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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1853.

The General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, begun and holden at Columbia, the twenty-eight day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, being the fourth Monday in November, the day fixed by the Constitution for the meeting of the General Assembly.

At 12 meridian, the Senators assembled in the Senate Chamber, in the Capitol at Columbia.

The Hon. R. F. W. ALLSTON, Senator from Prince George Winyaw, and President of the Senate, took the Chair, and the Roll having been called by the Clerk, the following Senators answered to their names:

- Hon. JAMES H. ADAMS, Richland.
“ S. W. BARKER, St. John’s Berkeley.
“ JOHN BUCHANAN, Fairfield.
“ LEMUEL BOOZER, Lexington.
“ P. L. CALHOUN, Laurens.
“ GABRIEL CANNON, Spartanburg.
“ JOHN E. CAREW, St. Philip’s and St. Michael’s.
“ M. E. CARN, St. Bartholomew’s.
“ JAMES CHESNUT, Kershaw.
“ C. W. DUDLEY, Marlboro’.
“ ROBERT FISHBURNE, St. Paul’s.
“ T. J. GOODWYN, St. Matthew’s.
“ ROBERT HARLLEE, Marion.
“ ANDREW HASELL, All Saints.
“ A. HIBBEN, Christ Church.
“ THOMAS W. HUEY, Lancaster.

- " A. MAZYCK,.....St. James' Santee.
 " SAMUEL M'ALILEY,....Chester.
 " E. H. MILLER,.....Williamsburg.
 " ROBERT MOORMAN,..Newberry.
 " F. J. MOSES,.....Claremont.
 " J. L. NOWELL,.....St. Thomas' and St. Dennis'.
 " W. D. PORTER,.....St. Philip's and St. Michael's.
 " THOMAS E. POWE,....Chesterfield.
 " A. M. RUTH,.....St. Peter's.
 " J. F. TOWNSEND,.....St. John's Colleton.
 " W. WILLIAMS,.....Prince William's.
 " J. D. WITHERSPOON,..York.
 " JOHN P. ZIMMERMAN,..Darlington.

The President announced that a quorum was present, and the Senate proceeded to business.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate of the last day of the last session of the General Assembly, being the 16th day of December, 1852.

The President announced that since the last meeting of the Senate he had issued a writ of election to fill the vacancy in this body from Clarendon, created by the election of the Hon. J. L. MANNING to the office of Governor. That he had also received a communication from the member in the House of Representatives from St. Luke's Parish, informing him of the death of the late Senator from that Parish, the Honorable BENJAMIN G. ALLSTON; that he had in consequence also ordered a writ of election to fill that vacancy; and in consequence of a communication from the Delegation in the House of Representatives from the District of Edgefield, informing him of the death of the late Senator from that District, the Honorable NATHAN L. GRIFFIN, he had also issued a writ of election to supply that vacancy.

Whereupon the Senators elect, viz :

- Hon. J. I. INGRAM,.....Clarendon,
 " THOMAS F. DRAYTON,..St. Luke's,
 " JAMES P. CARROLL,....Edgefield,

appeared at the Clerk's desk, for the purpose of being qualified, and presented their credentials, the oaths were administered and they took their seats.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from John T. Goodwyn, Esquire, tendering the resignation of his office of Reading Clerk, in consequence of ill health.

The Senate thereupon proceeded to ballot for a Reading Clerk, which terminated in the election of Isaac Mazyck, Esquire.

On motion of Mr. BUCHANAN, a message was sent to the House of Representatives orally by the Clerk, informing that House that a quorum of

Senators had assembled in the Senate chamber, that the Senate had been organized, that Isaac Mazyck, Esquire, had been elected Reading Clerk in the place of J. T. Goodwyn, resigned, and the Senate was now ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a Committee was appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, to inform him that the Senate had met, and had been organized; and was now ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make.

Messrs. MOSES and WITHERSPOON were appointed the Committee.

Mr. CHESNUT gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to re-charter the Bank of Camden, South Carolina.

Mr. WITHERSPOON gave notice that on Wednesday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to give the Town Council of Yorkville the power to issue the bonds of the corporation, and for other purposes.

Mr. ADAMS gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the law in relation to Sheriffs.

Mr. McALILEY presented the petition of William K. Hacket for a grant of escheated property; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. POWE gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to re-charter the Merchants' Bank of South Carolina, at Cheraw.

Seats were assigned on the floor of the Senate Chamber to the Reporters of the Standard, Courier, Mercury, and South Carolinian newspapers.

Mr. McALILEY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Chester District; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion; and also

The Presentment of the Grand Jury of Chester District, which was read; and so much thereof as relates to trespasses on the Tracks of Railroads was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and so much as relates to the pay of Commissioners of Roads was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Leave was granted to Mr. ADAMS to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of C. Beck, asking to be paid a balance due him on a contract for building the Cottage residence of the Librarian and Keeper of the State House.

Mr. ADAMS presented the petition of the members of the Eutaw Encampment, No. 2, of Odd Fellows, for an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

The petition of J. J. O'Connell and others, praying for a charter of a Literary Institution in the Town of Columbia; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. ADAMS offered the following Resolution; which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Johnston & Cavis be authorized to transfer their printing contract with this body to R. W. Gibbes & Co., and the latter are hereby appointed printers to the Senate.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 28, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs the Senate that a quorum has assembled, and is now ready to proceed to business.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of the Bank of Charleston, praying a renewal of Charter; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and also,

The petition of the President, Directors and Stockholders of the State Bank, for renewal of Charter; which was referred to the same Committee; and also,

The memorial of the President and Directors of the Bank of South Carolina, praying for a recharter; which was referred to the same Committee; and also,

The petition of the South Carolina Insurance Company, praying an amendment of their charter, authorizing them to distribute the excess of their surplus over \$50,000 among their Stockholders as extra dividends; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

The petition of certain citizens of Charleston, praying the Incorporation of a Bank to be called the Central Bank of South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. PORTER gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce the following Bills, viz:

A Bill to recharter the Bank of Charleston; and

A Bill to recharter the President, Directors and Company of the State Bank; and,

A Bill to recharter the Bank of South Carolina; and,

A Bill to incorporate the Central Bank of South Carolina.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that his Excellency had signified his intention to communicate with the Senate to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. CHESNUT presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Camden for a recharter; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and also,

The petition of sundry citizens of the town of Camden and District of Kershaw, praying that the South Carolina Railroad Company, and the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company, to be permitted to construct a permanent Bridge without a draw across the Wateree River; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. CHESNUT also submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Kershaw District, Spring Term, 1853; which was read, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CARN gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce A Bill to authorize an election for Commissioners of the Poor for Saint Bartholomew's Parish.

Mr. CARN submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Colleton District, Fall Term, 1853; which was read, and so much thereof as refers to the Jail, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; and so much thereof as refers the establishment of a Penitentiary, and the sale of Poor Lands, and the appointment of Commissioners of the Poor, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CARN also presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Bartholomew's Parish, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. DUDLEY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Marlboro' District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. BUCHANAN presented the report of the State proxies in the South Carolina Railroad Company; which was ordered to lie on the table and to be printed.

Mr. HUEY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Lancaster District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; and also,

The petition of John G. Bowman, for compensation for loss sustained in the Florida War, with accompanying papers; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from R. W. Gibbes, M. D., accompanying a volume of Revolutionary documents published by him; the volume was accepted, and was ordered to be deposited in the Legislative Library.

Mr. HIBBEN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Christ Church Parish, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; also,

The report of the Commissioners appointed to open and extend Pitt street, in the town of Mount Pleasant, to Hibben street; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. MOSES presented the account of the proprietor of the Sumter Banner for public printing; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. RUTH submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury for Beaufort District, Fall Term, 1853; which was read, and was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; and also,

The return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Peter's Parish, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. DRAYTON addressed the Senate as follows:

Mr. PRESIDENT: It becomes my painful duty to announce the death of my predecessor, Col. BENJAMIN G. ALLSTON, late a member of this body from St. Luke's Parish.

Col. Allston died suddenly in Charleston, on the 20th of December, 1852, shortly after the adjournment of the Legislature.

Solemn as death is at all seasons, its unexpected approach on this occasion addresses itself with peculiar sadness to our sympathies. His death was only preceded by a few days' indisposition. He had dressed himself to leave his chamber for exercise, when in an instant the dread messenger summoned him hence to Judgment.

I will not attempt to describe the emotions of sorrow exhibited when the news of his death arrived among his neighbors. It is sufficient to say that these were the friends who could best appreciate his social and manly virtues, and at the same time lament him as the one ever ready to assist or advise. As an advocate, a Representative, and Senator on this floor, he displayed those great qualifications of a debator, which have entitled him to a large share of the public admiration.

Of his public acts—of the measures which he struggled to promote at various periods of his eventful political life—I shall make no mention. Far be it from me, on an occasion like this, to revive the recollection of long-buried controversies.

Possessing indomitable perseverance, he never faltered in the pursuit of his object. Though often baffled in his political aspirations, his courage never sank under defeat, but "biding his time," he marshalled his party for new encounters with an energy that knew no rest, till victory finally perched upon his banner, and gave a crowning lustre to his many years of earnest and heated contention. Coming into power, he showed himself conciliating and generous to old opponents, with a hand ever extended to relieve the necessities around him.

At his last election, only a few short months before his decease, he was chosen without opposition, so completely had he harmonized, during his first Senatorial term, the opposing sections of the Parish.

A bold and open competitor, he met his antagonist face to face, scorning the use of either subterfuge or trickery. What he had to say he announced manfully; for, like Cariolanus of old, "What the heart coined, the mouth uttered." A maturer age came to subdue the fiery impetuosity of an always too ardent temperament, and for many years he has been looked to as the anxious adviser and peace-maker among his younger and less experienced companions.

And now, Mr. President, in the brief sketch I have made, I have labored under the disadvantage of not having had an intimate relationship, either socially or politically, with the departed Senator. What I have said, I am principally indebted for to those tried and chosen friends who enjoyed his confidence, and ever professed themselves the enthusiastic admirers of his character.

Mr. DRAYTON also offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to :

Resolved, That the members of the Senate have received with the deepest sensibility intelligence of the death of Col. BENJAMIN G. ALLSTON, late a member of this body.

Resolved, That the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, will go into mourning for one month, by the usual mode of wearing crape upon the left arm.

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to communicate the foregoing Resolutions to the family of the late Senator.

Mr. CARROLL addressed the Senate as follows :

MR. PRESIDENT : Until I entered this Chamber to-day, I was not aware that usage rendered it proper that I, as the successor of the Hon. NATHAN L. GRIFFIN, should address to this body, a few words in commemoration of his character and worth. I could have wished that I had earlier known that such a duty devolved upon me. But perhaps, sir, it is as well. It requires no effort to recall his worth, and genuine feeling shuns all set phrase of speech. In the profession to which he belonged, his position was high and distinguished. In the district of his residence, he was encompassed by troops of friends, in whom he had inspired unbounded confidence, and they at all times adhered to him with a devoted constancy but rarely exhibited. It is no extravagance to say that he was found equal to every position in which he was cast by the changes and chances of life. His energy, his promptness, his shrewd practical sagacity, were qualities that gave him weight and influence every where. No man perhaps could summon up and marshal his intellectual forces with more quickness or efficiency. In all his domestic relations he was above reproach. As a member of this body, his position was eminently respectable. Not only was he known and conspicuous *here*, but I think I may well add, throughout the State; and in this House his loss will be long and painfully felt.

Mr. CARROLL also offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to :

Resolved, That in the death of the Hon. NATHAN L. GRIFFIN, this House has sustained the loss of a member, distinguished by courteous manners and spotless morals; whose promptness, information and general intelligence, were ever regarded as most valuable aids in all their deliberations.

Resolved, That in token of their high respect for the memory of the deceased, the members of this body will wear upon the left arm the usual badge of mourning during the remainder of the Session.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Clerk of this House to the family of the deceased.

And as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senators, it was ordered, on motion of Mr. MOSES, that the Senate do now adjourn, to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

And the Senate adjourned at 10 minutes to 2 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1853.

The Senate met at 12 M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL SENATORS.

The following Senators appeared in their places in the Senate Chamber, viz :

Hon. DONALD R. BARTON,	Orange.
“ THOMAS P. BROCKMAN,	Greenville.
“ ALEXANDER EVINS,	Pendleton.
“ J. FOSTER MARSHALL,	Abbeville.

The PRESIDENT announced the following appointments on the Standing Committees of the Senate, viz :

On Federal Relations.—Mr. J. I. INGRAM.

On the College, Education, and Religion.—THOMAS F. DRAYTON.

On Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.—J. P. CARROLL.

Mr. TOWNSEND offered the following Resolution: which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the general remarks which may be offered to the Legislature on the Report of the Commissioners of Free Schools be read before the Senate previous to their being referred to the appropriate Committee.

Mr. WITHERSPOON presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for York District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Mr. WILLIAMS presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Prince William's Parish, for the year 1853; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. HARLLEE presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Marion District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Darlington District, Fall Term, 1853; which was read, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The presentment of the Grand Jury of Darlington District, Spring Term, 1853; which was read; and so much thereof as relates to the recommendation that prosecutors pay costs in cases where the Grand Jury find no bill, and so much as relates to a Penitentiary, and so much as relates to a digest of the Laws of the State, and so much thereof as relates to allowing two weeks for the Fall Term of the Court of Common Pleas in that District, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and so much thereof as relates to the enlargement of the Court House, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN also presented the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Darlington District, praying an appropriation to enlarge the Court House; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; and also,

The return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Darlington District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. MAZYCK presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parish of St. James', Santee, for the year 1853; which was referred to the same Committee; and also,

The account of Dr. Edward D Smith, for a *post mortem* examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. INGRAM presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Clarendon, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. EVINS presented the report of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Pickens District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the same Committee; and also,

The report of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Anderson District for the year 1853; which was referred to the same Committee; and also,

The presentment of the Grand Jury for Pickens District, Spring Term, 1853; which was read, and was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. MOORMAN presented the petition of John W. Paine, praying the recharter of his Ferry over the Saluda river at Island Ford; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. FISHBURNE presented the petition of William Brisbane, to be refunded a double tax; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. DRAYTON presented the memorial of a Committee in behalf of a Convention lately assembled in Charleston, praying an Act of Incorporation of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. CALHOUN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Laurens District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. BARTON presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Orange Parish, for the year 1853; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. HIBBEN presented the petition of the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company, for an amendment of their charter; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; and also,

The petition of the Independent or Congregational Church of Wappetaw for recharter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

The petition of sundry residents of Sullivan's Island and citizens of Christ Church Parish, praying the appointment of a Commission to investigate the claim of David Truesdell to certain lands on the eastern end of Sullivan's Island, and to report on the propriety of repealing the Resolutions of 1839 and 1843; in respect thereto; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ADAMS presented the report of the Regents of the Lunatic Asylum and Appendix; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; and was ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. ADAMS introduced A Bill to amend the law in relation to Sheriffs.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. RUTH presented the petition of the Deacons of the Black Swamp Baptist Church, for an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

The petition of Margaret Moore, to be refunded a tax twice paid; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. CARROLL presented the petition of William Gregg and James Jones, praying the passage of a law further regulating the navigation of Horse Creek, in the District of Edgefield; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements; and also,

The petition of sundry citizens of the town of Hamburg, praying an amendment of the Charter of Incorporation of the said town; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

The petition of the Stockholders of the Bank of Hamburg, South Carolina, praying the renewal of their Charter of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and also,

The return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Edgefield District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Abbeville, for Spring Term, 1853; which was read, and was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. POWE introduced A Bill to recharter the Merchants' Bank of South Carolina at Cheraw.

The Bill received the first reading and was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. POWE presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Chesterfield District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Mr. HASELL presented the account of the Pee Dee Times newspaper, for public printing; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; and also,

The report of the Commissioners of the Poor for Georgetown District, of the disbursement of the Transient Poor Fund, with a petition of the Commissioners for an increase of the appropriation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

At the hour of 1 o'clock, P. M., Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor was communicated to the Senate, and was read by Mr. W. R. CALHOUN, as follows:

*Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Representatives:*

Allow me to congratulate you upon assembling again, under the most auspicious circumstances, to legislate upon the affairs of South Carolina, and by the enactment of new laws, and the establishment of fresh precedents for her future government, to promote her moral and social welfare, improve and

develop her internal resources, and to increase her commercial and political importance among neighboring States and nations.

Whilst the Constitution, under whose provisions you are here assembled, imposes upon you that highest of all social responsibilities, the task to provide for the welfare of the people of the commonwealth, upon me devolves the subordinate obligation to lay before you, from time to time, information of its condition, and to make such recommendations as I shall judge necessary and expedient. The absence of a comprehensive political experience enables me but imperfectly to meet all the requirements of such a duty. In inviting, therefore, your co-operation to the recommendations which I shall make, your wisdom and experience will carry into effect those which are advantageous; and for the rest that is demanded by the wants of the State, a safer reliance cannot be placed than in that patriotism and enlightened view of public policy, which, under all circumstances, either in peace or in times of trial, have characterized your legislation.

The year which is past has been one of signal prosperity to the State. Not only has it been characterized by an unusual degree of health, but every department of industry exists in a condition of thrift and prosperity. Although the growers of cotton are not reaping as large a yield for their labor as they at one period anticipated, yet the present fair price for their staple and a comparative freedom from debt place the planters in a condition of greater independence than they have enjoyed at any previous time. Their property, both real and personal, is greatly increased in value, and fresh sources of revenue are opened to them, by new, convenient, and more expeditious means of communication with the metropolis, and other market towns. Improved modes of tillage, and the importation from abroad of fertilizers for their lands, are adding each year large amounts to the income of the State, and are fast laying the foundation of a steady improvement and permanent wealth. If possible, the results of the year's labor among the tide-water planters are even more flattering. The season has been free from flood or unusual gales, and the summer rains have placed at their disposal an abundance of fresh water, for the luxuriant growth of the grain. The harvest has been heavy, and the high prices which their grain crop at present commands make it the most prosperous of all the agricultural interests of the State—as indeed it usually is in the absence of those calamities which sometimes affect it. In addition to these facts, in this summary of the condition of the State, the City of Charleston, exempted as it has been during the summer from every sort of epidemic, and presenting in its bills of mortality a condition of health which will compare favorably with those of any city upon the continent, has had a tide of commerce poured into her lap, which she has never before received. Both the domestic and foreign importations into the city have been unusually large, and sales have already been effected to an extent nearly as great as in the entire

business season of other years. Railroads leading into the interior, and into regions beyond the State limits, which have hitherto been in the progress of construction, are now performing their proper functions, and conferring their expected benefits. This, together with the great health of the city, has brought to her markets new and valuable customers, and the daily increasing facilities by rail, to points still more distant, will, at no remote period, convert the present confines of the city into the more extended limits of a great metropolis.

