry.

For Iredell county—Messrs. R R Templeton, M Nicholson, Thos N Ramsey, Moses Trollinger and Hayne Davis.


For McDowell county—Messrs. J W Hunter, R Freeman and B W Craig.

For Mitchell county—Messrs. Wilson Sparks, G Greenlee, T B Young, R N Penland, Jesse Blaylock and Jesse Mason.


For New Hanover county—Messrs. B F Keith and J B Alderman.


For Madison county—Jas Treadway, T E Gregory, John Radford, Jas A Jervis and D H Buckner.


For Rockingham county—Messrs. W P Watt and Johnston Bennett

For Stanly county—Mr. D Tucker.

For Stokes county—Messrs. B T Wilson, G W Webster, W H Reid, O H Simmons, D W Steele, J A Martin, J F Dalton and W C Matthews.

For Wayne county—Messrs. W R Peacock, T A Granger, Owen Peel, Jas M Kornegay, D Creech, D Cogdell and J W Smith.


For Yadkin county—Messrs. J F Salmon, S C Welsh, J D Johnson, H Hicks, R Ray, Enoch Swain, Gaither


For Clay county—Messrs. Amos Ledford, Geo McClure, T B Bristol, T J Herbert and W B Tidwell.


And the House is informed of the action of the Senate upon the recommendations of the House.

Mr. Dick moved that Thomas Graham and Daniel G. Neelley be recommended to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace for Guilford county.

Mr. Speight moved that A J Rouse be similarly recommended for Lenoir county, and E. W. Mattocks for Onslow.

Mr. Warren, D C. Murray for Wake, and Ransom H. Tiauncey for Beaufort.

Mr. Grier, David H. Hart, for Mecklenburg.

Mr. Bryson, Andrew Barnard, Harvey Penland and Jno. Anderson for Clay; and for Cherokee, Samuel Johnson; for Macon, J. B. Cunningham, J. H. Bryson, T. M. Angel, Jas. W. Dobson, B. W. Moore, C. S. Rogers and R. A. Phillips; and

Mr. Bogle nominated George Lyerly, for Rowan county; all of which recommendations were concurred in by the Senate, and a message was sent to the House, asking its concurrence therein.

Mr. Wright presented a petition from sundry citizens of Cumberland county, praying the appointment of W. H. Carver and F. W. Thornton, as Justices of the Peace for
that county, and moved they be so recommended; which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Lassiter presented a petition from sundry citizens of Granville county, praying that Fracis J. Tilley be appointed a Justice of the Peace for said county; which petition was, on motion of Mr. Arendell, laid on the table.

A message was received from the House, announcing the House branch of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills for the week as consisting of Messrs. Patterson, Reinhardt, McMillan, and Horton, of Watauga.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Lassiter, Dick and Wynn as the Committee on Enrolled Bills for the present week, on the part of the Senate.

A message was received from the House, announcing Messrs. Allison and Brown, of Mecklenburg, as the House branch of the Joint Select Committee to inquire into the amount of expenditures for the Insane Asylum and for other purposes.

Also, a message, stating the concurrence of the House in the Senate amendments to a bill to exempt the officers and employes of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company, on certain conditions.

Also, a message transmitting engrossed resolutions in favor of Messrs. Calvert and Rogers, contestants for Northampton.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the special order for that time was then taken up, to wit: "Resolutions recommending that a bounty of land and negroes be paid in kind to soldiers.

Mr. Grier moved to strike out the words "and who was not a slave owner at the time of enlistment," in the twenty-first line, which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Wright moved that the further consideration of the
resolution be postponed, and that they be printed, which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Patton moved that the resolution be laid on the table. Upon this question Mr. Ellis asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing, the vote was so taken.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the motion to lay on the table did not prevail, and, on motion of Mr. Arendell, the resolutions were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the House, announcing its concurrence in Senate amendments to the engrossed resolution authorizing the Governor to cause the removal of the State Salt Works, near Wilmington, North-Carolina, to Saltville, in Virginia, or to such other point as he shall deem best.

Also, a message concurring in the action of the Senate in striking out from the list of House recommendations for appointment as magistrates the name of James Roseman, and concurring in the recommendations made by the Senate.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported engrossed bill concerning injunctions, and recommended that it do pass.

Mr. Pitchford introduced a bill in regard to the North-Carolina Express Company, which passed its first reading.

A bill to exempt employees of newspapers from Home Guard duty, was read the third time, and
Mr. Ellis moved to insert after the word "thereof" in the seventh line, the words "and school teachers regularly employed in teaching schools of twenty scholars or more," which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Dick moved to amend by inserting after the words "Tax Collector," the words "and mill wrights," which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Lassiter moved to insert after the words "Tax Collectors" the words "one deputy sheriff in each county in which there is no Tax Collector," which was not agreed to.

The bill as amended, was then rejected.

Mr. Horton introduced a resolution proposing to adjourn sine die, on Wednesday next, the 1st day of February, which motion was referred to the Committee on adjournment.

And then, on motion of Mr. Miller, the Senate adjourned till to morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1865.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Atkinson.

The journal was read and approved.

Mr. Speight moved that W. R. Bryant be recommended to be commissioned as a Justice of the Peace for Greene county, which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Bryson introduced a bill to purchase cotton and cotton yarn for the families of soldiers in the field, and other indigent persons which passed its first reading and was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

A bill to repeal section 119, chapter 34, of the Revised Code, was read the third time.

Mr. Odom moved to amend by striking out the word "repealed" in the last line of the first section, and inserting
instead thereof, the word "suspended," which amendment was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed its third reading.

The following engrossed resolutions and bills were read the second time and passed, to wit:

Resolution in favor of the Principal Clerk of the two Houses.

Resolution in favor of the Principal of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum for a calendar book furnished the House of Commons.

A bill concerning roads.

Resolution in favor of Messrs. Calvert and Rogers, contestans from Northampton county.

A bill in favor of discharged soldiers from the Confederate States.

Engrossed bill, entitled "A bill to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish up Newbegan creek, in the county of Pasquotank, was read a second time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Bagley, the rules were suspended, and the bill passed its third reading.

Engrossed bill, entitled "A bill concerning injunctions," was read the second time and passed; and,

On motion of Mr. Wright, the rules were suspended, and the bill passed its third reading.

Mr. Bryson introduced a bill to make sheriffs and jailors responsible for the escape of deserters placed in their custody; which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill in regard to the North-Carolina Express Company, was read the second time, and passed.