The subjects to which I shall chiefly call your attention, are the Finances of the State, the condition of the Blue Ridge Railroad enterprise, Popular Education, and subjects connected therewith, the condition of the Asylum for the Insane, the Construction of a new Capitol, the question of Boundary between Georgia and South Carolina, the laws regarding colored seamen and to one of the articles of the Consular convention between the government of the United States and His Majesty the Emperor of the French.

I herewith submit to you an abstract of the condition of the finances of the State, together with a statement of the condition of the Bank of the State, on the 1st October, which is the end of the fiscal year. For that period, the result of its operations cannot be otherwise than satisfactory.

The profits of the Bank during the year have amounted to \$330,000, exceeding the profits of the previous year \$21,594 93. From these profits have been paid the interest on the Fire Loan debt, \$100,963, and the balance carried to the sinking fund amounts to \$229,037. The account exhibits a larger balance than usual; but the Bank has advanced to contractors for arms, &c., about \$51,000, which is a set-off against this balance. The sum of \$75,500 has also been advanced to the Greenville Railroad Company, which is the amount of assessment on the stock held by the State in that Company, and which, if paid by the State, will make a further reduction of a cash balance in the Treasury. The Bank holds the notes of the Company, with security, for the amount of the advance.

The funded debt due by the State on the 1st October, consisted of

5 per cent. Fire Loan Bonds, payable in London, '58 and '68.....	\$937,777 78
6 per cent. Fire Loan Stock, payable '60 and '70.....	805,590 15
6 per cent. of 1839 (balance past due not bearing interest)	8,418 30
5 per cent. 1838, balance.....	45,214 34
3 per cent. at nominal value \$117,438 40, but at market price, would amount to.....	73,986 19
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	\$1,879,986 76

The Treasury has paid from the sinking fund since 1st October, \$6,032 50 of the 6 per cents. of 1839, reducing the balance to \$2,385 80. The Bank

also holds of the 5 per cent. stock of 1838 the sum of \$6,679 11, and also \$7,441 53 of the 3 per cents., which was purchased with the sum of \$4,688 16. The amount of indebtedness is diminished by these several payments and purchases.

The assets of the State consist of the Bank and various Railroad stocks. The assets under the charge of the Bank may be summarily set down as follows :

Total Funds in the Bank, as exhibited by the Annual State-	
ment 1st October.....	\$7,919,982 49
Deduct Bank Liabilities, Issues, Deposits, &c.....	4,086,590 22
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Balance being Assets, the property of the State.....	\$3,833,342 27
South Carolina Railroad and Bank Stock,.....	641,000 00
Greenville Railroad Company,.....	348,000 00
Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company,.....	200,000 00
Charlotte and Columbia Railroad Company,.....	69,200 00
King's Mountain Railroad Company,.....	50,000 00
Laurens Railroad Company,.....	34,000 00
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	\$5,175,542 27

In addition to the funded debt due by the State, there is due to the Bank the sum of \$177,691 22 for cash paid to the South Carolina Railroad Company, when \$25 per share on the stock of that Company was called in. As the whole par value of the stock is set down among the assets of the State, it is necessary to notice this debt in an estimate of her finances.

The item of \$51,000 advanced to contractors for supplying arms under contracts made by the late Board of Ordnance, previous to its abolishment at the last session, was paid by the Bank upon a representation of the facts of the case from this department.

The late Board of Ordnance was empowered, under the act providing for the military defence of the State, passed in 1851, to make contracts for arms and munitions of war to the extent of \$300,000. The Board, during its existence, made contracts to the full extent of the appropriation; and all moneys due contractors were drawn by orders from the Executive upon the Treasury. In entering upon the discharge of the duties of my office, I found the balance of \$51,000 still due, and all of the contracts fulfilled according to stipulations. I accordingly gave a draft upon the Treasurer for a portion of the amount still due; but that officer did not regard himself authorized by law to pay the draft, as no especial authority had been given to the Executive to draw funds for this purpose after the Ordnance Board had been abolished. Under these circumstances, I presented the matter to the consideration of the President of the Bank, and advised the payment of these sums by the Bank, in order to

avoid the injury which would inevitably result to a portion of the contractors with the State, and great embarrassment to all of them. The President, with his accustomed liberality of views, at once acceded to my wishes, and by his timely relief, prevented much distress, if not positive ruin, to deserving individuals who had been fostered into existence by the State as manufacturers of arms. I trust that the course which has been pursued will meet with the approval of the Legislature.

By the act of incorporation of the Blue Ridge Rail Road Company, passed by the last General Assembly, the guarantee of the State upon the bonds of the Company, to the extent of \$1,250,000 was secured, upon the following conditions: First, that \$500,000 should be previously subscribed to the capital stock of the said Blue Ridge Rail Road Company, in South Carolina, by responsible persons, companies or corporations. Secondly, that such subscriptions should be made, or aid furnished to the Rail Road Companies in North Carolina and Tennessee, designed to connect with that portion of the Road lying in this State, as would give reasonable assurance of the construction of the said North Carolina and Tennessee Roads. These conditions have been complied with. The City of Charleston has subscribed \$500,000 to that portion of the Road lying within this State; and Messrs. Anson Bangs and Co. have contracted for the construction of the entire Road, from Anderson, in this State, to Knoxville, in Tennessee, which renders the connection not only reasonably assured, but as certain as any enterprise of such an extent can be. By the terms of this agreement the contractors are to receive in payment one half in cash, and the other half in capital stock and mortgaged bonds of the Company. By this mode of payment, the ultimate estimated cost of the Road is brought much more nearly within the scope of the resources of the Company than is usual in enterprises of such magnitude. At rates agreed upon with contractors, the entire cost of the Road, from Anderson to Knoxville, in Tennessee, together with necessary appurtenances, including interest accruing upon the bonds of the Company until the completion of the Road, will amount to the sum of about \$7,500,000. To meet this outlay, the Company estimate their resources as follows, viz:

Subscription by the City of Charleston to the Blue Ridge Rail Road in South Carolina,.....	\$ 500,000
Subscription by the same to Blue Ridge Rail Road in Georgia,	549,000
Subscription of Knoxville and Charleston Rail Road Company,	500,000
Other subscriptions, estimated at.....	151,000
State endorsement of Bonds of the Company.....	1,250,000
Estimated amount of Stock and Bonds to be issued to Messrs. Bangs & Co., being one-half of \$7,500,000:.....	3,750,000
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	\$6,700,000

It will thus be seen, that the means of the Company will fall short of the estimated cost of the work about \$800,000.

This enterprise is undoubtedly the wisest and the greatest which has ever been projected in this State, and the ultimate results will be as beneficial to her interest proportionably, as the great Western lines of Road to New York, or the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road now are to each of those cities respectively, and commenced under circumstances much more favorable to its completion. It is a more important measure than the proposed Charleston, Louisville and Cincinnati Rail Road, because it is a shorter route embracing all the advantages of the other, and is less liable to the diversions of trade from the valleys beyond the Alleghanies, owing to its peculiar location. By an arrangement shortly to be consummated, the Charters granted in Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee, will have all their privileges ceded to the Blue Ridge Rail Road Company in South Carolina, so that the latter named corporation will exercise entire control over the affairs of the whole line of Road. By this it will be seen that all means have been adopted to give security to whatever capital the State, or citizens within the State, may contribute to this great work, by confining the control of its affairs altogether within our own borders. To perpetuate this power is in the highest degree desirable. It will give to the State the indefeasible right to a Rail Road communication from Knoxville, in Tennessee, to Charleston, and the exclusive power to control and manage the affairs of this Company: thus establishing in perpetuity a highway of trade and travel from the remote West, to our own seaports, the value and importance of which can hardly be estimated.

In addition to these results from abroad, the effects of such a highway of trade and travel through the State will exercise a great influence upon her internal prosperity. The improvement of the upper portions of the State, the increase in the value of property, the many increased facilities it will give for commerce—the employment of their labor in construction, the expenditure of large sums among them for material and mechanical skill, and the increased value that will be given to Stock in Rail Road Companies already in existence, in which the State also is largely interested, are considerations which must influence your calm judgment to promote by every safe and judicious means the successful accomplishment of this great work.

By the communication which was established by the Charter between this Department and the Blue Ridge Rail Road Company, I have been enabled to ascertain, that by the terms of contract between Messrs. Bangs & Co., the work was to be commenced on the first of this month—and that a large portion of the surveys are completed and found to present fewer obstacles than was at first supposed—a location has been made

for tunnelling the Blue Ridge, and work allotted to contractors,—that their preliminary arrangements are in a state of forwardness,—that the Districts through which the Road will pass in this State will abundantly supply all the necessary labor,—that the citizens both in this State and beyond it have with extraordinary unanimity ceded the right of way without compensation,—and that every circumstance tends favorably to an early and thorough completion of this enterprise, which was projected by the President and Company with so much patriotism and zeal, and prosecuted with such signal industry and ability.

I have thus laid before you at some length, but as briefly as possible, all the facts in my possession with regard to the condition of the Blue Ridge Railroad enterprise. I now recommend that the State subscribe to the capital Stock of the Company the sum of \$750,000, in order to put the enterprise beyond the reach of ordinary reverses, and in this way to secure to the citizens residing in this State the control of a majority of the Stock of the Company, in reference to the contingencies which may frequently arise, where the trade and commerce is to be controlled for our benefit. Nor would such a step be unusual or partial, since the Legislature has not only extended important aid to Rail Roads constructed entirely within the State, but to Roads which have been projected beyond its limits, as in the case of the Charleston, Louisville and Cincinnati Rail Road, and in the Wilmington and Manchester Rail Road. The endorsement of the Bonds of the Blue Ridge Rail Road Company cannot be regarded as a subscription, for it is totally dissimilar in its character, and far less beneficial in its operation. In the one case the State becomes a copartner, and risks her capital and awaits the distant returns of dividends; in the latter case she simply makes herself liable as an endorser, and takes the first mortgage on the property of the Stockholders to secure herself against the possibility of loss.

Undoubtedly the most important measure which I shall bring to your consideration, is the reformation of the present system of Public Instruction in the State.

If, as has been frequently stated, education is the cheap defence of nations, and the permanence of republican institutions depends upon the enlightenment of their citizens, you have but little security for the prosperity and happiness you now enjoy. Education has been provided by the Legislature but for one class of the citizens of the State, which is the wealthy class. For the middle and poorer classes of society it has done nothing, since no organized system has been adopted for that purpose. You have appropriated seventy-five thousand dollars annually to Free Schools, but under the present mode of applying it, that liberality is really the profusion of the prodigal rather than the judicious generosity which

confers real benefit. The few who are educated at the public expense in those excellent and truly useful institutions, the Arsenal and Citadel Academies, form almost the only exception to the truth of this remark. No State can boast of nobler institutions than the South Carolina College and the Military Schools. One has already conferred untold benefits on the State. In it have been nurtured for half a century most of the character and genius of South Carolina, and it is now sustaining her reputation for scholarship and intellect,—the others are dispensing such scientific and practical knowledge as becomes more sensibly felt each succeeding day. Both ought to receive, as every way worthy, a continuation of your care and benefactions. But still there is wanting a system of public instruction, which will educate better, and in greater number the youth of the State of all classes of her population. It should not be an eleemosynary proffer to those whose pride and ignorance make them either reject the gift, or receive it without benefit or gratitude, but rather a fountain flowing for all, at which they may freely partake. Upon the same school forms and by the same masters should be taught the elements of education to all the youths of the State; and let those whose tastes or means enable them to do so, pursue those other avenues of knowledge which will lead them to a more ambitious eminence, and a wider field of display. But let the basis of the education of the young of the State be laid in her primary schools. This will afford that patronage which is necessary for the support of any system. It will not be done immediately; but by pursuing a judicious design to be carried into effect by capable individuals, this end will be ultimately accomplished.

Such a design does not preclude the existence of private schools. Extend instruction and the more instruction will be required. Pierce this barrier of prejudice and ignorance, which refuses all approach to the adoption of better views of public instruction, and for one school already established, fifty will spring into existence. Ten years ago twenty thousand adults, besides children, were unable to read and write in South Carolina. Has our Free School system dispelled any of this ignorance? Are there not reasonable fears to be entertained that the number has increased since that period? Are generations to come and go, and still see no improvement in the education of the humble portion of your population? If no change is effected with increasing commerce, with 1300 miles of Rail Road, with your machinery, with your unimproved lands, who are to be your merchants, engineers, machinists and mechanics, and your farmers?

A reformation in public instruction, if any be made, cannot be effected directly by yourselves. It must be done by your agents. I recommend to you the establishment of a Board of Education, and the appointment of

a Commissioner of Public Instruction, whose duty it shall be to gather facts with regard to this State, and thoroughly inform himself upon the systems of such other governments as educate their people best, and report the result of his labors to the Board or Commission, who together shall digest a plan to be submitted to you for ratification or rejection. Pay them either by an appropriation, or by a per centage from the Free School Fund.

The Board I suggest shall be appointed by you; the Commissioners of Public Instruction to be chosen by the Trustees of the South Carolina College, by and with the assent of the Executive.

Accompanying this communication is a letter from the President of the South Carolina College upon the subject of Public Education, which contains views so well considered and able as to induce me to lay it before you with the hope that you will give it such attention as the importance of the subject demands.

The subject of Medical Education is one which I think should engage your attention, and receive, as germane to a general system of education within the State, a portion of your care and assistance. Nor is this an unimportant part of such a system. Occupying as we do a region which is not exempt from malarious influences, we should be particularly interested in all those means by which the natural influences of the climate can to some extent be obviated, a knowledge which is best acquired in latitudes in which those diseases are most prevalent.

It is doubtless known to you that about thirty years ago the first effort was made to build up and sustain a Medical College within the borders of our own State, and thereby to offer to our young men the means of acquiring at home a medical education as thorough and complete as they could obtain abroad. There were valid reasons why this effort should be made; and subsequent experience has afforded the most convincing proof of the deep interest our people and State should feel in the success of such an enterprise. Thus far the Medical College of the State of South Carolina has grown steadily in prosperity and reputation, until it has obtained in point of respectability an equal footing with the most respectable of similar institutions in the United States. For this success it has been mainly indebted to the zeal and untiring efforts of its Professors; for whilst other States have been most munificent in cherishing their Medical Institutions, South Carolina, although she has done something, has fallen far behind most of the States of the Confederacy. In this age of active competition, the absence of adequate means has placed that Institution at great disadvantage, and at the present moment especially, when the rapid advancement of science, growing out of the daily development of new truths, forms more multifarious and complex processes of investi-

gation, the appliances necessary in a thorough system of education and illustration have become so numerous and expensive, as to be entirely beyond the limited resources of a Faculty dependent exclusively upon the fees of the students for their inadequate compensation. This natural wear and tear of property and of their means of illustration already at command, impose an additional burden upon the Professors, which they cannot well sustain.

I herewith present a memorial from the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, which sets forth more in detail the necessity of an appeal for State aid; not only for reasons already given, but for others which are therein clearly and forcibly stated. Not the least important among them is a necessity for the repairs of their edifice, and increasing its convenience by enlargement. I cordially recommend an appropriation for the required aid.

The State makes provision annually for the education of one of the youths from the Charleston Orphan House, to be selected by the Commissioners. This liberality on your part has already been extended to several young men, whose subsequent advancement and usefulness in life have proven the wisdom of your benefaction. Through me the commissioners now ask that provision may be made by you for the education of another youth upon the same conditions as in the other case. I take great pleasure in adding my recommendation to their request.

I shall now proceed to lay before you a subject which will engage your judgment, as well as interest your sympathies.

Undoubtedly among the first duties of government are to legislate for the security of life and property, and the protection of morals. Next in order is the education of all classes of citizens,—the third is to make provision for those who by natural or other infirmities are unable to care properly for themselves in the affairs of life. Among all nations the performance of this latter obligation is regarded as the highest evidence of enlightenment and civilization. Those who are selected by their fellow men by reason of their superiority of intellect to provide for all their social and political wants, ought surely to be such as are most regardful of the condition of that class of society from whom the light of intelligence and reason has been removed, and who are already the most unhappy of mankind.

In the year 1821, when the Asylum for the Insane of this State was established, the arrangements made for its inmates, were far in advance of those of any similar institution, not only in this country, but in Europe. In it the system of coercion was abolished to a greater extent than any other similar establishment; the personal comforts of the patients more amply provided for; and the whole system as formerly adopted in the

Bicetre and Salpetriere, where the insane were regarded as condemned felons or brutes, was superseded by a more gentle and humane treatment. But since that period, whilst this institution, from the character of the building erected for the accommodation of patients, together with its unfavorable location and the limited extent of the grounds about it, has from necessity remained stationary, others, both in this country and in Europe, have left it far behind in the improvements which science and experience have suggested; and they now present us in turn examples from which our own system can be greatly amended.

I have made it a portion of my public duty to examine into the condition of the State Asylum for lunatics, and the result of my observation has been to recommend to you a thorough change from all the present arrangements. Provision is made only for 120 patients—against about 400 lunatics, which are estimated as the number in the State. The accommodations, therefore, are too small; and the duties of legislation upon this subject will be but imperfectly discharged as long as there remains a single lunatic within her limits unprovided for. The situation is within the corporate limits of the town of Columbia, exposing the inmates, without the possibility of avoiding the difficulty, to all the noise and bustle which prevails in a city, thus defeating very often all the regulations for their perfect repose by the Physician and Superintendent. A location in the country, surrounded by a farm and gardens, with other conveniences of air and exercise, are regarded as indispensable to a proper treatment of maladies of the mind. These advantages cannot be had in its present position, nor can there ever be a sufficient increase of accommodation from the limited extent of the grounds, as will meet with the present wants, still less for those in the future.

The construction of the edifice is altogether defective. The population within are so thrown together as to prevent any thing like a classification of the patients. The refined and sensitive, more alive perhaps, to un congenial associations, than persons of sound mind, are from necessity made to associate to some extent with those who by their misfortunes have descended to the lowest thoughts and habits possible for human beings; so that from this cause many patients of the former class are under the necessity of being provided for by their friends without the State, in institutions which are more judiciously arranged. The basement, which was intended for patients of a certain description, and which is perhaps one of the most important portions of the structure, from its excessive dampness, and wretched ventilation, is totally unfitted for habitation. The dormitories also, or rather cells, for they can hardly be dignified with a name implying convenience and comfort, are not large enough for a person in health, still less are they adapted to a class who,

from one of the peculiarities of their disease, require a greater amount of pure air. Their dimensions are six feet by eight and ten feet in height, affording only 384 cubic feet of air, which by persons scientifically and practically acquainted with the treatment of insanity is regarded as but little more than half enough.

From the confined limits of the grounds, and the necessity for fresh air and exercise for the inmates of the Asylum, permission has been given to a portion of them to walk on the public highway and in the streets under careful restrictions; but such liberty has always been attended with results so unpleasant and injurious, that the authorities have been forced to limit their movements to circumscribed courts of a single acre of ground, where 170 patients are assembled, and so shut in by building and wall as almost to exclude from them the pure air of heaven, and hide from their view its blue sky.

The institution has been managed, in my opinion, with great judgment and ability. I believe that no body of Regents in any Asylum are more able, or enlightened in their views, than those who preside over the affairs of this. I believe them to be active and benevolent in the discharge of their duties. So also with the Physician and Superintendent. They make the best use of the means and appliances which are afforded them. But under more favourable legislation at your hands they can achieve more. It is an ascertained fact that in a properly constructed building, located in the country, with sufficient area of ground about it, and other advantages known to scientific men, that the rate of cure is about fifty to sixty per cent. Under circumstances the reverse of these, the rate is only about 22 per cent. Is not this then an occasion for the exercise of your beneficent and liberal interposition?

I submit to you, therefore, the propriety of removing the Asylum to some convenient and healthy country location near the town, and give to the insane a habitation constructed upon newer and better principles which shall be to them a comfortable and agreeable residence, where their happiness and health can be promoted by a proper classification with other great advantages. Enable them to enjoy the fresh air, the sky, and the recreation to be derived from the cultivation of trees and flowers, and to see nature in her thousand pleasant forms. Enable their guardians to induce them to take an interest in surrounding agreeable objects, and insensibly to woo their minds from the contemplation of the secret sources of their own excited fancies, and by promoting their innocent and admissible pleasures prevent them from brooding in hopeless despondency upon that chaos of ideas, which momentary gleams of intelligence only serve to make more terrible to them.

During the past year, the sum of \$30,000 was appropriated by you to

enlarge the Asylum. A portion, I believe about \$13,000, has been expended in providing temporary accommodations without the walls. A moderate appropriation by the State, annually, with the sum already in the hands of the Regents, will, in the course of a few years erect new and improved buildings, in a situation better adapted to the ends in view. When such a new building has been made to progress towards completion, the State can be refunded to the extent of a portion of its outlay by the sale of the present Asylum property, which is valuable and becoming more so, daily, with the increase in the value of real estate in the town.

At your last session an appropriation of \$50,000 was made for the continuation of the construction of the new Capitol, and during the past year the work has progressed to an extent commensurate with the amount appropriated. The plans have all been perfected by the skill of a competent architect, who has also the supervision with the commission of the whole work. Ample and convenient arrangements are made for all the departments of the State Government, and the building, when completed will be one of the most elegant, commodious and desirable in the Union. Every improvement which modern skill has devised has been incorporated in the plans. The granite of which it is constructed is found in great abundance convenient to the work. If completed upon the plans already determined upon, (at a cost in my judgment by no means unreasonable,) this edifice will be fresh in its massive strength and beauty when many generations shall have passed away, and will remain for ages a monument of your taste, State pride, and liberality. I recommend such liberal appropriations as will warrant an active and energetic prosecution of the work, and insure its early completion.

At the last session of the Legislature, the Governor, in connection with the Attorney General, was directed to take such steps to protect the rights and jurisdiction of South Carolina, in the controversy now pending between Georgia and this State upon the subject of boundary, as they might deem necessary. In conformity with these instructions, the Attorney General addressed a full and able argument to his Excellency the Governor of Georgia, in reply to a communication from him to my immediate predecessor, in which the rights of this State to the thread of the stream of the Savannah River, following the most Northern branch as the true boundary between the States, are clearly set forth. I am now confirmed in the opinion of the equity of this view of the case, since by examining a certified copy of the original charter of 1732, and other records among the archives of this State, I find the express language which this State claims to have been used in the original charter, and under which our title is urged.

This State has a right to rely upon the following as conclusive in the

controversy:—1st, the words of the Georgia charter of 1732, as given by Whitaker's Report in 1736, and half a century later by Watkins, and a copy of the original charter, certified by the Lord Mayor of London, and now among the archives of this State; 2nd, the convention of Beaufort in 1787; 3rd, the Constitution of Georgia in 1797, defining her own boundaries.

I perceive by the late Message of his Excellency Governor Cobb, that he recommends to the Legislature of Georgia to submit the question of boundary between the States for final settlement to the Supreme Court of the United States, in compliance with a proposition from the Attorney General of this State. I suggest to you the propriety of assenting to such a reference as the most complete mode by which a final settlement of this question can be effected.

In the last Annual Message of my immediate predecessor, a communication was made to you in regard to certain proceedings instituted by her Britannic Majesty's Consul, with a view to test the validity of the laws of South Carolina regulating the admission of colored seamen into the Port of Charleston. I am glad to inform you that both of the cases then referred to, that of Manuel Pereira, and of Reuben Roberts, have been settled.

The case of Pereira was placed on the Docket of the Court of Appeals in Charleston at the January term of the present year, and was considered by the Court, which refused to hear argument on the merits of the case, and dismissed the appeal on the ground that Pereira being already at liberty, Habeas Corpus could not be prosecuted in his behalf.

The case of Reuben Roberts vs. J. D. Yates, instituted in the Federal Court, came up for trial at the Spring term of that Court, Judge Gilchrist presiding alone. In the charge, the Court sustained the validity of the law, and a verdict was rendered for the defendant. An appeal was had to the Supreme Court at Washington, but in July last the Attorney General was formally notified that the appeal had been abandoned, and the costs of suit paid by the plaintiff. Thus has the validity of the laws of the State upon this subject been fully vindicated, and the matter now remains as it did before proceedings were instituted. The question of a modification of them is relieved of all its embarrassment, and may with entire propriety come before you for consideration as a new question. The course adopted by the British government in the latter stages of the proceeding has been so entirely proper and respectful, as to claim from you a conciliatory spirit in your legislation upon this subject.

Entertaining as I do, the opinion that the laws referred to can be so modified as to remove all complaint of injustice and inconvenience, and at the same time to protect the City of Charleston from all injury resulting from the introduction of such a class of persons into it, I cordially recom-

mend such measures as you may deem necessary for the accomplishment of this result.

I herewith lay before you the report of the Adjutant and Inspector General upon the duties of his department, and the condition of the militia of this State.

During the past spring and summer, I reviewed two divisions of the militia, and was gratified at their exhibition of zeal in the performance of duty, and at the precision with which their evolutions were executed. I know of no adequate substitute for the present system. Under it the State has acquired a reputation equalled by that of no other for the excellence of her military discipline. Whenever any portions of her citizen soldiery have been called into active service, the arts which they acquired at home have enabled them to win a high reputation. The same necessity continues for an effective organization as has always existed.

I invite your attention to the accompanying communication from the honorable the Secretary of State of the United States, covering a copy of the Consular Convention between his Majesty the Emperor of the French and the government of the United States; and by the direction of the President of the United States, he requests me to call your attention to the 7th article of that instrument, and recommends, if in pursuance of existing laws French subjects are not allowed to hold real estate in South Carolina, that such right be conferred upon them.

I have received a communication from his Excellency J. H. Clifford, Governor of Massachusetts, conveying a copy of a report and resolutions, adopted unanimously by the Legislature of that commonwealth, in response to resolutions adopted by you at your last Session, upon the subject of the deaths of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster. In compliance with his request, I herewith lay them before you.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives, I have laid before you in as brief a manner as possible, such suggestions as seemed to me proper for your consideration. I have omitted any discussion of Federal affairs since it is well known of your views upon these subjects, that adherence to the cardinal principles of State Rights,—to a strict construction of the Constitution,—to a Tariff purely for revenue,—to an economical application of the finances of the government, and above all to a stern and impartial administration of the laws and enforcement of all its constitutional obligations, you give your support to the present distinguished head of the nation as a fair exponent of such principles, disregarding all local disputes, or contentions for the emoluments and spoils of office.

With regard to our internal affairs, I would remark in general terms that it is wise to guard against excess of Legislation. Those laws are best which are permanent and easily understood. Innovation often

carries with it more of injury than benefit; and repeated changes tend to produce a certain demoralization, as to the force and obligation of law. Modifications of it are frequently necessary to supply the new wants of a growing country, but those should rather be specific than general so as not to threaten, still less to involve the destruction of a system which for generations of men has worked happily and beneficently. It is better to preserve that tone of moderation which avoids the extreme of a blind conservatism on the one side, and the restless desire for change on the other.

Permit me, gentlemen, to invoke for your deliberations the aid of that Divine Power which is at once the beginning and the end of human wisdom.

JOHN L. MANNING.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Message was made the special order of the day for Thursday next, at 1 o'clock, and two thousand copies of the same, together with the letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor by J. H. Thornwell, President of the South Carolina College, on the subject of Public Instruction, were ordered to be printed.

Mr. MOSES gave notice that on Thursday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter the law in relation to the duties of Ordinaries in taking administration bonds; and also,

A Bill to revive and extend the charter of the "Sumterville Academical Society."

Mr. MOSES presented the petition of sundry citizens of Sumter District, praying that a road from Lynchburgh to Lynche's Creek be re-opened and bridged at Durant's old Ferry.

Mr. HUEY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Lancaster District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Mr. CANNON gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company to extend their road from a point at or near Spartanburg Court House to some point on the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville or Rutherford.

Mr. CARN presented the petition of Joseph Tucker, praying the charter of a Ferry at Good Hope landing on Edisto river, in St. Bartholomew's Parish; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. CARN introduced

A Bill to authorize an election of Commissioners of the Poor in St. Bartholomew's Parish.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. CAREW submitted the presentments of the Grand Juries for Charleston District, March and October Terms, 1853, which were read; and so much thereof as relates to the Jail, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; so much as relates to the Penitentiary and the dieting of prisoners, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The report of the Attorney General in relation to the office of Ordinary in Charleston, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The account of the Charleston Mercury for public printing; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of the German Fire Company of Charleston for renewal of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

The petition of Joshua Lazarus, President of the Charleston Gas Light Company, for an increase of capital and extension of the time of charter; which was referred to the same Committee; and also,

The memorial of the Santee Canal Company, for leave to surrender their charter, close their business, and dispose of the assets; which was referred to the same Committee; and also,

The petition of the Washington Light Infantry, Moultrie Guards, German Riflemen, and Meagher Guards, praying to be constituted a Rifle Battalion, attached to the 16th Regiment of South Carolina Militia; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions; and also,

The petition of McCarter and Company, praying that the State will subscribe for certain copies of a new edition of McCord's Reports; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The petition of the German Settlement Society of Charleston, and the German Ladies' Benevolent Society, for incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HUEY gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to reduce the salary of the Adjutant and Inspector General of this State.

Mr. HUEY also presented the petition of the members of the Catawba Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Lancaster District, praying an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

The petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Lancaster District, praying an appropriation to remodel the Court House of Lancaster; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. CHESNUT introduced

A Bill to recharter the Bank of Camden, South Carolina.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MAZYCK gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce
A Bill to amend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina
and also,

A Bill to repeal the laws against usury.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON,

The Reporter for the Yorkville Miscellany was permitted to occupy a seat
on the floor of the Senate Chamber.

Mr. MOORMAN gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce
A Bill to amend the charter of the Bank of Newberry, South Carolina.

Mr. MOORMAN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free
Schools for Newberry District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the
Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. MOSES presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools
for Claremont, for the year 1853; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of John E. Carew, praying to be re-
lieved from a double tax, which was referred to the Committee on Finance
and Banks.

On motion of Mr. BUCHANAN, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it should stand adjourned to meet
to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. BUCHANAN,

The Senate adjourned at a few minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1853.

The Senate met at 12 meridian, pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

Hon. W. IZARD BULL,.....St. Andrews, and

“ JAMES J. WILSON,.....Barnwell.

Appeared in their places in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. WITHERSPOON gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to
introduce

A Bill to repeal the sixth section of an Act to extend the charter of the
Bank of the State of South Carolina, passed on 16th December, 1852.

Mr. MOSES gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to punish assaults committed with deadly weapons.

Mr. MOSES presented a communication from J. S. G. Richardson, Esq., State Reporter, with a copy of his 4th volume of Equity Reports, his sixth volume of Law Reports, and a volume containing the Equity cases not before reported from May, 1831, to May, 1832, inclusive—the last volume having been published pursuant to a resolution of the Legislature passed in December, 1851. The communication and volumes were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MOSES also presented the petition of Joseph Chandler praying indemnity for certain costs paid by him; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; and also,

The petition of Leonard Chandler, praying indemnity for certain costs paid by him; which was referred to the same Committee.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolution:

Resolved, That accounts for *post mortem* examinations under the Act of 1851 be hereafter handed to the Comptroller, to be audited by him with other contingent accounts.

On the question of agreeing to the resolution, it passed in the negative, and the resolution was consequently rejected.

Mr. CHESNUT presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Kershaw District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. GOODWYN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Matthew's Parish; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. RUTH gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Company.

Mr. HASELL presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parish of Prince George, Winyab, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. INGRAM presented the petition of Sumter Lodge, No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, praying an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. TOWNSEND presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. John's, Colleton, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion

Mr. ZIMMERMAN presented the petition of Joseph Frank, praying that certain rights and privileges in relation to a piece of land by him purchased may be vested in him; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The petition of Isaac Iseman and Mary Iseman, praying that certain rights and privileges in relation to a piece of land purchased by them may be vested in them; which was referred to the same Committee.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. HUEY introduced

A Bill to reduce the salary of the Adjutant and Inspector General of this State.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

Mr. HUEY presented the petition of sundry citizens of Lancaster District, praying the repeal of the sixth section of an Act entitled "An Act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina," passed 16th December, 1852; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. EVINS gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to extend the time for securing the capital stock and for organizing "The Western Bank of South Carolina," at Anderson.

Mr. EVINS, from the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, reported the following offices vacant at the present session of the Legislature, viz:

Commissioners in Equity for Anderson, Beaufort, Chester, Lancaster, Marion and Marlboro' Districts; and also,

Master in Equity and Register for Charleston District.

Mr. CARN presented the petition of the Broxton's Bridge Company, praying for a renewal of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. J. J. WILSON presented the petition of Preston M. Bland, of Barnwell District, praying to be refunded a tax improperly collected; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Leave was granted to Mr. JAMES J. WILSON to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of sundry citizens of Barnwell District, praying that Tinker's Creek and other streams be made navigable.

Mr. J. J. WILSON also presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Barnwell District; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. CANNON introduced

A Bill to authorize the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company to extend their road from some point at or near Spartanburg Court House to some point on the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville or Rutherford.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. WITHERSPOON introduced

A Bill to give the Town Council of Yorkville the power to issue the bonds of the corporation, and for other purposes.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. MAZYCK, from the Special Committee appointed by the Senate on

the 13th day of December, 1852, to which had been committed a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to define the principles on which Joint Stock Banks shall be incorporated, with leave to sit during the recess of the Legislature, and to report at this session, submitted a Report, of which five hundred copies were, on motion of Mr. ADAMS, ordered to be printed.

Mr. MAZYCK, from the same Committee, reported as a substitute for the Bill committed to them,

A Bill to define the rights and privileges of incorporated Banks, and the regulations, restrictions and conditions to which they shall be subject.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Joint Committee appointed to examine the Branch of the Bank of the State of South Carolina at Columbia; which was ordered to be printed; and also,

The petition of Thomas Freen, praying payment for indexing Records, ordered at the last session of the Legislature; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. MOSES gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter the system of pleadings in Courts of Law.

Mr. McALILEY gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the formation of the Newberry and Chester Railroad Company.

On motion of Mr. EVINS, the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices was taken up, and a report was offered as a substitute, reporting as vacant the following offices, viz: Commissioners in Equity for Anderson, Beaufort, Chesterfield, Lancaster, Marion, and Marlboro' Districts; the Master and Register in Equity for Charleston District; and also that of Treasurer of the Lower Division.

On motion of Mr. EVINS, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to go into a ballot for Treasurer of the Lower Division, on Friday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., and immediately thereafter for Commissioners in Equity for Anderson, Beaufort, Chesterfield, Lancaster, Marion and Marlboro' Districts.

Mr. BOOZER gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad Company.

Leave was granted to Mr. CARROLL to withdraw from the files of the Senate the memorial of James Jones and Joseph J. Kennedy, praying an amendment of their charter to the Augusta Bridge.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Comptroller General, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the Charter of the Savannah River Valley Railroad Company, so as to authorize the formation of a branch of said road to Abbeville Court House; and also a branch from said road to Savannah river at or near Vienna, and for other purposes.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Abbeville District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Mr. PORTER gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the charter of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Charleston; and also,

A Bill to incorporate the South Carolina Building and Saving Institution.

Mr. PORTER also presented the petition of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Charleston, praying an amendment of their charter, so as to place them upon the same footing as other Insurance Companies in this State; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. PORTER also presented the petition of the South Carolina Building and Saving Association, praying an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. MAZYCK gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to declare and amend the law in relation to wills and deeds and other instruments in writing.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MAZYCK introduced A Bill to amend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed; and also,

A Bill to repeal the laws against usury.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. HUEY gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Lancaster Railroad Company," passed on the 16th of December, A. D. 1852.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. PORTER introduced A Bill to renew the charter of the Bank of Charleston, South Carolina.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. EVINS, the Senate adjourned at seventeen minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1853.

The Senate met at 12 M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

Hon. R. S. BEDON,..... St. George's, Dorchester, and

„ JOHN WILSON,..... St. James', Goose Creek,

Appeared in their seats in the Senate chamber.