A bill more effectually to prevent the sacrifice of property being on its second reading,

Mr. McCorckle moved to amend, by adding the following, to come in at the end of the first section:
"That each and every plaintiff, when application is made for judgment, in all cases of contract, shall state in person, or by attorney, whether or not it is his intention to demand specie; and this act shall be so construed as to apply to proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and continue in force during the continuation of the present war."

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed its second reading.

Messrs. Speight and Taylor were announced as constituting the Committee on Engrossed Bills for the present week.

A message was received from the House, asking the concurrence of the Senate in recommending G. A. Lowe to be commissioned as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Surry; in which recommendation the Senate concurred, and the House was informed thereof.

Also, a message recommending the appointment of the following persons as Justices of the Peace for their respective counties, to wit:

For Catawba county—Mr. Alfred Ramseur.
For Duplin county—Dr. John Howard.
For Sampson county—Mr. Charles P Johnson.
For Beaufort county—Mr. James B Stickney.
For Cumberland county—Mr. Ephraim Page.
In which recommendations the Senate concurred, and the House was so informed.
Mr. Patton moved that Robert McIntosh be recommended to be commissioned as a Justice of the Peace for Yancey county; and Robert Payne, Aaron Freman, Solomon Brigm-an and Zachariah Bryant, for Madison county;

Mr. Blount similarly recommended W. Wray, for Pitt county.

Which recommendations were severally agreed to by the Senate, and a message sent to the House asking its concurrence.

Mr. Ellis moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to recommend F. W. Thornton and W. H. Car-ver to be commissioned as Justices of the Peace for Cumber-land county, and a reconsideration being had, the recom-mendations were, on his motion, laid on the table.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Senate proceeded to consider the special order for that time, being a bill to levy a tax in kind for the support of needy families of sol-diers.

The question being on the amendment proposed by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances as a substitute for the original bill,

Mr. Wright moved to amend the amendment by inserting in the first section after the word "pork" the words "or its equivalent in bacon," which amendment was agreed to.

Also, the following, to come in at the first section, "pro-vided, that the party shall state upon oath that he has not more than a sufficiency for the support and maintenance of his own family," which was agreed to.

The amendment proposed by the committee was then agreed to, and the question then being on the passage of the bill on its second reading,

Mr. Ward moved an additional section be inserted as follows:

*Be it further enacted, That the taxes herein provided for*
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may be laid at any regular term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, or at a special term called by the Chairman of the County Court for that purpose, for the year 1865; which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Patton moved to insert after the word "shall" in the fifth line of the first section, the words "have power." Agreed to.

Mr. Grier moved to strike out the following sentence in section four "And the said commissioners, not exceeding two for each militia district, shall be exempt from military service, unless the Governor shall specially order otherwise," which amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended then passed its second reading.

Mr. Ward moved a suspension of the rules to place it on its third reading, which motion was not agreed to.

A message was received from the House, concurring in the recommendations made by the Senate for the commissioning of certain persons as Justices of the Peace.

Also, a message asking the concurrence of the Senate in similarly recommending certain other persons, in which recommendations the Senate refused to concur.

Mr. Warren moved resolutions relating to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus*, be made the special order for to-morrow at twelve o'clock, which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Stubbs introduced a resolution that a message be sent to the House, proposing that the two Houses adjourn on Friday, at 10 o'clock, A. M, to meet again on the second Tuesday in May next.

Mr. Arendell moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Adjournment, and, on this question,

Mr. Ellis asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Arendell, Bagley, Blount, Bogle, Bryson, Dick,
Jones, Lassiter, Leitch, Odom, Patterson, Snead, Straughan, Taylor, Warren, Winstead and Wright—17.

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the resolution was not referred.

Mr. Odom moved to strike out "the second Tuesday in May next," and insert instead thereof, "Tuesday, the fourteenth of March."

Mr. Leitch moved an amendment to the amendment, to strike out "Tuesday, the fourteen of March," and insert instead thereof "the first Monday in April;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dick moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow, and on that question,
Mr. Ellis asked for, and the Senate ordered, the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

Mr. Arendell then moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "Tuesday, the fourteenth of March," and inserting instead thereof "the fifteenth of April;" which was not agreed to.
Mr. Arendell moved to adjourn till to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock. Not agreed to.

The question then being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Odom, it was not agreed to.

Mr. Arendell then moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Not agreed to.

Mr. Patterson moved the resolution be laid on the table for the present. Not agreed to.

Mr. Arendell moved to amend, by striking out "the second Tuesday of May," and inserting instead thereof "the fourteenth of April.

Mr. Patterson moved the further consideration of the matter be postponed till to-morrow. Agreed to.

Mr. Matthews then moved the Senate adjourn till 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, and the Senate so adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 1, 1865.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The journal was read and approved.

Mr. Bogle, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to make sheriffs and jailors responsible for the escape of deserters placed in their custody, asking that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Mr. Stubbs introduced a bill entitled "A bill for the benefit of persons who have entered vacant lands," which passed its first reading.

Mr. McEachern introduced a bill to increase the penalty for failing to work on public roads, which passed its first reading.

Mr. Wiggins presented a petition from sundry citizens of Halifax county, asking the appointment of sundry persons
as Justices of the Peace for said county, and moved that they be recommended to be commissioned.

Mr. Long moved that the recommendations be laid on the table.

Mr. Wiggins asked for the yeas and nays thereon, and, one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:
Messrs. Arendell, Berry, Harris, Lassiter, Long, Mann, Patterson, Pitchford, Speight, Stranghan, Ward, Wright and Wynn—13.

Those who voted in the negative are:

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

The recommendations were then agreed to, and a message was sent to the House asking its concurrence therein.

Mr. Bagley introduced a resolution concerning mileage of members of the General Assembly, which was read a first time and passed.

Mr. Bryson moved that the rules be suspended and the resolution placed on its several readings.

Mr. Berry thereon asked the yeas and nays, but the Senate refused so to order.

The rules were then suspended and the resolution passed its second and third reading.

Mr. McCorkle moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate laid on the table recommendation from the House to appoint L. T. Hunt Justice of the Peace for Caswell county.

Mr. Wiggins moved to lay the motion on the table. Not agreed to, and the Senate then concurred in the recommendation.

Mr. Patterson, from the Joint Select Committee to whom
was referred the report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, submitted a report which was read, and a bill, accompanying the report, which was read a first time and passed.

Mr. Wiggins moved that the report be printed. Agreed to.

The unfinished business was then taken up, being the resolution introduced by Mr. Stubbs, proposing to adjourn on Friday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Arendell, to strike out "the second Tuesday in May" and insert instead thereof "fourteenth of April," which amendment was not agreed to.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Ellis thereon asked for the yeas and nays, and, one-fifth agreeing, the Senate so ordered.