Mr. WITHERSPOON presented the petition of Jane Mallet, praying that all the right, title and interest of the State in and to the real estate of which William Haacket, her brother, late of York District, died seized, may be vested in her; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The petition of sundry citizens of York District, praying that a road in said District may not be discontinued; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on a Bill to amend the law in relation to Sheriffs, recommending the passage of the Bill; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; and the Bill and the Report were ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice and by leave of the Senate, Mr. MOSES introduced

A Bill to alter the law in relation to the duties of Ordinaries in taking administration bonds.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed; and also,

A Bill to revive and extend the charter of the Sumterville Academical Society.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

A Bill to alter the system of pleadings in Courts of Law.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. POWE presented the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Chesterfield District, praying an appropriation to build a jail; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. BROCKMAN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Greenville District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. J. WILSON presented the return of the Commissioners of Free

Schools for St. James', Goose Creek, for the year 1853; which was referred to the same Committee.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MARSHALL introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of the Savannah River Valley Railroad Company, and for other purposes."

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, and the Bill was ordered to be printed.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter the sitting of the Courts on the Western Circuit, and for other purposes.

Mr. BUCHANAN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Fairfield District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. J. J. WILSON submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury for Barnwell District, Fall Term, 1853; which was read, and so much thereof as relates to the Free Schools was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; and so much thereof as relates to the Roads, Public Buildings, and to the Jail and Court House of said District, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; and the other subjects of the presentment were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. CAREW presented the petition of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Walhalla, praying an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

The account of J. P. Chazal, M. D., for a *post mortem* examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. HARLLEE gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to charter a Company to construct a Railroad from the junction of the Camden and Columbia branches of the South Carolina Railroad to Hamburg, South Carolina.

Mr. HARLLEE presented the petition of sundry citizens of Marion District, praying for a new road; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. WITHERSPOON presented the counter petition of Ann White, praying that a road in York District may not be established; which was referred to the same Committee.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. WITHERSPOON introduced

A Bill to repeal the sixth section of an Act to extend the charter of the

Bank of the State of South Carolina, passed on the sixteenth day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. EVINS introduced

A Bill to extend the time for securing the capital stock and for organizing the "Western Bank of South Carolina," at Anderson.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. PORTER offered the following Resolution; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed:

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to provide a suitable sword, and present the same to Captain Duncan N. Ingraham, of the United States Navy, as a testimonial from his native State for his late gallant and meritorious conduct on board the sloop of war "Saint Louis," in the Bay of Smyrna.

Mr. BARTON, by leave of the Senate, introduced

A Bill to alter and amend the tenth section of the 1st Article of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina; which Bill had received the first reading in the Senate on the 27th day of November, A. D. 1852, and was ordered to be considered at the present Session of the Legislature. The Bill now received the first reading at this Session, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. RUTH presented the petition of the Trustees of the Steep Bottom Baptist Church, for an act of incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. RUTH introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Company; the Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. BOOZER presented the memorial of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Lexington District, praying an appropriation for the enlargement of the Court House of said District; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; and also,

The petition of the Commissioners of the Poor of Lexington District, praying for a Digest of the Poor Laws, and that copies of the same may be furnished to the Commissioners of the Poor; and also,

The presentment of the Grand Jury of Lexington District, Fall Term, 1853, which was read; and so much thereof as relates to the Poor laws, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and so much as relates to the jail of said District, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. HUEY introduced

A Bill to amend an act entitled, "An Act to charter the Lancaster Railroad Company," passed on the 16th day of December, A. D., 1852. The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MAZYCK introduced

A Bill to declare and amend the law in relation to Wills, Deeds, and other instruments in writing.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

At the hour of 1, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR THIS HOUR

The reference of Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor.

The reading of the Message was dispensed with, and Mr. MOSES offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the Bank of the State, and the amount paid as balance due under the Act providing for the military defence of the State, passed in 1851, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

That so much thereof as relates to the report of the Adjutant and Inspector General, to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

That so much thereof as relates to the Blue Ridge Railroad, to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

That so much thereof as relates to public instruction, the Free School system, and the Orphan House, to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

That so much thereof as relates to the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Education, to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

That so much thereof as relates to the new Capitol, to the Committee on the State House and Grounds; and

That so much thereof as relates to the boundary between this State and the State of Georgia, to the law regulating the admission of colored seamen into Charleston, and to the communication of the Secretary of State in relation to the Convention between the Emperor of the French and the Government of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The Resolution was agreed to, and the Message referred accordingly.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. McALILEY introduced

A Bill to authorize the formation of the Newberry and Chester Railroad Company.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. ADAMS presented the petition of Charles Beck, for balance unpaid for constructing of the Cottage for the State House Keeper; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; and also,

The account of Dr. A. W. Kennedy, for a post mortem examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; and also,

The return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Richland District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. BOOZER presented the memorial of sundry citizens of South Carolina, praying for the incorporation of the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad Company; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements; and also,

The return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Lexington District, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. BOOZER introduced A Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad Company.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. DUDLEY submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Marlboro' District, Fall Term, 1853; which was read, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DRAYTON presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Luke's Parish, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. PORTER gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the City Court of Charleston, and to provide for the better administration of justice therein.

Mr. PORTER presented the memorial of the Board of Firemasters in the city of Charleston, praying that the number of Axemen in the Palmetto Company be reduced, and that the fine for non-attendance at fires be increased; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

The memorial of Wm. C. Dukes and others, praying to be incorporated as a Gas Light Company in the city of Charleston; which was referred to the same Committee; and also,

The memorial of the College of Charleston, praying an appropriation to enable them to extend the College building for the reception of their library; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and also,

The return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parishes of St. Philip and St. Michael's, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; and also,

The account of the expenditures of the transient poor fund for the city of Charleston; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. PORTER introduced A Bill to renew the charter of the Bank of South Carolina.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. PORTER also introduced

A Bill to amend the charter of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Charleston.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN offered the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into and report as to the expediency of so arranging or dividing the Eastern Law Circuit as to allow a longer term to the Court for the District of Darlington.

Mr. CARROLL presented the memorial of James Jones and Joseph J. Kennedy, praying an amendment of their charter to the Augusta Bridge; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. PORTER, by leave of the Senate, substituted the following Resolution for that previously offered by him, to wit:

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to procure a Sword, or some other suitable testimonial, and present the same to Captain DUNCAN N. INGRAHAM, of the United States Navy, as a tribute from his native State for his late gallant and meritorious conduct on board the sloop of war St. Louis, in the bay of Smyrna.

Which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

On motion of Mr. RUTH,

The Senate adjourned at four minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1853.

The Senate met at 12 M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER.

Hon. R. DETREVILLE,..... St. Helena,

Appeared in his seat in the Senate chamber.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 1, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to the Senate to go into a ballot for Treasurer of the Lower Division on Friday next, at 1, P. M., and immediately thereafter for Commissioner in Equity for the Districts of Anderson, Marion, Chesterfield, Marlboro', Lancaster, Beaufort and Spartanburg, and also for Master in Equity for Charleston District, and immediately thereafter for Comptroller General.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The message was ordered to lie on the table.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the following Resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the Joint Resolution concurred in by this House on the 7th December, 1852, requiring proprietors of newspapers to furnish one or more of the printed articles for which the charges in the accounts are made, be and the same is hereby repealed.

On the question of agreeing to the Resolution, it passed in the negative, and the Resolution was consequently rejected.

Mr. EVINS, from the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, reported the following offices vacant at the present session of the Legislature, viz :

Comptroller General, Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit, and Commissioners in Equity for Spartanburg and Orangeburg Districts.

The message from the House of Representatives, proposing ballots for certain officers, was called up from the table, and being considered, the Senate refused to concur therein.

Mr. CHESNUT presented the report of the Special Joint Committee appointed to examine the Branch of the Bank of the State at Camden; which was ordered to be printed.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the following papers :

The reports of the Committee on Claims :

On the account of L. M. Grist, for public printing ;

On the account of Thomas J. Eccles, for public printing ;

On the account of Gilbert & Fraser, for public printing ;

On the account of Gilbert & Fraser, for public printing ;

On the petition of Daniel Reily, Constable, relative to lodging a State prisoner in the jail of Sumter District ;

On the account of R. W. Gibbes, for printing Equity Reports ;

On the account of David Sistrunk, praying payment for serving writs of election ;

All of which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. CALHOUN presented the petition of Chalmers Jacks and Mary A. Dillard, praying that their children may be legitimated ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CALHOUN gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to alter the militia laws of this State.

Mr. HIBBEN presented the petition of Julius L. Bartlett for conveyance to him of certain land ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WITHERSPOON presented the petition of citizens of Yorkville, praying for an amendment of the Town charter ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts ; and also,

The petition of sundry citizens of York District, praying that a public road in said District be discontinued ; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. MAZYCK offered a Resolution instructing the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements to report to this Senate certain information relative to the Blue Ridge Railroad.

The Resolution having been ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and the Committee was instructed accordingly.

Mr. POWE presented the account of James Powell, for public printing ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. INGRAM presented the petition of sundry citizens of Sumter District praying for a new road ; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. MOSES presented the counter petition of sundry citizens of Sumter as to grant of a public road ; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed a Bill to alter the system of pleadings in Courts of Law, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES, from the same Committee, to which had been referred the petition of Isaac Iseman and Marx Iseman, praying that certain privileges may be conferred on them in relation to a piece of land ; and

The petition of Joseph Frank, praying that certain privileges in relation to a piece of land may be vested in him; reported the following Bills, viz .

A Bill to confer on Isaac Iseman and Marx Iseman certain rights and privileges in relation to a piece of land by them purchased; and

A Bill to vest the right and title of the State in and to a certain lot of land in the town of Darlington in Joseph Frank.

The Bills severally received the first reading, and were ordered for a second reading to-morrow

Mr. MOSES, from the same Committee, to which was referred a Bill to alter the law in relation to the duties of Ordinaries in taking administration bonds, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. EVINS, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to go into a ballot for Commissioners in Equity for Anderson, Beaufort, Marion, Marlboro', Chesterfield, Spartanburg, Lancaster, and Orangeburg Districts; and Master and Register in Equity for Charleston District, to-day, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., and immediately thereafter for Treasurer of the Lower Division.

Mr. MOORMAN presented the petition of the Agricultural Society of Newberry, praying an act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. DEKTREVILLE presented the petition of sundry citizens of St. Bartholomew's Parish, praying for leave to reopen a road and to reconstruct a bridge over a branch of Ashepoo river; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts was discharged from the further consideration of a memorial of a Committee in behalf of a Convention lately assembled in Charleston, praying an act of Incorporation of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad; and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. PORTER presented the memorial of the Charleston Ancient Artillery Society for recharter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts was discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Wm. C. Dukes and others, praying to be incorporated as a Gas Light Company, and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MARSHALL introduced

A Bill to alter the sitting of the Courts of Law on the Western Circuit, and also to add the Judicial District of Spartanburg to the Northern Circuit.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed,

Mr. MARSHALL presented the favorable report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions on the petition of John G. Bowman, praying compensation for a loss sustained in the Florida war; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MARSHALL, from the same Committee, to which was committed a Bill to reduce the salary of the Adjutant and Inspector General of this State, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill with an amendment; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. PORTER introduced A Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the City Court of Charleston, and to provide for the better administration of justice therein.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. PORTER also introduced

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the State Bank.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 2, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully concurs in the proposal of the Senate to go into an election at half-past 1, P. M., for Commissioners in Equity for Anderson, Beaufort, Marion, Marlboro', Chesterfield, Spartanburg, Lancaster and Orangeburg, and Master in Equity and Register in Equity for Charleston District, and immediately thereafter for Treasurer of the Lower Division.

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. PORTER introduced A Bill to incorporate the Central Bank of Charleston.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Pursuant to messages interchanged between the two houses, the Senate, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives and joined that house in a ballot for Commissioners in Equity for Anderson, Beaufort, Marion, Marlboro', Chesterfield, Spartanburg, Lancaster and Orangeburg Districts, and for Master in Equity and Register in Equity for Charleston District.

Messrs. ADAMS and BARTON were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

When the Senate returned to the Senate chamber,

Message No. 2 of his Excellency the Governor was communicated, and read to the Senate by Mr. W. R. CALHOUN.

So much thereof as relates to the invitation of the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College to attend the Commencement of that institution on Monday, the 5th day of December, and the report of the College Treasurer, was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; and so much as relates to the communication from the Consul of his Majesty the Emperor of the French, for the States of North and South Carolina and Georgia, having reference to the claims of the "Legionaries de Luxembourg," was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the petition of sundry citizens of Ninety-six, praying for a place of election to be established in said town; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections; and also,

The petition of sundry citizens of the town of Ninety-six, praying an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. MARSHALL, from the Committee on the Military and Pensions, to which was referred the petition of sundry Volunteer Companies in the city of Charleston, reported

A Bill to establish a Rifle Battalion in the Parishes of St. Philip's and St. Michael's.

The Bill received first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. CHESNUT presented the memorial of sundry citizens of South Carolina, living on the Wateree river and its tributaries, against the closing of the Santee Canal; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. HARLEE introduced

A Bill to charter a Company to construct a Railroad from the junction of the Camden and Columbia branches of the South Carolina Railroad to Hamburg, South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, and was ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to messages interchanged between the two Houses, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a ballot for Treasurer of the Lower Division. Messrs. BEDON and BROCKMAN were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. DETREVILLE gave notice, that to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the more perfect and prompt administration of Justice.

Mr. BULL presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for

St. Andrew's Parish, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion; and also,

The petition of sundry inhabitants of James' Island, praying to be attached to the 18th Regiment of South Carolina Militia; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. McALILEY gave notice, that to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce A Bill to make it peremptory on the Judges to grant bail in certain cases.

Mr. CANNON gave notice, that to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce A Bill concerning the Inspection of Flour in Charleston.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Resolution was unanimously agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to procure a Sword, or some other suitable testimonial, and present the same to Captain DUNCAN N. INGRAHAM, of the United States Navy, as a tribute from his native State for his late gallant and meritorious conduct on board the sloop of war St. Louis, in the bay of Smyrna.

On motion of Mr. CARN,

The Senate adjourned at twenty-two minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1853.

The Senate met at 12 M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER,

Hon. R. G. W. GRISSETT,.....Horry,

Appeared in his seat.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for certain Commissioners in Equity, and Master and Register in Equity for Charleston, reported that James H. Witherspoon for Lancaster, A. O. Norris for Anderson, J. C. Craig for Chesterfield, T. O. P. Vernon for Spartanburg, R. J. Davant for Beaufort, V. D. V. Jamison for

Orangeburg, E. P. Ervin for Marlboro', and C. D. Evans for Marion, had received a majority of the votes cast for Commissioners in Equity for their respective Districts, and that James W. Gray for Master, and Thomas J. Gantt for Register in Equity for Charleston District, had received a majority of the votes cast. Thereupon the President announced that they were duly elected to those offices.

Mr. CHESNUT, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, to which was committed

A Bill to amend an act, entitled, "An Act to charter the Lancaster Railroad Company," passed on the sixteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, submitted a report, recommending the passage of the Bill without amendment; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. CHESNUT, from the same Committee, to which was committed

A Bill to authorize the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company to extend their Road from a point at or near Spartanburg Court House, to some point on the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville or Rutherford, submitted a report; recommending its passage, which was also ordered for consideration on Monday next, and the Bill and the report were ordered to be printed.

Leave was granted to Mr. INGRAM to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of Jephtha Dyson, praying for a debt to be refunded him by the Bank of the State of South Carolina.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed, a Bill to declare and amend the law in relation to Wills, Deeds, and other instruments in writing, submitted a report, recommending the passage of the Bill with amendments; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. DRAYTON presented the petition of G. Henry Guerard, Executor of the estate of Edward R. Lowndes, to be relieved from the payment of a double tax; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Leave of absence was granted to the Senator from Edgefield on and after this day, on account of illness in his family.

Leave was granted to Mr. MAZYCK to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of E. McDonald and Tully F. Sullivan, praying an equitable settlement of a debt due to the State.

Mr. EVINS offered the following Resolution; which was agreed to:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements to inquire into and report to this House the propriety of disposing of the published volumes of the "Geology of South Carolina," now in the Legislative Library, and what disposition of them would be in their opinion most beneficial to the people of the State.

Mr. CALHOUN gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the Laurens Railroad Company to extend their road from Laurens Court House to the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. CALHOUN introduced

A Bill to alter the militia laws of this State.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

Mr. INGRAM presented the petition of J. Dyson, praying for direction to the Bank of the State of South Carolina to pay a debt due him; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MAZYCK, for Mr. CARROLL, presented the petition of John E. McDonald and Tully F. Sullivan, praying for an equitable settlement of a debt due to the State; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. WITHERSPOON offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That Rule 15th be suspended for the remainder of the present Session.

The President decided that under the Rules the Resolution could not be considered on this day, and the same was ordered to be considered on Monday next.

Mr. HIBBEN appealed from this decision to the Senate; and on the question, Shall the decision of the Chair stand? It passed in the affirmative, and the Resolution was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. ADAMS presented the petition of the Hibernian Society of Columbia, praying for an act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. FISHBURNE presented the petition of James B. Campbell, praying the appointment of a new Board of Commissioners of Caw Caw Swamp, under the provisions of the act of Assembly passed in 1795; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of Charles Macbeth, praying that a part of the Santee Canal be granted to him, upon condition of keeping it open as a highway; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. BEDON, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for Treasurer of the Lower Division, reported that W. J. Laval had received a majority of the votes cast. Whereupon the President declared William J. Laval duly elected Treasurer of the Lower Division.

Mr. TOWNSEND, from the Committee on the College, Education, and

Religion, to which was referred the invitation of his Excellency the Governor to attend the Commencement of the South Carolina College, submitted a report recommending acceptance of the same; the report was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. CANNON introduced

A Bill concerning the Inspection of Flour in Charleston; the Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures, and the Mechanic Arts, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. DEXTREVILLE gave notice, that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal the proviso to the first section of an act entitled "An Act relating to the survey of the coast of South Carolina, under the authority of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions, on the claim of John G. Bowman, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to establish a Rifle Battalion in the Parishes of St. Philips and St. Michael's; and

A Bill to vest the right and title of the State in and to a certain lot of land in the town of Darlington in Joseph Frank; and

A Bill to confer on Isaac Iseman and Marx Iseman certain rights and privileges in relation to a piece of land by them purchased; and

A Bill to alter the system of pleadings in Courts of Law; and

A Bill to reduce the salary of the Adjutant and Inspector General of the State; and

A Bill to alter the law in relation to the duties of Ordinaries in taking Administration Bonds; and

A Bill to amend the law in relation to Sheriffs.