Mr. Wiggins moved to strike out "second," and insert instead thereof "third" Tuesday. Agreed to.

And then moved its further consideration be postponed till to-morrow. Agreed to.

A bill to levy a tax in kind for the needy families of soldiers, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Dick moved a message be sent to the House, proposing to remove the injunction of secrity from the proceedings of the Legislature on Tuesday last, the 24th inst.

Mr. Ellis moved the vote be taken on that proposition by yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing, the vote was so taken.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Berry, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Leitch, Mann, McFachern, Miller, Patton, Pitchford, Pow-

So the resolution did not pass.

A message was received from the House, concurring in the recommendation of certain persons as Justices of the Peace for Halifax county.

A bill to prevent the sacrifice of property, was read the third time, and, on its final passage, Mr. Warren asked for the yeas and nays, and, one-fifth agreeing, the vote was so taken.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:
Messrs. Bagley, Berry, Blount, Bogle, Bryson, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Horton, Jones, Kirby, Mann, Matthews, McCorkle, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Snead, Speight, Straughan, Taylor, Whitford, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—31.

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the bill passed its third reading.

A bill in regard to the North-Carolina Express Company, was read a third time and passed.

A bill in favor of discharged soldiers from the Confederate States army, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Ellis moved to take up and consider resolutions instructing the Committee on Internal Improvements. Agreed to, and the resolutions were read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, amended by striking out "the Committee on Internal Improvements" and inserting instead thereof "a Joint Select Committee of one from the Senate and two from the House."

On motion of Mr. Patterson, they were further amended by striking out "how many" in the second line, and inserting instead thereof "if any."
Mr. Wiggins moved further to amend, by adding "that said committee receive the same per diem and mileage as members of the General Assembly." Agreed to.

Mr. Bryson moved to strike out "one," in the first line, and insert instead thereof "two," and "two" in the second line, and in the place thereof insert "three." Agreed to.

The resolutions then passed their first reading.

The rules being suspended, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, they then passed their second and third readings.

A message was received from the House, proposing to go forthwith into an election for one Trustee of the University, and asking the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Stubbs, the message was laid on the table.

The Speaker announced that he had received the following enrolled bills and resolutions, which had been ratified by the Speaker of the House of Commons, and were then ratified by him, to wit:

An act to authorize the Secretary of State to employ a clerk.

Resolution to authorize the Governor to send State military supplies to the city of Wilmington, for the support of citizens.

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.

An act to amend an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Cape Fear Importing and Exporting Company."

An act declaring what amount 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 authorizing the Public Treasurer to rent out the buildings on Burke Square.

An act to incorporate the Deep River Woolen Mills.
An act authorizing the County Court of Jackson to appoint or elect a tax collector for said county.

An act to incorporate Mount Herman Lodge, A. Y. M., in the county of Buncombe.

Resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to receive partial payments of taxes due from counties within the lines of the enemy.

Resolution in favor of abolishing Provost Guards.

An act to legalize the election of the Intendent and Commissioners of the town of Monroe, in the county of Union.

An act making the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department a Commissioner of Affidavits for certain purposes.

An act to amend an act to provide for a Turnpike Road from Salisbury, west, to the line of the State of Georgia.

Resolution referring to S. F. Phillips, Esq., the matters pertaining to the States' blockade operations.

Resolution relative to the exemption of certain State employees.

An act to facilitate the building of bridges that have been washed away in the counties of Alamance and Granville.

An act to incorporate the Cumberland Monumental Association.

An act concerning the mode of taking depositions in certain cases.

Resolution to retain millers and artizans at home, to serve the public.

Resolution of thanks to Major Harvey Bingham and Captain Jordan Cook, and the men under their command.

Resolutions 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.

A message was received from the House, proposing to go immediately into an election for five Directors of the Insane Asylum, and therewith, a list of the House nominations, as follows: Messrs. D. G. Worth, N. Allston, W. H. Harrison, W. S. Battle, A. H. Martin, J. V. Jordan and J. P. H. Russ.

Also, another message, placing in nomination Messrs. John A. Taylor, A. D. McLean, Thomas B. Harris, G. A. Farribault, James N. Cannon, Patrick Murphy and D. F. Caldwell, and announcing the House branch of the committee to superintend the election, as Messrs. Cowles and Cunningham.

The Senate concurring in this proposition, Messrs. Pitchford and McCorcicle were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate to superintend said election, and the House was so informed.

The Senate then proceeded to vote as follows:


For M. F. Arendell—Messrs. Adams, Bagley, Bogle, Dick, Jones, Lassiter, Leitch, Mann, Miller, Odom, Pitch-


For T. J. Pitchford—Messrs. Crump, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Long, McEachern, Patterson, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Ward, Wiggins and Wright—15


For W. S. Battle—Messrs. Arendell, Berry, Blount, Horton, McCorckle, Patton, Pitchford and Straughan—8.


For Dr. Crump—Messrs. Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Long, McCorckle, McEachern, Powell, Smith and Whitford—10.


For Dr. Miller—Messrs. Crump, Ellis, Harris, Powell, Smith, Wiggins and Whitford—7.

For Patrick Murphy—Messrs. Smith, Ward and Wright—3.

For S. F. Patterson—Messrs. McCorckle and Speight—2.


For D. K. McRae—Mr. Whitford—1.

For Wm. Long—Mr. Speight—1.

For J. R. Stubbs—Mr. Speight—1.

For G. H. Faribault—Mr. Speight—1.

For T. B. Harris—Messrs. Straughan and Wiggins—2.
For M. A. Bledsoe—Mr. Taylor—1.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the special order for that time was taken up, to wit: resolutions relative to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus*.

Mr. Odom moved to amend by inserting an additional resolution to come in before the last, as follows:

Resolved, That there is nothing in the present condition of the country which renders the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus* expedient, but we believe that such suspension would be mischievous.

Mr. Warren moved that the further consideration of the resolutions be postponed till to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M., which motion was agreed to.

And, on motion of Mr. Warren, the Senate then adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1865.**

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, A. M.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Craven.
The journal was read and approved.
Mr. Patterson introduced a resolution in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the Secretary to the Board, which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Stubbs, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a resolution, entitled "A resolution in favor of Surgeons composing the Home Guard Examining Boards," recommending that it be amended by inserting the word "heretofore" after the word "sums," in the 3d line, and with that amendment, that it do pass.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported back resolutions recommending that a bounty of land
and negroes be paid in kind to soldiers, asking to be discharged from their further consideration.

Mr. Pitchford, from the committee to superintend the election of five directors for the Lunatic Asylum, reported, as follows:

The whole number of votes cast 136. Necessary to a choice 69.