The General Orders of the day were disposed of.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the report of the Special Committee appointed by the Senate at the last session, to which had been referred

A Bill from the House of Representatives to define the principles on which Joint Stock Banks shall be incorporated; and

Also, a Bill to define the rights, powers, and privileges of incorporated Banks, and the regulations and conditions to which they shall be subject,

reported by the Committee, were placed in the General Orders of the Day for Tuesday next.

Mr. CHESNUT, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, to which had been referred the memorial of a Committee in behalf of a Convention lately assembled in Charleston, praying incorporation of a Railroad from Charleston to Savannah, reported

A Bill to Charter the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading on Monday next, and to be printed.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence,

The report of the Committee on Education, on so much of the Governor's Message No. 2 as communicates the invitation of the Trustees of the South Carolina College to the Legislature to attend the Commencement of that institution; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Mr. TOWNSEND offered the following Resolution; which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion be authorized to employ, jointly with the Committee on Education in the House of Representatives, some suitable person to prepare the "Abstract of the several Boards of Commissioners of Free Schools;" and that they allow him such compensation as they may judge reasonable for the service.

Mr. POWE gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the union of the Cheraw and Anson Plank Road Company with the Anson Plank Road Company.

Mr. DRETVILLE gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter the law in relation to the peremptory challenge of Jurors.

Mr. MAZYCK presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parish of St. Stephens, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Mr. CAREW presented the memorial of the City Council of Charleston, praying that they be authorized to introduce water into the city from any point in or near the Edisto River, or any other source within sixty-five miles of the city; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. CAREW gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act, entitled "An Act to incorporate the New Charleston Water Company," and to transfer the powers thereby granted to the City Council of Charleston.

Mr. DUDLEY presented the favorable reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the account of R. W. Gibbes for printing Richardson's Equity Reports; and

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the petition of Daniel Keels, praying compensation for arresting and lodging in the jail of Sumter district a State prisoner; and

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the account of Thomas J. Eccles for public printing; and

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the account of L. M. Grist for printing; and

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the petition of David Sistrunk, praying payment for serving writs of election; and also,

The favorable reports of the same Committee

On the petition of Peyton M. Bland, praying to be refunded a tax improperly collected from him; and

On the account of James Powell for public printing; and

On the petition of Margaret Moore, praying to be refunded a tax twice paid; all of which reports were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. DUDLEY also presented the account of John L. McLaurin, for timber trees taken to build a bridge; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

On motion of Mr. TOWNSEND, the report of the Treasurer of the South Carolina College was ordered to be printed.

Mr. HARLLEE gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide funds for constructing the new Capitol.

Mr. HASELL presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Dr. J. P. Chazal, for *post mortem* examination; and

On the account of Dr. A. W. Kennedy, for a *post mortem* examination; which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet on Monday next, at half-past nine o'clock A. M.

Mr. DUDLEY presented the petition of John J. Gibson for a grant of the right of the State to property liable to escheat; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BEDON presented the petition of the Town Council of Summerville for an amendment of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the payment of costs in relation to suits against Railroad Companies.

On motion of Mr. J. J. WILSON,

The Senate adjourned at twenty-five minutes past two o'clock P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1853.

The Senate met at half past nine o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday last.

Mr. TOWNSEND presented the report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion, on the report of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, on the message of his Excellency the Governor, in relation to the College Commencement, recommending concurrence. The report of the Committee of the House of Representatives was concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, the Senate took up for consideration from the general orders of the day a resolution for suspending the 15th Rule of the Senate for the remainder of the session; and the same was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, Mr. MAZYCK was added to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, and was ordered to lie on the table, to wit :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 3, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to the Senate to go into an election for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuits on Tuesday next, at half-past 12 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which had been referred a Bill to alter and amend the tenth section of the first article of the Constitution of South Carolina, submitted a report recommending that the bill do not pass. The report was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed; and also,

The report of the same Committee on the petition of the Commissioners of the Poor of Lexington District, and so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury for that district, at Fall Term, 1853, as refers to the laws in relation to

the poor, asking to be discharged therefrom; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; and also,

The report of the same Committee on the presentment of the grand jury for Kershaw District, Spring Term, 1853, asking to be discharged therefrom; which was also ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FISHBURNE presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Paul's Parish, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. CAREW presented the petition of the stockholders of the line of steamships trading between Charleston and New York, praying that they may be relieved from the tax imposed upon them by an Act passed on 17th December, 1841; which was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence,

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the petition of Margaret Moore, to be refunded a tax twice paid; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and also,

The reports of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the petition of McCarter & Co., praying a subscription to their edition of McCord's Reports; and

On so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Pickens District, Spring Term, 1853, as relates to the jurisdiction of magistrates; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Dr. B. S. Lucas, for a *post mortem* examination;

On the account of Dr. J. F. Stephens and John C. Lanier, for *post mortem* examinations;

On the account of Dr. H. W. DeSaussure, for a *post mortem* examination;

On the account of Dr. D. M. Lafitte, for *post mortem* examination;

On the account of Dr. J. P. Chazal, for *post mortem* examination;

On the account of Dr. N. H. Johnson, for a *post mortem* examination;

On the account of Dr. Sidney Smith, for *post mortem* examination;

On the account of Dr. R. W. Gibbes, for *post mortem* examination;

On the account of Dr. A. B. Johnson, for a *post mortem* examination; all of which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; and also,

The reports of the same Committee

On the account of the Charleston Mercury, for public printing; and

On the petition of W. A. McDaniel, sheriff of Greenville, for compensation for dieting a prisoner, at Spring Term, 1853; and

On the petition of P. D. Stokes, for compensation for services as constable; and

On the account of Thomas Boone, for dieting a prisoner ;

On the account of R. W. Walker, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail

On the petition of H. M. Quattlebaum, for services rendered the State, and money expended in reference to the execution of slaves ; all of which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. DUDLEY presented the unfavorable report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the petition of Thomas Fraan, for compensation for preparing and indexing in the office of Surveyor General ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow and to be printed.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Senate recessed from business, and joined the procession, and attended the Commencement of the South Carolina College.

At twenty-five minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M., the President resumed the chair, and the Senate proceeded to business.

The President laid before the Senate the report of the Attorney General on the state of the debt due by Barnard E. Bee to the Ludlam School Fund for 1853 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion ;

The report of the Attorney General on District Offices ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BARKER presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. John's Berkeley for 1853 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Broxton's Bridge Company, praying for renewal of charter ; and the same was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The same Committee was also discharged from the further consideration of the following Bills, viz :

A Bill to incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Company ; and

A Bill to amend an Act, entitled " An Act to authorize the formation of the Savannah River Valley Railroad Company ;" and the Bills were severally committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. DENTREVILLE introduced

A Bill to alter the law in relation to the peremptory challenge of jurors.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, to which was referred the petition of the South Carolina Building and Saving Association, reported

A Bill to incorporate the South Carolina Building and Saving Association. The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. DeTREVILLE introduced

A Bill to repeal the proviso to the first section of an Act entitled "An Act relating to the Survey of the Coast of South Carolina, under the authority of the United States.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. DeTREVILLE introduced

A Bill for the more perfect and prompt administration of justice, and for other purposes.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. BROCKMAN offered the following Resolutions; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow:

Resolved, That the joint resolution, passed at the last session of the Legislature, requiring proprietors of newspapers to furnish with their accounts against the State one or more of the printed copies of the articles charged for, be suspended during the present session of the Legislature; also,

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate do furnish a copy of said Resolution for publication in one or more of the newspapers of this State, for the information of all concerned; provided, however, that no newspaper shall charge for more than three insertions of the same.

Mr. DUDLEY presented the favorable report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the petition of Charles Beck; and also,

The reports of the same Committee on the reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Gilbert & Fraser for public printing.

On the account of the proprietor of the Sumter Banner for public printing; and

On the account of Gilbert & Fraser for public printing; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. POWE introduced

A Bill to authorize the union of the Cheraw and Anson Plank Road Company with the Anson Plank Road Company.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. PORTER gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Florida Steam Packet Company.

Mr. PORTER presented the account of Joseph Lawton & Co. for blankets furnished the Jail in Charleston; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; and also,

The account of Dr. Thomas R. Aldrich for a *post mortem* examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; and also,

The petition of James Campbell, praying a release to him of the right of the State in the real estate of Peter Campbell; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The petition of the Phoenix Fire Company of Charleston for a renewal of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. J. J. WILSON gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to declare certain streams navigable, and for other purposes.

Mr. BEDON presented the petition of sundry citizens of St. George's Parish, praying that Indian Field Swamp be declared a navigable stream; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements; and also,

The counter petition of sundry citizens of St. George's Parish, praying that Indian Field Swamp be not declared a public highway; which was referred to the same Committee; and also,

The return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. George's Parish for 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. BARKER presented the counter memorial of sundry residents in the neighborhood of the Santee Canal, against the memorial of the Santee Canal Company praying the surrender of their charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. CAREW presented the petition of the officers and members of the "Oaks Club," praying an act of incorporation; which was referred to the same Committee.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. CAREW introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the new Charleston Water Company," and to transfer the powers thereby granted to the City Council of Charleston.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. POWE,

The Senate adjourned at six minutes to 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1853.

The Senate met at 12 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 6, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House has appointed a Special Committee, composed of the members of the Committee on the Judiciary, to wit : MESSRS. B. F. HUNT, NELSON MITCHELL, H. D. LESSENE, WM. F. HUTSON, S. W. TROTTI, A. C. GARLINGTON, C. A. THORNWELL, R. L. SILLINGHAST, R. B. BOYLSTON and B. F. PERRY, to consider a "Bill for the more perfect and prompt administration of Justice, and for other purposes," and respectfully asks the Senate to appoint a similar committee to confer with the committee on the part of this House on the subject of the said Bill.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate concurred, and appointed Messrs. MOSES, PORTER, McALILEY and DETREVILLE a special committee on the part of the Senate to meet the committee of the House of Representatives, and a message was returned accordingly.

Mr. ADAMS gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain bridge over the Wateree River.

Mr. ADAMS presented the account of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Senate Chamber ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. MOORMAN presented the petition of John H. Williams, praying to be paid for his services as petit juror ; which was referred to the same committee ; and also,

The petition of Dr. James A. Rennerick for a post mortem examination ; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN presented the petition of the Society Hill Library Society, for renewal of incorporation ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. POWE presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Cheraw, praying the extension of the charter, and the conferring of judicial powers on the Town Council ; which was referred to the same committee ; and also,

The counter petition of sundry citizens of Chesterfield District to the extension of the limits of the town of Cheraw; which was referred to the same committee; and also,

The petition of sundry citizens of the town of Cheraw, praying the Legislature to extend and define the limits of the said town; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the memorial of the Savannah River Valley Railroad Company, praying aid; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, and was ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. J. J. WILSON introduced

A Bill to declare a certain description of streams navigable, and for other purposes; the Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. DETREVILLE presented the petition of the Town Council of Beaufort, relating to certain obstructions of the streets of said town; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The petition of sundry citizens of St. Helena Parish, in relation to the public road leading from the town of Beaufort to Port Royal Ferry; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. MAZYCK, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, to which was referred the petition of the Firemen's Insurance Company, praying an amendment of their charter; and also, a Bill to amend the charter of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Charleston; submitted a report, recommending the passage of the Bill without amendment.

Mr. MAZYCK, from the same committee, to which was committed

A Bill to revive and extend the charter of the Sumterville Academical Society; and

A Bill to give the Town Council of Yorkville the power to issue the bonds of the corporation and for other purposes; submitted reports recommending the passage of the Bills without amendment; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HASELL submitted the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. Edward D. Smith for a post mortem examination; and also,

The reports of the same Committee on the reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. B. S. Lucas, for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. D. M. Lafitte for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Drs. S. F. Stephens and John C. Lanier for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. N. H. Johnson for a post mortem examination ;
 On the account of Dr. R. W. Gibbes for a post mortem examination ;
 On the account of Dr. Sydney Smith for a post mortem examination ; and
 On the account of Dr. H. W. DeSaussure for a post mortem examination ;
 all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks

On a Bill to amend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina ; and

On a Bill to extend the time for securing the capital stock and for organizing "The Western Bank of South Carolina," at Anderson, recommending the passage of the bills ; and also,

The report of the same Committee, to which was committed a bill to repeal the sixth section of an Act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, passed on the sixteenth day of December, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, recommending that the bill do not pass ; which reports were ordered for consideration to-morrow and to be printed.

Mr. MOSES submitted the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of McCarter & Co., that the State subscribe for certain copies of a new edition of McCord's Reports ; and

On the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, on the petition of a like nature, recommending concurrence in the resolution adopted by that House ; and also,

The report of the same Committee on the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, on so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Pickens District as relates to the jurisdiction of Magistrates, recommending concurrence ; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of the Charleston Port Society for promoting the gospel among seamen for recharter ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts ; and also,

The petition of William Rice, administrator of Lawrence Ryan, late city sheriff of Charleston, praying payment of an account ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. PORTER introduced

A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Florida Steam Packet Company.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts.

Mr. CHESNUT, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, to which was referred the memorial of William C. Dukes and others, praying to be incorporated as a Gas Light Company, in the city of Charleston, reported

A Bill to incorporate the South Carolina Gas Company; the Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. PORTER gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize aid to the Blue Ridge Railroad in South Carolina.

Mr. EVINS presented the report of the Solicitor of the Western Circuit on district offices and their officers; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CAREW presented the account of Dr. W. H. Anderson, for a post mortem examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Leave was granted to Mr. Carew to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of the "Liberty Fire Engine Company;" and also, the petition of the residents of the upper wards, praying an act of incorporation for said Company.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN submitted the unfavorable reports of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the presentment of the Grand Jury of Pickens District, Spring Term, 1853, in relation to the public roads of the State; and

On the presentment of the Grand Jury of Abbeville District, Spring Term, 1853, in relation to public roads; and

On so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Chester District as recommends that Commissioners of Roads be paid for their services; and also,

On the memorial of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Chesterfield District, recommending that the prayer thereof be granted; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The same Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Barnwell, Fall Term, 1853.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN presented the annual report of the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad Company; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. MOORMAN presented the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Newberry District, asking aid to build a jail in that district; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to authorize the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company to extend their road from some point at or near Spartanburg Court House, to

some point on the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville or Rutherford; and

A Bill to declare and amend the law in relation to Wills, Deeds, and other instruments in writing; and

A Bill to amend an act, entitled, "An Act to charter the Lancaster Railroad Company," passed on the sixteenth day of December, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two; and

A Bill to incorporate the South Carolina Building and Saving Institution; and

A Bill to charter the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice, that on the third reading of a Bill to charter the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company, he will ask leave to amend the 10th section, so as to enable parties suing said Company for damage done to owners of real estate, to tax costs against the losing party.

The following reports were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives:

The reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the petition of David Sistrunk, praying payment for serving writs of Election;

On the account of R. W. Gibbes, for printing Richardson's Equity Reports;

On the petition of David Keels, constable, praying compensation for lodging in the jail of Sumter District a State prisoner;

On the account of L. M. Grist, for public printing;

On the account of Thomas J. Eccles, for public printing;

On the account of Gilbert & Fraser, for public printing;

On the account of Gilbert & Fraser, for public printing.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

The favorable reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of the proprietor of the Sumter Banner, for public printing;

On the account of James Powell, for public printing;

On the petition of Margaret Moore, praying to be refunded a tax twice paid;

On the petition of Peyton M. Bland, praying to be refunded a tax improperly collected from him;

The unfavorable report of the same Committee on the account of Thomas Freen for indexing and preparing records in the office of the Surveyor General was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. DUDLEY, the report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of Charles Beck, praying to be paid the balance due him for constructing Cottage building for the keeper of the State House, was placed in the General Orders of the day for to-morrow.

The unfavorable Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on a Bill to alter

and amend the tenth section of the first Article of the Constitution of South Carolina, was agreed to, and the Bill was consequently rejected.

The same Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Commissioners of the Poor of Lexington District, and from so much of the Presentment of the Grand Jury of Lexington District, Fall Term, 1853, as relates to the poor laws; and also,

The presentment of the Grand Jury of Kershaw District, Spring Term, 1853.

The favorable reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. A. W. Kennedy for a *post mortem* examination; and,

On the account of Dr. J. P. Chazal for a *post mortem* examination; were agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Resolution for suspending the Joint Resolution requiring newspapers to furnish copies of printed articles to the Legislature was before the Senate for consideration. On the question of agreeing to the Resolution, it passed in the negative, and the Resolution was consequently rejected.

The report of the Special Committee appointed in December, 1852, to which had been referred the subject of Joint Stock Banks; also a Bill (reported by the Committee) to define the rights, powers and privileges of incorporated banks, and the regulations, restrictions and conditions to which they shall be subject, were, on motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, placed in the General Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

Mr. BUCHANAN, from the Committee on Finance and Banks, to which were committed

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the State Bank; and,

A Bill to recharter the Merchants' Bank of South Carolina at Cheraw; and,

A Bill to recharter the Bank of Camden, South Carolina; submitted reports recommending the passage of the Bills; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the bills and reports were ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice (given by the Senator from Edgefield) and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MARSHALL introduced

A Bill to recharter the Bank of Hamburg, South Carolina.

The Bill received the first reading, was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MARSHALL also introduced

A Bill to provide for payment of costs in certain cases in which any Railroad Company may be a party.

The Bill received the first reading, was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to go into a ballot for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit on Thursday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. BROCKMAN gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the Charter of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company and for other purposes.

Leave was granted to Mr. HASELL to withdraw from the files of the Senate a Bill for the establishment of a general system of registration of births, marriages and deaths in the State of South Carolina.

Mr. PORTER presented the account of Dr. George S. Pelzer for a *post mortem* examination; and,

The account of Dr. J. B. Holmes for a *post mortem* examination; and,

The account of Dr. J. Ford Prioleau for a *post mortem* examination; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

On motion of Mr. HUEY, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. MOSES,

The Senate adjourned at twenty-three minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1853.

The Senate met at 1 P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 5, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House agrees to the proposal of the Senate to go into an election for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit on Thursday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

Mr. BOOZER presented the petition of sundry citizens of Lexington village praying for an act of incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

The petition of sundry citizens of Lexington village and vicinity praying that said village may not be incorporated; which was referred to the same Committee.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to repeal the sixth section of an Act entitled "An Act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina;" which had received two readings in the House of Representatives.