None of the candidates having received a majority of the votes cast, there was no election.

Mr. Crump introduced a resolution in favor of A. D. Waddill, which was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following engrossed resolutions and bill, which were read the first time and passed, viz:

Resolution in favor of Wm. H. Mason, Sheriff of Iredell county.

Resolutions authorizing the Governor to contract with Stewart, Buchanan & Co., for a supply of salt for the year 1865.

A bill to restore jury trials in certain civil cases to the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Chowan county.

Mr. Bagley moved a suspension of the rules, and that the bill be put on its several readings.

The rules were suspended, and the bill passed its second and third readings.

Mr. McCorckle introduced a bill to increase the powers of the Commissioners of the town of Newton; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Wiggins, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill to amend an act, entitled "Revenue," recommending that it do pass with the following amendments, viz: strike out the words "one thousand," and insert instead thereof, the words "five hundred;"

Also, a report on a communication from the Public Treas-
urer, in relation to appropriations in favor of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, with
A resolution directing the Public Treasurer as to the making of payments of the appropriations in favor of the Deaf and Dumb; which passed its first reading, and,
On motion of Mr. Wiggins, the rules were suspended, and the resolution passed its second and third readings.
The Speaker announced that he had received from the House of Commons the following bills and resolutions, duly enrolled, signed by the Speaker thereof, which were then signed by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:
An act to exempt the officers and employees of the North-Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company from military service on certain conditions.
Resolutions in favor of Samuel F. Phillips and Henry L. Plummer.
An act to amend the charter of the Drakesville 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 allow market value for articles impressed.
Resolution authorizing the Governor to cause the removal of the State Salt Works, near Wilmington, N. C., to Saltville, in Virginia, or to such other point as he shall deem best.
The hour of 11 having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the special order for that time, to wit:
Resolutions relating to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus.
The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr Odom,

Mr. Ellis moved to lay the whole matter on the table, and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Bryson, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, McEachern, Pitchford, Powell, Speight, Ward and Whitford—11.

Those who voted in the negative are:


So the Senate refused to lay the resolutions on the table.

Mr. Wiggins, by leave, reported a resolution from the Joint Select Committee on Adjournment, that the two Houses adjourn on Tuesday next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., to meet again on the first Wednesday in April next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the special order, and the question being on agreeing to Mr. Odom's amendment,

Mr. Arendell asked for the yeas and nays thereon, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:


So the amendment was not agreed to.
Mr. Warren moved to amend by inserting an additional resolution as follows:

"That until Congress shall see fit to organize a Supreme Court, as is required by the Constitution, any suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, must naturally and necessarily operate to deprive the citizen of his constitutional rights, and this General Assembly doth therefore protest against any legislation upon the subject whatsoever."

On agreeing to this amendment, Mr. Arendell asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:


So the amendment was agreed to.

The question then recurring on the passage of the resolutions their second reading,

Mr. Arendell asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Bryson, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Pitchford, Powell, Speight, Ward and Whitford—11.
So the resolutions passed their second reading.

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the rules were suspended and the resolutions passed their third and last reading.

A message was received from the House, asking that the following persons be commissioned as Justices of the Peace for their respective counties, viz:

For Bladen county—Mr. A. Waddill.


In which recommendations the Senate concurred, and the House informed thereof.

A message was received from the House, proposing that this General Assembly adjourn on Tuesday next, the 7th inst., at 8 o’clock, A. M., to meet again on the third Thursday in May next, unless sooner convened by the Governor and Council.

Mr. Arendell moved that the message be laid on the table.

Upon this question, Mr. Ellis asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Bogle, Dick, Jones, Lassiter, Leitch, Long, Mann, Odom, Patterson, Snead, Warren and Winstead—15.

Those who voted in the negative are:


The Senate refused to lay the message on the table, and the question then being on concurring in the proposition of the House, the Senate concurred in the same, and the House was informed thereof.
A message was received from the House, proposing to go immediately into an election of five Directors for the Insane Asylum, and informing the Senate that Messrs. Fowle and Gibbs were the committee to superintend the election on the part of the House.

The Senate concurred in the proposition to go immediately into an election for five Directors of the Insane Asylum, and Messrs. Blount and Smith were announced the committee to superintend the election on the part of the Senate, and the House was so informed.

Mr. Ellis placed in nomination the names of A. D. McLean and Dr. T. J. Pitchford.

Mr. Dick nominated D. F. Caldwell.

Mr. Straughan nominated Thos. R. Harris.

Mr. Bogle nominated A. H. Martin, and these nominations accompanied the Senate message of concurrence to the House.

The Senate then proceeded to vote as follows:


For Mr. Jordan—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Blount, Bryson, Bogle, Dick, Jones, Kirby, Leitch, Mann, Matthews, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Snead, Straughan, Stubbs, Warren, Whitford and Wynn—23.


For Mr. Murphy—Messrs. Speaker, Bryson, Crump, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Long, McCorckle, McEachern,
Miller, Pitchford, Smith, Speight, Ward, Whitford, Winstead and Wright—18.

For Mr. Russ—Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Blount, Bogle, Dick, Jones, Horton, Lassiter, Leitch, Long, Mann, Matthews, Odom, Patterson, Snead and Winstead—17.


For Mr. Worth—Messrs. Speaker, Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Dick, Jones, Leitch, McCorckle, Odom, Patton, Smith, Straughan, Stubbs and Wright—14.

For Mr. McLean—Messrs. Speaker, Bryson, Ellis, Grier, Kirby, McCorckle, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Ward and Wright—12.


For Mr. Martin—Messrs. Grier, Horton, Patterson, Patton and Speight—5.

For Mr. Miller—Messrs. Crump, Harris, Horton, McEachern and Wiggins—5.

For Mr. Battle—Messrs. Berry, Blount, McEachern and Patton—4.


For Mr. Harris—Messrs. Speaker, McCorckle, Straughan and Wright—4.

For Mr. Faribault—Messrs. Pitchford, Powell and Whitford—3.
For Dr. Crump—Messrs. Harris and Wiggins—2.
For Mr. Blelsoe—Mr. Pitchford—1.
For Mr. McRae—Mr. Whitford—1.
For Mr. Fowle—Mr. Patterson—1.
For Mr. Tucker—Mr. Patterson—1.
Mr. Arendell moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed resolutions entitled "Resolutions relating to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, and he then moved that his motion to reconsider be laid on the table. Agreed to.

A message was received from the House with the following engrossed resolutions:

Resolution in favor of North-Carolina prisoners of war. Read first time and passed, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed its second and third readings.

Also, a resolution in favor of the Old Dominion Trading Company, passed its first reading.

The Senate then adjourned till to-morrow, 11 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Lassiter.

FRIDAY, February 3, 1865.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The journal was read and approved.

Mr. Horton presented a petition from sundry citizens of Watauga county, asking the appointment of John Walker, Jr., as a Justice of the Peace for said county, and introduced a resolution that a message be sent to the House of Commons, recommending him to be commissioned as such.

Mr. Dick moved that the name of Geo. W. Patterson, of Guilford, be added to the recommendations; which was agreed to.

Mr. Bagley moved to add the name of Wm. A. White,
for the county of Perquimans. Agreed to, and the recommendations were then agreed to, and the House informed thereof.

Mr. Smith, from the committee to superintend the election of five directors for the Insane Asylum, reported the whole number of votes cast 135. Necessary to a choice 68. Of these D. G. Worth received 72; J. V. Jordan 70; D. F. Caldwell 70, and Nicholas Alston 97.

These gentlemen having received a majority of the votes cast, were duly elected.

None of the other candidates having received a majority, there was no election for the fifth director.

Engrossed resolution, entitled "A resolution in favor of the Old Dominion Trading Company," was read the first time, passed and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the House of Commons, transmitting the following engrossed bills and resolutions, viz:

A bill to punish persons for placing obstructions in the North-East Branch of the Cape Fear River. Read a first time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Ward, under a suspension of the rules, passed its second and third readings.

A bill in relation to obstructions in the Yadkin River, read a first time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Patterson, under a suspension of the rules, passed its second and third readings.

Resolution in favor of the Senior and Junior Reserves. Read and adopted.

A message was received from the House, stating that in a message sent from the House on yesterday, asking the concurrence of the Senate in recommending certain persons as justices, and in which the Senate concurred, that A. D. Waddill should have been recommended for the county of Moore instead of Chatham, and asking the Senate to concur
in the proposition that he be recommended to be commissioned for Moore county; in which proposition the Senate concurred and the House was informed.

A message was received from the House, concurring in the amendment of the Senate to resolutions relating to a suspension of the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus*.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following engrossed bills, which were disposed of as follows:

A bill concerning Cherokee Lands, was read the first time and passed.

A bill to authorize an increase of the capital of the Mon- atock Mining Company, was read the first time and passed.

A bill in relation to the execution and delivery of process in the county of Jones, was read the first time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Bagley, under a suspension of the rules, passed its second and third readings.

A message was received from the House, announcing that a bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees, had passed its several readings, with an amendment thereto, asking the concurrence of the Senate in the same.

On motion of Mr. Patterson, the bill was referred to the Joint Select Committee on Salaries and Fees.

Mr. Pitchford moved that the Senate take up and consider a bill to authorize the Governor to order the State forces beyond the limits of the State, which motion was agreed to, and the bill read the second time.

Mr. Dick moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Ellis asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Berry, Bogle, Dick, Horton, Jones, Lassiter, Leitch, Mann, Matthews, Odom,
Patterson, Snead, Straughan, Warren, Whitford, Winstead and Wright—20.

Those who voted in the negative are:

So the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Berry, resolutions in favor of Simeon McFarland and Clement Jackson, were taken up and read, and the question being on their adoption,

Mr. Adams moved to amend by inserting after the word "men" in the resolution, "and one blacksmith in every militia district in the State," which amendment was not agreed to.

The resolution was then rejected.

Engrossed bill concerning roads, was read the third time and, on motion of Mr. Dick, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

The following engrossed resolutions passed their third reading, viz:

Resolution in favor of the Principal of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum for a calendar book furnished the House of Commons.

Resolution in favor of the Principal Clerks of the two Houses.

Resolution in favor of Messrs. Calvert and Rogers, contestants from Northampton county.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following engrossed bills and resolutions, which were disposed of as follows, to wit:

A bill in regard to the Justices of the Peace in the county of Pasquotank, read a first time and passed, and, on motion
of Mr. Bagley, under a suspension of the rules, passed its second and third readings.

A bill to incorporate the Haw River Toll Bridge Company. Read first time and passed.

Resolution in reference to the appointment of additional Justices of the Peace. Read and adopted.

Mr. Stubbs moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate adopted the resolution, and a reconsideration being had, on motion of Mr. Wiggins, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Dick moved to reconsider the vote by which a bill concerning roads was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements; which motion was agreed to, and the bill took its place on the calendar.

Resolutions in reference to the arrest and confinement of Dr. Henry P. Ritter, of Chowan county, by the Provost Marshal at Weldon, were read the second time.

Mr. Patterson moved to amend, by striking out the word "instructed," in the first resolution, and inserting instead thereof, the word "requested;" which was agreed to, and the resolutions, as amended, passed their second reading.

Mr. Ward moved to strike out all of the preamble after the second "whereas;" which motion was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the rules were suspended, and the resolutions passed their third reading.

A bill to amend the revenue act, ratified the 23d day of December, 1864, was read the second time and passed, and,

On motion of Mr. Patterson, under a suspension of the rules, the bill passed its third reading.

A bill to prevent the collection of debts in specie, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Stubbs, was laid upon the table.

A bill to increase the penalty for failing to work on public roads, was read the second time, and passed.
The following bills and resolutions, duly engrossed, were transmitted to the House, viz:

A bill more effectually to prevent the sacrifice of property during the war.

A bill to repeal in part section 119, chapter 34, Revised Code.

Resolution concerning the mileage of members of the General Assembly.

Resolution directing the Public Treasurer as to the making payments of the appropriations in favor of the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

Resolution in favor of Alex. D. Waddill.

Resolution instructing a joint select committee of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, to enquire how many Railroads in North-Carolina have forfeited their charters.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Straughan.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1865.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The journal was read and approved.

The Speaker announced that he had received from the House the following enrolled bills and resolutions, ratified by the Speaker of the House, and which were then ratified by him, to wit:

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.

Resolutions against the policy of arming slaves.

Resolutions in favor of North-Carolina prisoners of war.

Mr. Wright, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported engrossed resolution in favor of the Old Dominion Trading Company, recommending its passage.

Mr. Odom, from the Joint Select Committee on Salaries and Fees, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees, which was ratified the 14th day of December, 1863, reported in favor of the adoption by the Senate of the House amendment thereto.

Mr. Ellis introduced a resolution in favor of Drury King; which was read a first time and passed, and, under a suspension of the rules, put upon and passed its second and third readings.

A message was received from the House, announcing its concurrence in the amendment of the Senate to resolutions in reference to the arrest and confinement of Henry P. Ritter, of Chowan county, by the Provost Marshal at Weldon.

A bill to increase the penalty for failing to work on public roads, and to provide for the collection of the same, was read the third time.