The Bill received the first reading in the Senate, and was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. BROCKMAN presented the report of the Commissioners of Public Works; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements; and also,

The annual report of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company; which was read, and referred to the same Committee.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. BROCKMAN introduced

A Bill to amend the charter of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, and ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. CALHOUN introduced

A Bill to authorize the Laurens Railroad Company to extend their road from Laurens Court House to the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. MAZYCK, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, to which was committed

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the new Charleston Water Company," and to transfer the powers thereby granted to the City Council of Charleston, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill without amendment; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CHESNUT, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, to which were committed

A Bill to incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Company; and,

A Bill to authorize the union of the Cheraw and Anson Plank Road Company with the Anson Plank Road Company, submitted reports recommending the passage of the Bills with amendments.

Mr. CHESNUT also submitted the reports of the same Committee

On a Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad Company, recommending the passage of a substitute reported by that Committee with the same title; which, together with the report, was ordered to be printed; and,

On a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of

the Savannah River Valley Railroad Company, recommending the passage of the Bill with the third section stricken out.

All of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CHESNUT, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Wm. Gregg and James Jones praying the passage of a law further regulating the navigation of Horse Creek, in Edgefield District, reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for keeping open the navigation of Horse Creek in Edgefield District."

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. ADAMS presented the petition of the 23d Regiment of South Carolina Militia for the grant of certain lots; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. ADAMS introduced

A Bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain bridge over the Wateree river.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. MARSHALL, from the Committee on the Military and Pensions, to which was referred

A Bill to alter the militia laws of this State, submitted a report recommending that the Bill do not pass; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN presented the account of Dr. C. J. Flinn, for a *post mortem* examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; and also,

The favorable report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings on so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Darlington District, Spring Term, 1853, as relates to the Court House, and on the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Darlington District in relation to the same; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CARN presented the petition of sundry citizens of Chyhaw, St. Bartholomew's Parish, praying permission to erect gates across the public road; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; and also,

The petition of E. P. Pinckney, praying that the petition for a public road through her plantation on Ashepoo river, St. Bartholomew's Parish, may not be granted; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. DUDLEY submitted the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of Joseph Lawton & Co., for blankets furnished for the jail in Charleston; and

On the account of John L. McLaurin, for timber trees taken to build a bridge; and

On the petition of John E. McDonald and Tully F. Sullivan, praying for an equitable settlement of a debt due to the State; and also,

The reports of the same Committee on the reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Thomas Boon for dieting a Jury; and

On the petition of P. D. Stokes praying compensation for services rendered; and

On the account of R. W. Walker for blankets furnished to prisoners in jail; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. PORTER introduced

A Bill to authorize aid to the Blue Ridge Railroad in South Carolina;

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. MARSHALL, from the Committee on the Military and Pensions, to which was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of James Island, praying to be attached to the 18th Regiment of South Carolina Militia, reported

A Bill to alter and amend an act, entitled, "An Act to raise an independent Battalion of Militia and for other purposes;"

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. CAREW presented the petition of the Liberty Fire Engine Company, praying to be incorporated; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. DETREVILLE gave notice, that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to prohibit the collection of demands against students of the South Carolina College.

Mr. PORTER presented the memorial of divers individuals and mercantile firms in the City of Charleston, praying that the Bank of Charleston be re-chartered with its present capital; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and also,

The memorial of sundry citizens, praying the repeal of the act, passed in the year 1852, entitled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to ascertain and define the proper directions and dimensions of the streets in the town of Moultrieville, and to remove all obstructions in said streets; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. BUCHANAN, from the Committee on Finance and Banks, to which was committed a Bill to renew the charter of the Bank of South Carolina,

submitted a report, recommending the passage of the Bill with amendment; and the Bill and the report were ordered to be printed; and also,

The favorable report of the same Committee on the petition of G. Henry Guerard, Executor of the Estate of Edward R. Lowndes, to be relieved from the payment of a double tax; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOORMAN presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Lexington District; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to incorporate the South Carolina Gas Company; and

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the State Bank; and

A Bill to extend the time for securing the capital stock and for organizing "The Western Bank of South Carolina at Anderson;" and

A Bill to amend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina; and

A Bill to amend the charter of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Charleston; and

A Bill to revive and extend the charter of the Sumterville Academical Society.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice that on the third reading of a Bill to amend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, he will move to amend the same, by requiring the Board of Directors to take steps to collect from its officers all debts due the said Bank of more than four years' standing.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the Memorial of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Chesterfield District was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The unfavorable Reports of the same Committee,

On the presentment of the Grand Jury of Pickens District, for Spring Term, 1853, and on so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Chester District, Fall Term, 1853, as relates to Commissioners of Roads; and

On the presentment of the Grand Jury for Abbeville District, Spring Term, 1853; were agreed to.

The following reports were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The reports of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Pickens District as relates to the jurisdiction of Magistrates; and

On the petition of McCarter & Co., praying a subscription on behalf of the State to the republication of McCord's Law Reports.

The reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Dr. Henry B. DeSaussure, for a *post mortem* examination ;

On the account of Dr. Sydney Smith, for a *post mortem* examination ;

On the account of Dr. R. W. Gibbes, for a *post mortem* examination ;

On the account of Dr. N. H. Johnson, for a *post mortem* examination ;

On the account of Dr. D. M. Lafitte, for *post mortem* examination ; and

On the account of Dr. B. S. Lucas, for *post mortem* examination.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. Edward D. Smith, for a *post mortem* examination, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the petition of Charles Beck, praying to be paid the balance due him for constructing a cottage for the keeper of the State House, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the report of the Committee on Claims of that House on the accounts of Drs. S. F. Stephens and John C. Lanier for *post mortem* examinations, by inserting the sum of twenty-one dollars and fifty cents instead of twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents, pursuant to the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives in reply :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 7, 1853. }

Mr President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend the report of the Committee on Claims of this House on the accounts of Drs. S. F. Stephens and John C. Lanier for compensation for *post mortem* examinations, by inserting the sum of twenty-one dollars and fifty cents instead of twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents, as allowed by the Committee on Claims in this House.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The report was amended pursuant to leave granted, and as amended was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were disposed of.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. HARLLEE presented the report of the Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit on district officers and offices, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of William Brisbane to be refunded a double tax; and

On the petition of Jephtha Dyson to direct the Bank of the State of South Carolina to pay a debt due petitioner; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. CALHOUN,

The Senate adjourned at half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1853.

The Senate met at 12 M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The President laid before the Senate the report of the Solicitor of the Middle Circuit on the condition of the district offices of the several districts comprised within that circuit; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The private report of the President of the Bank of the State of South Carolina of the indebtedness and liabilities of the officers and directors of the Bank and its Branches; which was ordered to lie on the Clerk's desk for the inspection of Senators.

Mr. CHESNUT submitted the reports of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements,

On a Bill to authorize the formation of the Newberry and Chester Railroad Company, recommending its passage; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed; and,

On a Resolution instructing the Committee to report certain information relative to the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, accompanied by the reply of the President of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company to the questions embraced in the resolution; which reply the Committee submitted as a part of the report.

The report was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. CARN submitted the reports of the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and Mechanic Arts,

On a Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Florida Steam Packet Company, recommending the passage of the Bill with amendment; and,

On a Bill concerning the Inspection of Flour in Charleston, recommending that the Bill do pass; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Message No. 3 of his Excellency the Governor was communicated and read to the Senate by the Private Secretary, BEAUFORT T. WATTS.

Mr. MOSES offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the Message No. 3 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the report of the Commissioners appointed to examine into the condition of the Public Works be referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

So much thereof as relates to the report of John S. Green, Esq., as to copying and indexing the public records, be referred to the Committee on the Legislative Library; and also to the same Committee so much as relates to the communication of Mr. Robert Mills.

So much as relates to the report of the Major of Ordnance to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

So much as relates to the sum received as distributive share of this State from the General Government, from the sale of public lands, to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and that

So much thereof as relates to the resignation of Judge Frost be laid on the table.

The Resolution was agreed to, and the Message was referred accordingly.

Mr. POWE presented the memorial of S. E. B. Pegues against the petition of sundry citizens to define and extend the limits of the town of Cheraw; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. DETREVILLE introduced

A Bill to prohibit the collection of demands against the students of the South Carolina College.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. FISHBURNE submitted the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of the Charleston Mercury newspaper for public printing; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of John J. Gibson for a grant of the right of the State to property liable to escheat, reported

A Bill to vest the right, title and interest of the State in the real and personal property of Levi Gibson, deceased, in John J. Gibson.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Julius L. Bartlett to authorize conveyance of certain land, reported

A Bill to vest all the right and title of the State in and to certain property in Julius L. Bartlett.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the same Committee

On a Bill to alter the law in relation to the peremptory challenge of jurors, recommending that the Bill do not pass; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The same Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the following papers, viz :

The petition of sundry residents of Sullivan's Island and citizens of Christ Church Parish in relation to the claim of David Truesdell to certain lands on the eastern end of that Island; and

The petition of Jane Mallet for grant of escheated property; and

The petition of William K. Hackett, for a grant of escheated property; and

So much of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Chester District, Fall Term, 1853, as relates to the killing of stock on Railroads.

Mr. MOSES, from the same Committee, to which was committed a Bill to repeal the law against usury, submitted a report recommending that the Bill do not pass; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; and also,

The unfavorable Report of the same Committee on the petition of Calmer Jacks and Mary A. Dillard; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CALHOUN presented the report of the Laurens Railroad Company; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. CALHOUN offered the following resolution, which was ordered for immediate consideration, and agreed to, and the Committee was instructed accordingly :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Banks be instructed to inquire into the expediency of transferring the balance of the stocks due from the State to the Laurens Railroad Company to said Company.

Mr. HARLLEE presented the petition of William Hays praying compensation for information rendered to the State; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. CANNON presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Union District, 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Mr. BUCHANAN, from the Committee on Finance and Banks, to which was committed a Bill to renew the charter of the Bank of Charleston, South Carolina, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill with

amendments; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the Bill and report were ordered to be printed.

The following Message was received from the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 8, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to the Senate to unite with this House in a joint ballot on Saturday next, at half past 1 o'clock, P. M., for a Law Judge to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honorable Edward Frost.

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate concurred, and a message was returned accordingly.

Mr. J. J. WILSON, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvement, to which was committed a Bill to declare a certain description of streams navigable, and for other purposes, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill with amendments; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; and the Bill and the report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. JAMES J. WILSON gave notice, that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the measuring of lumber and timber in the City of Charleston, and to create the Office of Inspector and Surveyor thereof.

The Committee on Roads and Buildings was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of sundry citizens of St. Helena Parish, in relation to the Public Road leading from the town of Beaufort to Port Royal Ferry; and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. INGRAM offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to nominate suitable persons for President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, and that a message be sent to the House of Representatives asking the appointment of a similar Committee to act jointly. The Resolution being ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and Messrs. Ingram, Mazyck, Ewins, Dudley, and McAliley, were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

Pursuant to messages interchanged between the two Houses, at the hour of 1 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a ballot for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit. Messrs. Barker and Boozer were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. BUCHANAN, from the Committee on Finance and Banks, to which had been committed

A Bill to recharter the Bank of Hamburg, South Carolina, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill with amendments; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. CAREW presented the report of the Joint Special Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to examine the Bank of the State of South Carolina at Charleston; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. CARN offered the following resolution; which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Resolved, That this General Assembly will adjourn *sine die* on Tuesday, the 20th day of December instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. EVINS, from the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, reported the following offices vacant, to wit: Adjutant and Inspector General at the close of this session of the Legislature; and that the office of Commissioner in Equity for Chester District, and Trustees of the South Carolina College, are also vacant.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS, a message was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives proposing to that House to go into a ballot for Trustees of the South Carolina College on Tuesday next, at 1 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. McALILEY, a message was sent to the House of Representatives proposing to go into ballot for Commissioner in Equity for Chester District on Saturday next, immediately after the ballot for Law Judge, and immediately thereafter for Adjutant and Inspector General.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the President of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, announcing the completion to Greenville Court House, and inviting the Senate to an excursion to that place on Tuesday next, to return on the following day.

The communication was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. DUDLEY presented the favorable reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the account of W. W. Purse for work done in the Senate chamber.

On the petition of John H. Williams to be paid for services as a petitioner; also,

On the petition of W. A. McDaniel, Sheriff of Greenville, for compensation for dieting a jury; and also,

The unfavorable reports of the same Committee

On the petition of Joseph Chandler for indemnity for costs paid by him.

On the petition of Leonard Chandler, with a similar prayer; and,

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the petition of H. M. Quattlebaum for services rendered and money expended in reference to the execution of slaves, recommending payment of

a larger amount than that allowed by the Committee of the House of Representatives; also,

The report of the same Committee on so much of the Message No. 2 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the claim of the Legionaries of Luxembourg, recommending the appointment of a commission on the subject.

All of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MAZYCK, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, to which had been referred the memorial from the Company for the inland navigation from Santee to Cooper river for leave to surrender their charter, presented a favorable report; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The same Committee also reported

A Bill to authorize the sale or surrender of the charter of the Company for the inland navigation from Santee to Cooper river.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to recharter the Bank of Camden, South Carolina; and,

A Bill to recharter the Merchants' Bank of South Carolina at Cheraw; and,

A Bill to give the Town Council of Yorkville the power to issue the bonds of the corporation, and for other purposes.

The report of the Special Committee appointed in December, 1852, to which was referred the subject of Joint Stock Banks, and a Bill (reported by that Committee) to define the rights, powers and privileges of incorporated Banks, and the regulations, restrictions and conditions to which they shall be subject, were, on motion of Mr. CANNON, made the Special Order of the Day for 1 o'clock to-morrow.

The unfavorable reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the account of John L. McLaurin for timber trees taken to build a bridge was agreed to.

The report of the same Committee

On the account of Joseph Lawton & Co. for blankets furnished the jail in Charleston; and,

The reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks

On the petition of G. Henry Guerard, executor of the estate of Edward R. Lowndes, to be relieved from the payment of a double tax; and,

On the petition of Jephtha Dyson to direct the Bank of the State of South Carolina to pay a debt due petitioner; and,

On the petition of William Brisbane to be refunded a double tax.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings

On so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Darlington District as relates to the Court House, and on the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for that District in relation to the same subject, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the petition of P. D. Stokes praying compensation for services rendered, was agreed to, and the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives was returned to that House, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee of the Senate.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the petition of John E. McDonald and Tully F. Sullivan, praying for an equitable settlement of a debt due to the State, was, on motion of Mr. DUDLEY, ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the account of Thomas Boone for dieting a jury, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives :

A Bill to renew the charter of the Bank of South Carolina ; and,

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to raise an Independent Battalion of Militia, and for other purposes;" and,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the new Charleston Water Company," and to transfer the powers thereby granted to the City Council of Charleston; and,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for keeping open the navigation of Horse Creek in Edgefield District; and,

A Bill to incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Company.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice that on the third reading of a Bill to incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Company he will move to amend the 4th section, authorizing the taxation of costs in suits in which the said Railroad Company is a party.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions on a Bill to alter the militia laws of this State was ordered to lie on the table, and the Bill was taken up for a second reading, and having been read, before the question was taken on the passage of the Bill, Mr. ZIMMERMAN moved that it be printed and be placed in the General Orders of the Day for tomorrow, and the same was ordered.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. MAZYCK, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, to which had been referred the petition of the South Carolina Insurance Company for amendment of charter, reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the South Carolina Insurance Company."

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow,

Mr. TOWNSEND, from the Committee on the College, Education and Religion, to which had been referred so much of the Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to free schools, and also the free school returns for the year 1853, and also the presentments of the Grand Juries on the same subject, submitted a report; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. TOWNSEND, from the same Committee, also reported

A Bill to provide a plan for public education;

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the report of the Solicitor of the Southern Circuit on District Officers and their Offices for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. TOWNSEND offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to nominate suitable persons to fill the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College; and that a message be sent to the House, requesting that body to appoint a similar Committee to act jointly with the Committee appointed by the Senate.

The Resolution was agreed to. Messrs. TOWNSEND, BARKER, DRAYTON, PORTER and ZIMMERMAN, were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN presented the report of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit, reported that Henry McIver had received a majority of the ballots cast; whereupon the President declared that Henry McIver was duly elected Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit.

Mr. WITHERSPOON offered the following Resolutions; which were agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate have received with much satisfaction the intelligence communicated in the letter of the President of the Greenville Railroad Company, announcing the completion of their road to the town of Greenville.

Resolved also, That the Senate, in view of the mass of public business before it, respectfully declines the invitation from the President to take an

excursion upon the Road, whilst it appreciates in a proper manner the politeness which prompts the invitation.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK,

It was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. HASELL presented the petition of the Town Council of Georgetown, praying for power to appoint an Inspector, Measurer and Weigher; also, for other powers; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HASELL submitted the favorable reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. J. B. Holmes, for a *post mortem* examination;

On the account of Dr. J. A. Renwick, for three *post mortem* examinations;

On the account of Dr. Thomas R. Aldrich, for a *post mortem* examination;

On the account of Dr. William H. Anderson, for a *post mortem* examination:

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the account of Dr. L. B. Johnson; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. BROCKMAN, the Senate adjourned at nineteen minutes to 4 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1853.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 8, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs the Senate that they have agreed to the proposition of the Senate to appoint a Committee on the part of this House to act jointly with a similar Committee of the Senate in nominating suitable persons for President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, and have appointed Messrs. R. L. TILLINGHAST, EDWARD W. CHARLES, S. M. WAGNER, C. P. SULLIVAN, E. C. LEITNER, and C. T. HOWELL.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

Mr. WITHERSPOON submitted the favorable report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings

On so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Colleton District,

Fall Term, 1853, as relates to the jail of that district; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. CARN, a message was sent to the House of Representatives proposing to that body to go into a ballot for Comptroller General to-day, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. BOOZER presented the petition of sundry citizens of Lexington District praying for a new place of election; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. MOSES submitted the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the communication of J. S. G. Richardson, State Reporter, transmitting a volume of Equity Reports, a volume of Law Reports, and also a volume of Equity Reports containing the cases not heretofore reported, from May, 1831, to May, 1832, inclusive; which report was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The same Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Town Council of Beaufort, relating to certain obstructions in the streets of said town.