Mr. Adams moved the bill be laid on the table, which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Patton moved to amend by striking out the word "twenty" in the first section, and inserting instead thereof the word "ten," which was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed its third reading.

Engrossed bill to incorporate the Haw River Toll Bridge Company, was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Engrossed bill to increase the capital stock of the Monatock Mining and Manufacturing Company, was read the second time and passed.
Engrossed bill concerning Cherokee Lands, was read the second time and passed.

Engrossed bill concerning roads, passed its third reading.

A bill for the benefit of persons who have entered vacant lands, was read the second time.

Mr. Stubbs moved to amend by inserting after the word "act" in the first section, the words "entitled an act for the benefit of persons who have entered vacant lands;" which was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed its second, and, under a suspension of the rules, its third reading.

Resolution in favor of the Surgeons composing the Home Guard Examining Boards, was read the second time, and the amendment proposed by the committee, to wit: to insert the word "heretofore" before the word "sums" in the third line, was agreed to, and the resolutions, as amended, passed their second, and, under a suspension of the rules, the third reading, the vote thereupon being on motion of Mr. Long, and one-fifth agreeing, taken by yeas and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:


Resolution in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Secretary to the Board, was read the second time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Patterson, to suspend the rules, concurred in by the Senate, passed its third reading.

Engrossed resolutions in favor of Wm. F. Wasson, High
Sheriff of Iredell, was read the second time and passed, and under a suspension of the rules, passed its third reading.

A bill to authorize the Governor to remove the State forces beyond the limits thereof, was, on motion of Mr. Warren, made the special order for to-day, at 12 M.

A bill to make High Sheriffs and goalers responsible for the escape of deserters placed in their custody, was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Bryson, passed over informally.

A bill to amend an act entitled revenue, was read the second time, and the amendment of the committee, to strike out "one thousand" and insert instead thereof "five hundred," in section first, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, then passed its second, and, under a suspension of the rules, its third reading.

A bill to increase the powers of the Commissioners of the town of Newton, was read the second time and passed, and, under a suspension of the rules, was put upon and passed its third reading.

Resolutions recommending a bounty in land and negroes to be paid in kind to soldiers, being on their second reading were, on motion of Mr. Bagley, recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report what conclusions they may come to upon the resolutions.

A message was received from the House, proposing to go into an election for one Director of the Insane Asylum at 10 o'clock to-day, and announcing Messrs. Simmons and Sho-ber as the committee on the part of the House to superintend said election.

Mr. Jones introduced a bill to exempt the Commissioners of Raleigh from Home Guard duty, which passed its first reading, and moved a suspension of the rules to place the bill on its several readings; which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Warren introduced a resolution in favor of the Prin-
principal Clerks of the two House, for copying the journal of this session; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Long moved to strike out the word "three" and insert instead thereof, the word "two;" which motion was not agreed to.

The resolution then, under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Warren, passed its second and third readings.

A message was received from the House, transmitting a communication from his Excellency the Governor, relative to the gauge of the Piedmont Railroad, and proposing to refer the communication to a joint select committee to be raised, consisting of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate; in which proposition the Senate concurred, and the House was so informed, as, also, that Messrs. Patterson, Wiggins and McCorckle were the Senate branch of said committee.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following engrossed bills and resolutions; which were severally put upon, and passed their first reading, to wit:

A bill to provide more effectually for reclaiming swamps.

A bill to authorize the magistrates of Alamance county, to levy a tax for the support of the families of soldiers.

Resolutions in favor of James M. Towles, of the City of Raleigh.

Also, resolution on the subject of Peace and a preparation for War; which was read and adopted.

The following bills, duly engrossed, were transmitted to the House, to wit:

A bill to amend the revenue act, ratified the 23d day of December, 1864.

A bill to levy a tax in kind for the support of needy families of soldiers.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Senate proceeded
to the consideration of the special order for that time, to wit:

A bill to authorize the Governor to remove the State forces beyond the limits thereof; the question being on the passage of the bill on its third reading.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the Senate proceeded to execute the joint order in voting for one Director of the Insane Asylum, as follows:


For Patrick Murphy—Messrs. Speaker, Berry, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Harris, Kirby, Long, McEachern, Miller, Smith, Speight, Ward, Wiggins and Wright—16.

For M. A. Bledsoe—Messrs. Hall, McCorkle, Pitchford, Powell and Whitford—5.


For R. S. Tucker—Mr. Patterson—1.

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the Senate then adjourned until this evening at 3 o'clock.

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Evening Session, 3 o'clock.

The Senate met at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Horton moved that Isaac A. Jarret be recommended to be commissioned as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Yadkin, and that a message be sent to the House, asking the concurrence of that body therein.

Mr. Warren moved to add to the recommendation George H. Brown and T. W. Brown, for Beaufort; and Mr. Stubbs moved to add furthermore, John A. Griffin,
for Martin; and Jas. J. Watson and H. B. O. Pitt were nominated for Nash; and

Mr. Whitford moved to add Samuel Latham, for Craven; Mr. Berry, William Williams, for Orange; and Mr. Matthews, George W. Clark, for Stokes. All which nominations were not agreed to.

Mr. Ellis, from the committee to superintend the election of one Director for the Insane Asylum, reported the whole number of votes cast 129, necessary to a choice 65, of which Mr. Murphy received 67, and was therefore duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Arendell, the Senate went into secret session.

The Senate resolved itself into open session at 8 o'clock, P. M., and,

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock, on Monday morning next.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1865.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. R. Mason, Jr.

The journal was read and approved.

The committee on enrolled bills for the present week was announced as consisting of Messrs. Odom, McEachern and Adams, and the committee on engrossed bills as Messrs. Bryson and Wynn.

Mr. Patterson, from the Joint Select Committee to whom was referred a communication from his Excellency, the Governor, in relation to the gauge of the Piedmont Railroad, reported a bill in favor of a change of the gauge during the present war; and also,

A bill to amend the charter of the Piedmont Railroad
Company, recommending its passage, which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Patterson moved a suspension of the rules in order to place the bill on its second and third readings. On this question,

Mr. Arendell asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing, the vote was so taken.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:


So the rules were suspended, and the bill was read the second time.

Mr. Hall moved to amend as follows: to strike out all after the words "Danville Railroad" in the first section, and insert instead thereof the words "provided that the company shall restore the present guage within six months after the termination of the present war, on which proposed amendment,

Mr. Arendell asked for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing, the vote was so taken.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Berry, Bryson, Courts, Dick, Ellis, Grier, Horton,
Miller, Patton, Powell, Smith, Straughan, Wiggins and Wright—14.