Mr. MOSES, from the same Committee, to which were referred so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Colleton District, Fall Term, 1853, as relates to the sale of certain lands in said District; and,

The petition of James Campbell, praying for a release to him of the right of the State in the real estate of Peter Campbell, reported

A Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for St. Bartholomew's Parish to sell certain lands, and for other purposes; and,

A Bill to vest the right and title of the State in and to the real estate of Peter Campbell in James Campbell.

The Bills received the first reading, and were ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 9, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully agrees to the proposition of the Senate to go into a joint ballot for Comptroller General to-day, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks

On a Bill to incorporate the Central Bank of Charleston, recommending the passage of the Bill with amendments; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the bill and the report were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. HARLLEE, the Committee on Agriculture and Internal

Improvements was discharged from the further consideration of the annual report of the President and Directors of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company, and the same was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of the City Council of Charleston for the building of a new jail for Charleston District; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; and also,

The petition of Dr. R. W. Gibbes, asking aid in the publication of certain revolutionary documents; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed a Bill to provide for payment of the costs in certain cases in which any Railroad Company may be a party, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill with amendments; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. GRISSETT presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Kingston, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, Mr. JOHN J. WILSON introduced

A Bill to provide for the measuring of lumber and timber in the city of Charleston, and to create the office of inspector and surveyor thereof.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, and was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Special Committee on the subject of Joint Stock Banks; and,

A Bill, reported by the same Committee, to define the rights, powers, and privileges of incorporated Banks, and the regulations, restrictions and conditions to which they shall be subject. The Senate proceeded with the second reading of the bill, which was suspended, at the hour of 1 o'clock, P. M., when the Senate, pursuant to messages interchanged between the two Houses, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in balloting for Comptroller General. Messrs. BUCHANAN and BULL were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

The Senate, when it returned to the Chamber, resumed the second reading of the Bill which had been suspended for the purposes of the ballot, and the reading having been concluded, on the question of agreeing to the Bill proposed by the Committee as a substitute for that committed to it, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

GARLINGTON, SAMUEL MCGOWEN, S. W. TROTTI and GABRIEL MANIGAULT,
the Committee on the part of the House.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, the unfavorable report of the committee on Finance and Banks, on a Bill to repeal the sixth section of an Act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, passed on the sixteenth day of December, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-two, was ordered to lie on the table, and the Bill was taken up for the second reading, and having been read, before the vote was taken the General Orders were suspended for the purpose of receiving the following message from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 9, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House agrees to the proposition of the Senate to go forthwith into another ballot for Comptroller General.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate thereupon proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a second ballot for Comptroller General; Messrs. CALHOUN and CANNON, were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

The Senate returned to the chamber, and resumed the Bill which had been suspended for the ballot.

Mr. MAZYCK offered the following amendment as an additional section to the Bill, to wit:

Sec. 2. That all enactments, whereby any of the Banks in this State are prohibited from issuing notes of less denomination than five dollars, and not less than one dollar, be and the same are hereby repealed.

On the question of agreeing to the amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Brockman, Carew, DeTreville Drayton, Dudley, Fishburne, Marshall, Mazyck, McAuley, Miller, Nowell, Porter, Townsend and Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Bedon, Boozer, Buchanan, Bull, Evins, Goodwyn, Grissett,

Harlee, Hasell, Huey, Ingram, Moorman, Moses, Powe, Ruth, James J. Wilson, Witherspoon and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative 18.

In the negative 18.

The amendment was therefore not agreed to, and was consequently rejected.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, a reconsideration of the vote was ordered and the same was taken by yeas and nays, which are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Brockman, Calhoun, Carew, DeTreville, Drayton, Dudley, Fishburne, Goodwyn, Marshall, Mazyck, McAliley, Miller, Nowell, Porter, Townsend and Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Bedon, Boozer, Buchanan, Bull, Cannon, Evins, Grissett, Harlee, Hasell, Huey, Ingram, Moorman, Moses, Powe, Ruth, James J. Wilson, Witherspoon, and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 20.

In the negative, 18.

The amendment was therefore agreed to, and the section was added to the Bill.

On the question of agreeing to the Bill as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon R. F. W. Allston President; Messrs. Evins, Ingram, Marshall, Moses, Ruth, Williams, and James J. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Bedon, Brockman, Boozer, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cannon, Carew, DeTreville, Drayton, Dudley, Fishburne, Goodwyn, Grissett, Harlee, Hasell, Huey, Mazyck, McAliley, Miller, Moorman, Nowell, Porter, Powe, Townsend, John Wilson, Witherspoon and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 8.

In the negative, 30

The Bill was consequently rejected.

The General Orders were suspended.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at thirteen minutes past 4 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1853.

The Senate met at 12 o'clock, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the report of the Solicitor of the northern circuit on District officers and their offices; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DETREVILLE submitted the favorable reports of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On the petition of sundry citizen of Lexington District and Abbeville District, praying for the establishment of new places of election in those Districts respectively; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next; and also,

On a Bill to authorize an election for Commissioners of the Poor in St. Bartholomew's Parish, recommending that the Bill do pass; which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed a Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the city court of Charleston, and to provide for the better administration of justice therein, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill with amendments; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MOSES introduced

A Bill to require the Commissioners for cleaning out Little Pee Dee river for the Districts of Marion and Horry to make an annual report to the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. CALHOUN, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for Comptroller General on the second ballot, reported that John D. Ashmore had received a majority of the votes cast; whereupon the President declared John D. Ashmore to be duly elected Comptroller General.

The Committee on Roads and Buildings was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company for an amendment of their charter, and the same was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. WITHERSPOON presented the petition of Daniel Williams, (late Sheriff of York,) to be refunded the amount of certain Tax executions with which he has been charged by the Treasurer; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. WITHERSPOON, from the Committee on Federal Relations, to which was committed a Bill to repeal the proviso to the first section of an act, entitled "An Act relating to the survey of the coast of South Carolina, under

the authority of the United States," submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill, with an amendment; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next, and the Bill and the report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. CARN, from the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts, to which had been referred the petition of the Town Council of Georgetown praying for power to appoint an inspector, measurer and weigher, also for other purposes, reported

A Bill to increase the powers of the Town Council of Georgetown in certain particulars.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading on Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to permit Joseph B. Breare, an alien, to apply for admission to practice in the Courts of Law and Equity in this State.

Mr. TOWNSEND presented the report of Henry R. Frost, treasurer, in relation to the Ludlam School Fund; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

On motion of Mr. CHESNUT, the Senator from St. Luke's was added to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. BUCHANAN, from the Committee on Finance and Banks, to which was referred the report of the President of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company, and also the Treasurer's account to November 28, 1853, submitted a report recommending that the report be printed, and the papers accompanying the same do lie on the table.

The report was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the account of R. W. Walker, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail, was concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to alter the militia laws of this State having received the second reading,

Mr. MARSHALL moved that the further consideration of the Bill be indefinitely postponed, and the same was ordered.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of the Savannah River Valley Railroad Company, and for other purposes, was before the Senate on the second reading.

The reading was suspended at the hour of half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., when

the Senate, pursuant to messages interchanged between the two houses, proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that house in balloting for a Law Judge.

Messrs. CARN and CREW were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

When the Senate returned to the chamber, the second reading of the Bill (which had been suspended for the purpose of the Ballot) was resumed and concluded; and the Bill was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice, that on the third reading of a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of the Savannah River Valley Railroad Company," and for other purposes, he will move to add a third section, providing for the taxing costs in which said Railroad Company may be a party.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. CARN, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for Law Judge, reported that neither of the candidates had received a majority of ballots cast, and there was consequently no election.

On motion of Mr. CARN, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to go forthwith into a second ballot for Law Judge.

The Senate resumed the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, viz :

A Bill to vest all the right and title of the State in and to certain property in Julius L. Bartlett; and

A Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad Company; and

A Bill to authorize the union of the Cheraw and Anson Plank Road Company with the Anson Plank Road Company; and

A Bill to vest the right, title, and interest of the State in the real and personal property of Levi Gibson, deceased, in John J. Gibson.

The Report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Lexington District, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The unfavorable Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Calmes Jacks and Mary A. Dillard, was agreed to.

The General Orders were suspended for the purpose of receiving

The following Message from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 10, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House concurs in the message of your body, proposing to go forth-with into another ballot for a Law Judge.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

Whereupon the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a second ballot for Law Judge. Messrs. CHESNUT and DUTREVILLE were appointed a committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

When the Senate returned to the Chamber,

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the report of the Laurens Railroad Company.

The report was ordered for immediate consideration and was agreed to, and the report of the Laurens Railroad Company was ordered to be printed.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the reports of the same Committee on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, on the petition of Margaret Moore, to be refunded a tax twice paid; and also,

The report of the same Committee on the disbursement of the Transient Poor Fund of Georgetown District, and on the petition of the Commissioners of the Poor for Georgetown District; and also,

On the petition of R. W. Gibbes, asking aid in the publication of certain Revolutionary Documents; and also,

On a Bill to repeal the sixth section of an Act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, recommending that the Bill do not pass; all of which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. BUCHANAN, from the same Committee, to which was referred a resolution for the transfer of certain stock belonging to this State in the South Carolina Railroad Company, reported

A Bill to authorize the Comptroller General to transfer sixteen thousand dollars of the stock owned by the State in the South Carolina Railroad Company to the Laurens Railroad Company.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on a Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Western Circuit; and also to add the Judicial District of Spantenburg to the Northern Circuit, recommending that the Bill do not pass; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. HASELL submitted the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts on so much of the Message of His Excellency

the Governor as relates to the Lunatic Asylum, and on the report of the Regents and superintendent of that institution; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next, and to be printed; and also,

The favorable report of the same Committee on so much of the Message of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, and on the memorial of the Faculty of that Institution; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. MILLER gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to extend the time of the sitting of the Court of Equity for Williamsburg to four days instead of two.

Mr. MILLER presented the account of Dr. J. J. Steele for a *post mortem* examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The General Orders were resumed.

A Bill concerning the inspection of flour in Charleston; and,

A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Florida Steam Packet Company; severally received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the petition of H. M. Quattlebaum, praying compensation for services rendered and money expended in reference to the execution of slaves; which report of the Committee of the Senate recommends that the petitioner be allowed twenty-nine dollars instead of twelve dollars; and,

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the accounts of the Charleston Mercury newspaper; which report of the Committee of the Senate recommends that sixteen dollars and fifty cents be allowed to the petitioners for printing notices of the sessions of the Court of Appeals, and also the sum of fifty-seven dollars for printing the proclamation of the Hon. James Simons, Speaker of the House of Representatives; were respectively agreed to, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives asking leave to amend the reports of the Committee of that House, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee of the Senate.

The report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the petition of W. A. McDaniel, Sheriff of Greenville, praying compensation for dieting a jury at Spring Term, 1853, was concurred in and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the petition of John H. Williams, praying to be paid for his services as a petit juror; and,

On the account of W. W. Purse for work done in the Senate chamber;

were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on so much of the Message of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the claim of the Legionaries of Luxembourg; which report recommends the appointment of a special commission to report thereon to the Senate at the next session of the Legislature, was agreed to; and the President appointed Messrs. MAZYCK, PORTER and BULL on the commission.

The General Orders were suspended for the purpose of receiving the following message from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 10, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House proposes to your body to go forthwith into a ballot for Commissioner in Equity for Chester District.

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate concurred, and returned a message accordingly; and immediately thereafter proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that house in a ballot for Commissioner in Equity for Chester District. Messrs. DRAYTON and DUDLEY were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. CHESNUT, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the votes for Law Judge on the second ballot, reported that Robert Munroe, sen., had received a majority of the ballots cast.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT declared Robert Munroe duly elected a Judge of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas of the State of South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet on Monday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. BULL presented the report of the Commissioners of the new State Capitol; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the account of the expenditures of the transient poor fund for the city of Charleston; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

The General Orders were resumed.

The report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements on resolutions calling for certain information relative to the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, was, on motion of Mr. MAZYCK, ordered to lie on the table.

A Bill to recharter the Bank of Hamburg, South Carolina, received the

second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were suspended for the purpose of receiving the following message from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 10, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully ask leave of the Senate to amend the resolution providing for the adjournment of the General Assembly, by striking out the words "2 o'clock, P. M." and by inserting "8 o'clock, P. M."

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate concurred, and returned a message granting leave to make the proposed amendment.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK,

The Senate adjourned at ten minutes to 4 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1853.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. MAZYCK offered certain Resolutions in relation to outstanding notes of the Bank of the State of South Carolina; which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and were ordered to be printed.

Mr. DRAYTON, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for Commissioner in Equity for Chester District, reported that Mathew Williams had received the whole number of ballots cast. Whereupon the President declared Mathew Williams duly elected Commissioner in Equity for Chester District.

Mr. HASELL submitted the favorable reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts on the account of Dr. J. Ford Prielean for a *post mortem* examination; and

On the account of Dr. J. J. Steele for a *post mortem* examination; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of the Charleston Fire Company of Axemen, praying an act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also

The memorial of sundry citizens, praying that the re-charter of the Bank of Charleston may be granted, upon condition that its capital is reduced to one million dollars; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, the communication of the Secretary of State, accompanying Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor, in relation to French citizens holding lands in the United States, was ordered to be printed.

Mr. DUDLEY, from the Joint Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to nominate suitable persons for President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, submitted the following report: That upon conference with the Committee of the House of Representatives, the following persons are nominated, viz :

For President.—C. M. Furman.

Directors.—Thomas Lehre, W. C. Dukes, E. Carson, H. F. Stobecker, W. A. Wardlaw, Rice Dulin, J. P. DeVeaux, James L. Gantt, George H. Walter, J. H. Steinmeyer, R. G. Stone, P. M. Cohen.

The report was ordered to lie on the table and to be printed.

Mr. NOWELL presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis for 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the favorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the memorial of the Charleston College, praying an appropriation to extend the College building; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. PORTER gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce A Bill in relation to the Trustees of the South Carolina College.

Mr. TOWNSEND, from the Joint Committee appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives for nominating Trustees of the South Carolina College, submitted a report, nominating the following gentlemen, viz :

W. F. DeSaussure, C. G. Memminger, Robert W. Barnwell, Thomas N. Dawkins, John Buchanan, Wade Hampton, sen., J. D. Witherspoon, James Gillispie, James L. Petigru, Thomas Smith, J. H. Adams, B. F. Perry, James Chesnut, jun., John S. Preston, David Johnson, R. W. Gibbes, J. I. Middleton, J. H. Means, W. C. Preston, and F. J. Moses.

The report was ordered to lie on the table and to be printed.

Mr. TOWNSEND, from the Committee on the College, Education and Religion, to which was committed a Bill to prohibit the collection of demands against students of the South Carolina College, submitted a report recommending that the Bill do pass; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, leave of absence was granted to the Senator from St. Helena, from and after Monday next, the 19th instant.

Mr. PORTER offered a Resolution, authorizing certain individuals to build a breakwater on the front beach of Sullivan's Island; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the following papers, viz :

So much of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Darlington District, Fall Term, 1853, as relates to the payment of costs by prosecutors, where "no bill" is found; and

So much of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Charleston District, Fall Term, 1853, as relates to the allowance for dieting prisoners.

Mr. MOSES, from the Special Joint Committee, to which was committed a Bill to provide for the more perfect and prompt administration of justice, submitted a report recommending the passage of a substitute for the Bill committed, and the Bill so substituted by the Committee received the first reading, was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN presented the petition of Thomas P. Cooper, praying aid in publishing a compilation made by him of all the statute laws of the State relative to the Land Office and duties of the Surveyor General and deputies, together with all the reported decisions of Court upon these subjects and the location of lands; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to declare a certain description of streams navigable, and for other purposes; and

A Bill to provide a plan for public education; and

A Bill to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the South Carolina Insurance Company;" and

A Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for St. Bartholomew's Parish to sell certain lands and for other purposes; and

A Bill to vest the right and title of the State in and to the real estate of Peter Campbell in James Campbell.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence, viz :

The reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, On the account of Dr. James B. Holmes, for a *post mortem* examination; On the account of Dr. Thomas R. Aldrich, for a *post mortem* examination; On the accounts of Dr. James A. Renwick, for three *post mortem* examinations.

The reports of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the communication of J. S. G. Richardson, State Reporter, was agreed

to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence ;

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. William H. Anderson, was agreed to.

The report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. L. B. Johnson, for a *post mortem* examination, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion,

On the returns of the Commissioners of Free Schools ;

On the presentment of the Grand Jury for Barnwell District, Fall Term, 1853 ; and

On so much of the Governor's Message as relates to education ; was, on motion of Mr. TOWNSEND, ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On the memorial of the Santee Canal Company ; and a Bill (reported by that Committee) to authorize the sale or surrender of the charter of the Company for the inland navigation from Santee to Cooper river, was, on motion of Mr. GOODWYN, placed in the General Orders of the Day for to-morrow, and to be printed.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on a Bill to renew the charter of the Bank of Charleston, South Carolina, was, on motion of Mr. DeTREVILLE, made the Special Order of the Day for Wednesday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on a Bill to alter the law in relation to the peremptory challenge of jurors, was agreed to, and the Bill was consequently rejected.

The unfavorable report of the same Committee, on a Bill to repeal the laws against usury, was, on motion of Mr. MAZYCK, ordered to lie on the table ; and the Bill taken up for a second reading, and having been read, on the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, which are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President ; Messrs. Adams, Barker, DeTreville, Drayton, Fishburne, Hibben, Mazyck, Williams and John Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barton, Bedon, Brockman, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cannon, Carn, Chesnut, Dudley, Evins, Goodwyn, Grissett, Harlee, Hasell, Huey, Ingram, Marshall, Moses, Nowell, Porter, Powe, Ruth, Townsend, James J. Wilson, Witherspoon and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 10.

In the negative, 26.

The Bill was consequently rejected.

The following Bills severally received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to incorporate the Central Bank of South Carolina; and

A Bill to authorize the Comptroller General to transfer sixteen thousand dollars of the stock owned by the State in the South Carolina Railroad Company and the Southwestern Railroad Bank to the Laurens Railroad Company; and

A Bill to authorize an election for Commissioners of the Poor in St. Bartholomew's Parish; and

A Bill to provide for payment of taxed costs in certain cases in which any Railroad Company may be a party.

The General Orders were suspended.

The President laid before the Senate the Report of the Comptroller General on the contingent accounts against the Treasury of the Lower Division; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices.