So the amendment was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed its second and third readings.

A message was received from the House, announcing Messrs. Allison, Gibbs, Simmons, Cabo and Jordan as the House branch of the committee on enrolled bills.

Also, a message transmitting the following engrossed bills, which were disposed of as follows to wit:

A bill to extend the time for perfecting titles to lands heretofore entered, which, under a suspension of the rules, passed its several readings.

A bill in favor of Wm. Haymore, Sheriff of Surry county; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Patton introduced a bill for the relief of such persons as may suffer from the burning of the courthouse and records in Buncombe county, which, under a suspension of the rules, passed its several readings.

Mr. Patterson moved a suspension of the 16th rule, as to sending bills from the Senate, which was agreed to.

Mr. Hall moved to take from the table a bill to re-arrange the public offices in the capital, and the bill, as amended, passed its second reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, was read a third time, when

Mr. Hall moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert the original bill, which amendment was agreed to, and the bill passed its third reading.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following engrossed bills, which were severally read the first time and passed, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the Pittsboro' and Haywood Plankroad Company, granted at the session of 1852-'3.

A bill to enlarge the chartered privileges of Yadkin College.
A bill in reference to the town of Kinston.

A bill to incorporate the Conservative Publishing Company.

A bill to repeal an act to repeal the third section of an act entitled "An act to divide the State into ten Congressional Districts," to place which, on its several readings, Mr. Jones moved a suspension of the rules. Not agreed to.

A bill to incorporate the Big Falls Toll Bridge Company; which passed its first reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Straughan, it was then amended as follows: at the conclusion of the third section add "Provided, Said toll shall not exceed 12$\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum on the capital stock of said corporation;" which amendment was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed its second and third readings.

Mr. Arendell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported,

A bill to incorporate Haw River Toll Bridge Company, recommending it pass, with the following amendments, to wit:

Add at the conclusion of section third, "Provided, Said Toll shall not exceed 12$\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum on the capital stock of said corporation."

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, then passed its second and third readings.

Mr. Bryson presented a memorial from John Arrington; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following engrossed bills and resolutions, which were disposed of as follows, to wit:

A bill to authorize the County Court of Surry to elect Wardens of the Poor and for other purposes, passed its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.
Resolution in regard to slaves at work on fortifications at Wilmington. Read and adopted.

Resolutions in favor of John Pool, D. M. Carter, Samuel J. Person, and Edward Hall. Passed its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

Resolution concerning the sheriff of Davie county. Passed its first reading.

Resolutions in favor of the Doorkeepers of the two Houses for servant hire. Passed its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

A bill to amend an act in relation to salaries and fees. The question being on concurring in the House amendment thereto, the Senate concurred.

Mr. Stubbs moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred; which motion was not agreed to.

A bill in regard to Cherokee lands. Passed its third reading, under a suspension of the rules.

Resolution in favor of the Old Dominion Trading Company. Passed its several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

A message was sent to the House, transmitting the following bills and resolutions, duly engrossed, to wit:

A bill for the relief of such persons as may suffer from the burning of the Court House and Records of Buncombe county.

A bill to amend the charter of the Piedmont Railroad Company. 

Resolution in favor of Drury King.

Resolution in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Secretary of the Board.

Resolution in favor of the Surgeons composing the Home Guard Examining Boards.

Resolution in favor of the Principal Clerks of the two Houses.
A bill to increase the penalty for failing to work on the Public Roads, and to provide for the collection of the same.

A bill for the benefit of persons who have entered vacant lands.

A bill to increase the powers of the Commissioners of the town of Newton.

A bill to amend an act entitled Revenue.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, the Senate adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Evening Session, 3 o'clock, P. M.

A message was received from the House, announcing its concurrence in Senate amendments to a bill to incorporate Haw River Toll Bridge Company.

Also, a bill to incorporate the Big Falls Toll Bridge Company.

Also, another message transmitting the following enrolled bills and resolutions, ratified by the Speaker of the House of Commons, and which were ratified by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

An act to authorize the County Court of Surry to elect Wardens of 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. Saunders, former Sheriff of Montgomery county.

Resolution in favor of D. F. Bagley, Sheriff of I'equimans county.

Resolution in favor of the Doorkeepers of the two Houses for servant hire.

Resolution in favor of John Pool, D. M. Carter, S. 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.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following enrolled bills and resolutions, which had been ratified by the Speaker of the House, and were then ratified by the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

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 northeast branch of the Cape Fear river.

An act to increase the powers of the Commissioners of Greensboro'.

An act to restore jury trials in certain civil causes in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Chowan county.

An act in regard to the Justices of the Peace in the county of Pasquotank.

An act in relation to obstructions in the Yadkin River.

Resolutions in favor of Senior and Junior Reserves.

Resolution in favor of the Principal of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum for a calendar book furnished the House of Commons.
Resolutions in favor of Messrs. Calvert and Rogers, contestants from Northampton county.

Resolution in favor of the Principal Clerks of the two Houses.

Resolutions concerning mileage of members of the General Assembly.

Resolutions relating to the suspension of the writ of _habeas corpus._

Mr. Pitchford introduced a resolution in favor of the Clerks and Doorkeepers of the General Assembly, which, under a suspension of the rules, passed its several readings.

The unfinished business was then taken up, being a bill authorizing the Governor to remove the State forces beyond the limits thereof.

The question being on the passage of the bill on its third reading,

Mr. Arendell moved to strike out "thirty" and insert instead thereof "twenty" in the first section, and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing, the vote was so taken.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:


Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Berry, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Taylor, Ward, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—23.

Mr. Pool moved the further consideration of the bill be postponed, and on that question, Mr. Arendell called for the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing,

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Adams, Arendell, Bagley, Blount, Bogle, Dick,
Horton, Jones, Lassiter, Leitch, Mann, Matthews, Pool, Snead, Warren, Whitford and Winstead—17.

Those who voted in the negative are:
Messrs. Berry, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Stubbs, Taylor, Ward, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—25.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Arendell moved the bill be laid on the table, and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:
Messrs. Berry, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Stubbs, Taylor, Ward, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—25.

The Senate refused to lay on table.

Mr. Arendell moved to postpone the bill till the 3rd Thursday in May next, and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:
Messrs. Berry, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, McCorckle, McEachern, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Stubbs, Taylor, Ward, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—25.

So the motion was not agreed to,
Mr. Bogle moved to adjourn till 7 o'clock to-morrow, and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:
Messrs. Berry, Blount, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Jones, Kirby, Leitch, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Stubbs, Taylor, Ward, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—28.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

Mr. Warren moved to strike out "thirty" and insert instead thereof, "twenty-five," and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and one-fifth agreeing.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:
Messrs. Berry, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Kirby, McCorckle, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Stubbs, Taylor, Ward, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—25.
So the motion to strike out did not prevail.

Mr. Bogle moved the Senate adjourn till 7½ o'clock, P. M., and thereon asked the yeas and nays, and the Senate so ordered.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Those who voted in the negative are:
Messrs. Berry, Bryson, Courts, Ellis, Grier, Hall, Harris, Horton, Kirby, Leitch, McCorkle, McEachern, Miller, Odom, Patterson, Patton, Pitchford, Powell, Smith, Speight, Straughan, Stubbs, Taylor, Ward, Wiggins, Wright and Wynn—27.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

Mr. Patton moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed till the 3d Thursday in May; which motion was agreed to.

A message was sent to the House, transmitting an engrossed resolution in favor of the Clerks and Doorkeepers of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Odom, the Senate adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

Night Session, 7½ o’clock, P. M.

A message was received from the House, concurring in the following nominations for Justices of the Peace, to wit:

For Guilford county—Mr. George W. Patterson.
For Perquimans county—Mr. William A. White.
For Watauga county—Mr. John Walker.

A message was received from the House, transmitting a bill to amend an act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Matthews moved a suspension of the rules, in order to place the bill on its several readings. Not agreed to.

Engrossed bill to increase the capital of the Monatock Mining and Manufacturing Company, passed its third reading.

Engrossed bill to reclaim Swamp Lands, passed its second, and, under a suspension of the rules, its third reading.

Mr. Hall introduced a resolution of instructions to the
Military Committee, and moved it be referred to the Military Committee. So ordered.

Engrossed bill to authorize the magistrates of Alamance county to levy a tax for the support of families of soldiers, passed, under a suspension of the rules, its several readings.

Also, engrossed resolution in favor of James M. Towles.

A bill to exempt the Commissioners and Police of the City of Raleigh, from Home Guard duty, was read a second time, and rejected.

Mr. Stubbs introduced a bill to give jurisdiction to the Superior Court of Wilson county; which, under a suspension of the rules, passed its several readings.

Engrossed resolution in favor of E. D. Davis, passed its several readings.

Engrossed bill to amend an act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization, was, under a suspension of the rules, read a second time.

Mr. Patterson moved to amend, by inserting in the 8th line, after the word "Company," the words "Provided, however, That if there are not sixty-four Home Guards in any one county, such number as may be shall be incorporated into a company." Agreed to.

Mr. Miller moved that "hatters" be added to the list of exemptions, in section 3. Not agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved "the Chairman of the County Courts," and "the Treasurer of the Wardens of the Poor," be exempted. Not agreed to.

Mr. McCorckle moved "bonded farmers" be exempted. Not agreed to.

Mr. Pitchford moved to strike out the entire third section. Not agreed to.

The bill, as amended, then passed its second and third readings.
The following engrossed bills and resolutions passed their several readings, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the Pittsboro' and Haywood Plankroad Company.

A bill to incorporate the Conservative Publishing Co.

A bill in reference to the town of Kinston.

Resolution concerning the sheriff of Davie county.

Resolution to enlarge the chartered privileges of Yadkin College.

A bill to repeal an act to repeal the third section of an act to divide the State into ten Congressional Districts, was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Horton, laid on the table.

The Senate then adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock, A. M., on motion of Mr. Matthews.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1865.

The Senate met at 7 o'clock.

The journal was read and approved.

A message was received from the House, asking the concurrence of the Senate in a proposition to extend the time of adjournment for one hour, in order that the Speakers might have time to ratify all enrolled bills, in which proposition the Senate concurred, and the House was so informed.

Engrossed bill entitled "A bill in regard to contracts made with reference to depreciated currency," was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Leiteh, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Stubbs introduced a bill to amend the charter of the town of Salisbury, which, under a suspension of the rules, passed its several readings, was engrossed and sent to the House.
A message was received from the House, concurring in Senate amendment to the bill to amend an act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization.

Also, another message from the House, recommending A. Brinn to be commissioned as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Surry.

Mr. Pitchford moved to lay the message on the table, which motion was agreed to, but afterwards moved a reconsideration of that vote, and a reconsideration being had, the Senate then concurred in the recommendation.

Mr. Horton moved a message be sent to the House, recommending J. A. Jarratt to be commissioned as a Justice of the Peace for Yadkin county.

Mr. Blount moved to add to the recommendation the names of L. B. Hilliard and John B. Johnson, for Pitt county. The recommendations were then not agreed to.

A message was received from the House, announcing Messrs. Phillips, Fowle and Brown, of Mecklenburg, as the House branch of the Joint Select Committee to investigate alleged abuses by the railroads of the State.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Leitch and Ellis as the Senate branch of the Joint Select Committee on investigating railroads, and also announced that he had received from the House the following enrolled bills and resolutions, which had been ratified by the Speaker of the House, and which he would proceed to ratify.

An act to amend an act in relation to Salaries and Fees. Resolutions in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Secretary to the Board.

An act to re-arrange the public offices in the capitol.

Resolution instructing a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of the Senate, and three of the House in regard to railroads.

Resolution in favor of the Clerks and Doorkeepers,
An act to amend the charter of the Piedmont Railroad Company.
Resolution in favor of the Old Dominion Trading Company.
An act entitled "An act to amend the charter of the town of Salisbury.
An act to give jurisdiction to the Superior Court of Wilson county.
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 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 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.
Resolution in favor of the Principal Clerk of the two Houses.
An act to provide more effectually for the 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 incorporate the Conservative Publishing Company.
An act to incorporate the Haw River Toll Bridge Company.
Resolution in favor of Drury King.
An act to amend the charter of the Pittsboro' and Haywood Plankroad Company.
An act in favor of William Haymore, sheriff of Surry county.

An act to authorize the magistrates of Alamance county to levy a tax for the support of the families of soldiers.

Resolution in favor of James M. Towles, of the City of Raleigh.

Resolution in favor of E. D. Davis, sheriff of Jackson county.

Resolution concerning the sheriff of Davie county.

Resolution in regard to slaves at work on fortifications at Wilmington.

An act to amend an act, entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Home Guard organization.

Mr. Paterson introduced the following resolution; which was read by the clerk, and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are due, and are hereby tendered to the Hon. Giles Mebane, for the able, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the Senate during the present session.

The Speaker returned his thanks in a few appropriate remarks, and then announced that the Senate stood adjourned till the third Thursday in May next, and thereupon the Senate adjourned.

GILES MEBANE,
Speaker of Senate.

Neill McKay,
Clerk of Senate.