The General Orders were resumed.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

The report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on the petition of sundry citizens of Lexington District and Abbeville District, praying for the establishment of new places of election in those Districts respectively;

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Colleton District as recommends the building of a new jail; and

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the petition of John E. Carew, to be relieved from a double tax, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on a Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the City Court of Charleston, and to provide for the better administration of justice therein, was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, the unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to repeal the sixth section of an Act entitled "An Act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina," was ordered to lie on the table; and the Bill was taken up for a second reading, and having been read, Mr. MAZYCK offered the following amendment:

"That hereafter it shall be lawful for every Bank in this State to issue notes of less denomination than five dollars, and not less than one."

A call of the Senate was ordered, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Bedon, Brockman, Boozer, Buchanan,

Bull, Calhoun, Cannon, Carn, Chesnut, DeTreville, Drayton, Dudley, Evans, Fishburne, Goodwyn, Grissett, Harlee, Hasell, Huey, Marshall, Mazyck, McAliley, Miller, Moses, Nowell, Porter, Powe, Ruth, Williams, John Wilson, James J. Wilson, Witherspoon and Zimmerman.

Mr. CAREW was excused in consequence of indisposition, and Mr. MOORMAN in consequence of sickness in his family, and the further call was suspended.

The vote on the amendment was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, and before the roll was called, Mr. ADAMS moved that the vote on the amendment be postponed till to-morrow at 3 o'clock, P. M., and the same was carried.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. MOSES offered the following Resolution, which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to :

Resolved, That the President of the Bank be requested to report to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, if practicable, the probable amount of bills under five dollars, of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, sent to other States within the last fiscal year.

Mr. TOWNSEND submitted the report of the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion,

On the report of the Attorney General; and also,

On the Statement of the Treasurer of the Ludlam School Fund; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WITHERSPOON submitted the report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on so much of the Governor's Message No. 1 as relates to the boundary line between the States of South Carolina and Georgia; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Statement of issues accompanying the report of the Committee of Inspection of the Bank of the State of South Carolina was ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MILLER introduced

A Bill to extend the time for the setting of the Court of Equity for Williamsburg to four days instead of two; the Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of the Marion Fire Engine Company, praying a renewal of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. PORTER gave notice, that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to cede to the United States the jurisdiction over certain parcels of land, for the purposes of Light Houses and Beacons.

On motion of Mr. MARSHALL, a message was sent to the House of Rep-

representatives, proposing to that House to go into a ballot for Adjutant and Inspector General to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. DUDLEY presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the petition of Wm. Rice, Administrator of Lawrence Ryan, late City Sheriff of Charleston; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DUDLEY, from the same Committee, reported

A Bill to regulate the fees of the City Sheriff of Charleston for serving writs of venire on petit Jurors; the Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. DUDLEY submitted the reports of the same Committee,

On the account of the proprietors of the Pee Dee Times for public printing.

On the petition of William Hays, praying compensation for information furnished the State; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DUDLEY also presented the account of John W. Henegan, Sheriff of Marlboro' District, for blankets furnished to prisoners in jail; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

On motion of Mr. MARSHALL, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The General Orders were resumed.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives on the petition of Margaret Moore to be refunded a tax twice paid, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Medical College of the State; and also on the memorial of the Faculty of that Institution, recommending an appropriation of \$12,500 for improvements of the College buildings; and

The reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the account of the expenditures of the Transient Poor Fund for the city of Charleston; and

On the disbursement of the Transient Poor Fund for Georgetown District; and

On the petition of the Commissioners of the Poor for Georgetown District to increase the annual appropriation; were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were disposed of.

On motion of Mr. HARLLEE, the Senate adjourned at fifteen minutes to 4 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1853.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 12, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House proposes to the Senate to go into an election for Adjutant and Inspector General to-morrow, at fifteen minutes before one o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate concurred, and returned a message accordingly.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence,

A Resolution authorizing the Governor to procure a copy of the muster or pay rolls of the South Carolina line from the war office at Washington city; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

A Resolution for the adjournment of the General Assembly, which had been amended by that House by leave of the Senate, and concurred in.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate .

A Bill for the establishment of a general system of Registration of births, marriages and deaths in the State of South Carolina; the Bill received the first reading in the Senate, and was committed to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS, leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to the Solicitor of the Southern Circuit.

Mr. CANNON submitted the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, on the report of the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad Company; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DUDLEY submitted the favorable report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of John W. Henegan, Sheriff of Marlborough District, for blankets furnished to prisoners in jail; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. RUTH, from the Committee on Roads and Buildings, to which was referred so much of the Presentment of the Grand Jury for Beaufort District, Fall Term, 1853, as relates to Commissioners of Roads, submitted a report, recommending the adoption of a Resolution providing for the distribution of three thousand copies of Evans' Digest of the Road Law; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WITHERSPOON, from the Committee on Federal Relations, to

which was referred so much of the message of his Excellency the Governor as relates to colored seamen, reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act more effectually to prevent free negroes and other persons of color from entering into the State, and for other purposes," passed on the nineteenth day of December, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. PORTER introduced A Bill in relation to the Trustees of the South Carolina College.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MARSHALL introduced

A Bill to permit Joseph R. Breare, an alien, to apply for admission to practice in the Courts of Law and Equity in this State.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MOORMAN presented the petition of the President, Directors, and Stockholders of the Bank of Newberry, South Carolina, praying an amendment of their charter; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Pursuant to messages interchanged between the two Houses, at fifteen minutes to 1 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a ballot for Adjutant and Inspector General; Messrs. EVINS and FISHBURN were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

When the Senate returned to the Senate Chamber,

Mr. CHESNUT, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, to which was committed a Bill to amend the charter of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill with certain sections stricken out; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CHESNUT submitted the report of the same Committee, on the petition and counter petition of sundry citizens of St. George's Parish, in relation to Indian Field Swamp, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same; which report was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the College, Education and Religion, to which was committed a Bill in relation to the Trustees of the South Carolina College, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The President laid before the Senate the report of the President of the

Bank of the State of South Carolina in relation to notes of a less denomination than five dollars; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Joint Special Committee, appointed on the part of the Senate to examine the Bank of the State of South Carolina at Charleston, was,
On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, ordered to lie on the table.

The reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the petition of Leonard Chandler, praying indemnity for certain costs paid by him; and

On the petition of Joseph Chandler, praying indemnity for certain costs paid by him; were, on motion of Mr. MOSES, ordered to lie on the table.

A Bill to authorize the formation of the Newberry and Chester Railroad Company received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. CHESNUT submitted the reports of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements,

On a Bill to authorize the Laurens Railroad Company to extend their road from Laurens Court House to the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville, recommending its passage; and

On a Bill to charter a Company to construct a Railroad from the Junction of the Camden and Columbia Branches of the South Carolina Railroad to Hamburg, South Carolina; recommending the passage of the Bill with amendments.

The General Orders were resumed.

A Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the City Court of Charleston and to provide for the better administration of justice therein, was,

On motion of Mr. DEXTREVILLE, ordered to lie on the table.

A Bill to repeal the proviso to the first section of an Act entitled "An Act relating to the survey of the coast of South Carolina, under the authority of the United States;" and

A Bill to increase the powers of the Town Council of Georgetown in certain particulars; severally received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. EVINS, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for Adjutant and Inspector General, reported that Robert G. M. Dunovant had received a majority of the ballots cast; whereupon the President declared Robert G. M. Dunovant duly elected Adjutant and Inspector General of the State.

The General Orders were resumed.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Lunatic Asylum; also, on the report of the Regents, Physician and Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, was before the Senate for consideration.

Mr. MOORMAN moved to strike out the first Resolution embraced in the report of the Committee, which is as follows:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Regents of the Lunatic Asylum be authorized and directed to inquire at what cost a suitable tract of land, within a few miles of the town of Columbia, can be procured for the site of a new Asylum. Also, to ascertain at what price the land adjacent to the Asylum grounds, and known as the Taylor tract, could be obtained; and that they report the same at the next session of the Legislature.

On the question of striking out the resolution, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, which are as follows, viz:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barton, Bedon, Brockman, Boozer, Cannon, Carn, DeTreville, Dudley, Evins, Hibben, Huey, Marshall, Moorman, Nowell, Ruth, Townsend, Williams, John Wilson and Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs Adams, Barker, Buchanan, Calhoun, Chegnut, Drayton, Fishburne, Goodwyn, Grissett, Hasell, Ingram, Mazyck, Moses, Porter, Powe, James J. Wilson and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 19.

In the negative, 18.

The resolution was therefore stricken out.

The 3d resolution was also ordered to be stricken out.

The resolutions were further amended so as to read as follows:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Regents of the Lunatic Asylum submit a plan and the estimated cost of a suitable edifice of brick, capable of containing one hundred and thirty patients and their attendants, together with such buildings and appertences as may be necessary for the health, comfort, and proper treatment of the inmates, upon the land belonging to the State, and known as the Asylum grounds, and report at the next session of the Legislature.

2d. *Resolved also*, That the Regents of the Asylum be authorized to receive, from the Treasury of the State, the sum of one hundred dollars, to be expended in the purchase of books for the use of the inmates of the Asylum, and a map of the State.

The resolutions as amended were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence, and the report of the Committee was ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the petition of R. W. Gibbes, asking aid in the publication of certain Revolutionary Documents, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, ordered to be printed.

At the hour of 3 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY FOR THIS HOUR.

A Bill (from the House of Representatives) to repeal the sixth section of an Act entitled "An Act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina.

The question being upon the amendment offered by Mr. MAZYCK, as follows :

"That hereafter it shall be lawful for every Bank in this State to issue notes of less denomination than five dollars and not less than one dollar."

This question was ordered to be taken at this hour by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Brockman, Calhoun, Carew, DeTreville, Drayton, Dudley, Fishburne, Goodwyn, Ingram, Marshall, Mazyck, McAliley, Miller, Nowell, Porter, Townsend, Williams, and John Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Bedon, Boozer, Buchanan, Cannon, Carn, Chesnut, Evins, Grissett, Harlee, Hasell, Hibben, Huey, Moorman, Moses, Powe, Ruth, James J. Wilson, Witherspoon, and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 22.

In the negative, 19.

The amendment was therefore agreed to, and the Bill was amended accordingly.

The Bill was further amended, on motion of Mr. ADAMS, by adding to the amendment just agreed to the following words :

"*Provided*, That no private Bank shall issue more than one-tenth of its capital in such small bills."

On the question of agreeing to the Bill as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Cannon, Carn, Drayton, Evins, Grissett, Harlee, Hibben, Ingram, Marshall, McAliley, Moses, Powe, Ruth, Williams, James J. Wilson, Witherspoon, and Zimmerman.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Bedon, Brockman, Boozer, Buchanan,

Bull, Calhoun, Carew, Carroll, Chesnut, DeTreville, Dudley, Fishburne, Goodwyn, Hasell, Huey, Mazyck, Miller, Moorman, Nowell, Porter, Townsend, and John Wilson.

In the affirmative, 18.

In the negative, 25.

The Bill was consequently rejected, and the Special Order was disposed of.

Mr. JAMES J. WILSON, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, to which was committed a Bill to provide for the measuring of lumber and timber in the city of Charleston, and to create the office of inspector and surveyor thereof, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill with amendments; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the report was ordered to be printed.

Mr. WITHERSPOON, from the Committee on Federal Relations, to which was referred the petition of the stockholders in the line of steamships trading between Charleston and New York, praying that they may be relieved from the tax imposed upon them by an Act passed on the seventeenth day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, reported

A Bill to alter and amend the eighth section of an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the citizens of New York from carrying slaves or persons held to service out of this State, and to prevent the escape of persons charged with the commission of any crime."

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and the bill and the report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the favorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the petition of Daniel Williams, late Sheriff of York, to be refunded the amount of certain tax executions; and also,

The reports of the same Committee on Resolutions for the transfer of certain outstanding notes of the Bank of the State of South Carolina to the Treasury; and,

On a memorial of sundry citizens praying that the recharter of the Bank of Charleston may be granted upon condition that its capital is reduced to one million dollars; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUCHANAN, from the same Committee, to which was referred the report of the Commissioners of the new State Capitol, reported

A Bill to provide funds for the erection of the new State Capitol.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and the bill and the report were ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 13, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully asks the consent of the Senate to the publication,

with the Reports, Resolutions and Journals, of the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of this House on the contested election from Edgefield District.

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate concurred, and returned a message granting leave.

On motion of Mr. BUCHANAN, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. DRAYTON, the Senate adjourned at ten minutes to 4 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1853.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to increase the amount of property exempt from levy and sale."

The Bill received the first reading in the Senate, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the petition of the President, Directors and Stockholders of the Bank of Newberry, South Carolina, praying an amendment of their charter; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed a Bill to permit Joseph R. Breare, an alien, to apply for admission to practice in the Courts of Law and Equity in this State, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES offered the following Resolutions:

Resolved, as the sense of this Senate, That the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States should be made directly by the people.

That for the purpose of providing a plan to effect the same, the Committee on Privileges and Elections be instructed to report a Bill.

Mr. DeTREVILLE moved that the Resolutions be made the Special Order for Saturday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

On this question the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Bedon, Buchanan, Calhoun, Carew, Carn, DeTreville, Drayton, Fishburne, Hasell, Mazyck, Miller, Nowell, Ruth, Townsend, Williams, John Wilson, and James J. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Brockman, Cannon, Evins, Grissett, Harlee, Huey, Ingram, Marshall, McAliley, Moorman, Moses, Porter, Powe, Witherspoon, and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 21.

In the negative, 15.

The Resolutions were therefore made the Special Order for Saturday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., and were ordered to be printed.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN, from the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, to which was committed a Bill (from the House of Representatives) for the establishment of a general system of registration of births, marriages and deaths in the State of South Carolina, submitted a report recommending the passage of the Bill without amendment; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES offered the following Resolution, which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the new State Capitol be requested to furnish the Senate with a copy of the report of the Architect to the Commissioners, made on the 4th instant.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the petition of R. W. Gibbes, asking aid in the publication of certain Revolutionary Documents, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary on a Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Western Circuit, and also to add the judicial district of Spartanburg to the Northern Circuit, was agreed to, and the Bill was consequently rejected.

The reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. J. J. Steele for a *post mortem* examination ;

On the account of Dr. J. Ford Prioleau for a *post mortem* examination ;

Were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Resolution authorizing certain persons to protect their residences on Sul-

livan's Island by building a breakwater on the front beach, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion on a Bill to prohibit the collection of demands against students of the South Carolina College, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, ordered to be printed.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the memorial of the College of Charleston, praying an appropriation to enable them to extend the College building, which report recommends that \$4,000 be paid during the first three months of 1854, and \$4,000 during the first three months of the year 1855, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

At the hour of 1, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY FOR THIS HOUR.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on a Bill to renew the charter of the Bank of Charleston, South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. BROCKMAN,

The Special Order was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for 1 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

Mr. CHESNUT, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, to which was committed a Bill to authorize aid to the Blue Ridge Railroad in South Carolina, submitted a report, recommending the passage of the Bill; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. PORTER introduced

A Bill to cede to the United States certain parcels of land or sites for Light Houses and Beacons.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of the South Carolina Mechanics' Association, praying a renewal of their charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the Report of the Attorney General on District Officers and their offices, reported

A Bill to repeal in part the second section of an act, entitled "An Act to authorize and require the transfer of all papers appertaining to administration of estates, now deposited in the office of the Secretary of State in Charleston, to the Ordinary's office for Charleston District.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The General Orders were resumed.

A Bill to authorize the sale or surrender of the charter of the Company for the Inland navigation from Santee to Cooper River having received the second reading,

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the further consideration of the Bill and the report was indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion, on the report of the Attorney General, and on the Statement of the Treasurer of the Ludlam School fund; and

The report of the Committee on Federal Relations on so much of the Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the boundary between the States of Georgia and South Carolina; were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were suspended for the purpose of receiving the following message from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 14, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House grants leave to the Senate to amend the report of the Committee on Claims of this House on the petition of H. M. Quattlebaum, for services rendered the State and money expended in reference to the execution of slaves, by adding to the amount allowed to the petitioner the sum of seventeen dollars, making the whole amount allowed to him twenty-nine dollars, instead of twelve as reported by our Committee; and also to amend the report of said Committee, on the account of the Charleston Mercury for public printing, by adding thereto the sum of sixteen dollars and fifty cents; and also the sum of fifty-seven dollars, for printing the proclamation of the honorable James Simons.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The reports were therefore amended, pursuant to leave granted, and as amended were concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence,

A Resolution directing the Secretary of State to procure a copy of Dr. De La Howe's Will, and have the same recorded in his office at Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Mr. PORTER called up from the table,

A Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the City Court of Charleston, and to provide for the better administration of justice therein, for the purpose of receiving the second reading, and having been read, the Bill was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were resumed.

The reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the petition of William Hays, praying compensation for information furnished the State, was agreed to.

The reports of the same Committee,

On the account of the proprietor of the Pee Dee Times, for public printing; and

On the petition of William Rice, Administrator of Lawrence Ryan, late City Sheriff of Charleston, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Bill to regulate the fees of the City Sheriff of Charleston, for issuing writs of venire for petit jurors, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, on the petition and counter petition of sundry citizens of St. George's Parish in relation to Indian Field Swamp, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, was agreed to, and the Committee were discharged accordingly.

The report of the same Committee on the report of the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad Company, was, on motion of Mr. ZIMMERMAN, ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of John W. Henegan, Sheriff of Marlborough District, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings on the presentment of the Grand Jury for Beaufort District relating to Commissioners of Roads, was

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, recommitted with certain amendments offered by the Senator from St. Peter's.

A Bill to amend the charter of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company was before the Senate on the second reading.

The Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements recommended that the tenth section of the Bill be stricken out.

The section is as follows :

"Sec. 10. That the faith and funds of the State of South Carolina be and the same are hereby pledged to secure the punctual payment of any contracts which shall be made for borrowing money by the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, from any person or persons, company or companies, corporation or corporations, to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, either in the United States or in Europe; and when such contract shall be made by bond or bonds, signed by the President of the Company, under its seal, and countersigned by the Secretary or Treasurer thereof, it shall be the duty of the Comptroller General of this State to endorse thereon that the

faith and funds of the State of South Carolina are pledged to the faithful performance of the said contract or contracts, as it respects the punctual payment both of principal and interest, according to the terms of the said contract or contracts. *Provided*, That the interest to be made payable thereon shall not exceed seven per cent. per annum, in half yearly payments."

On the question of agreeing to the recommendation of the Committee, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, which are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Bedon, Boozer, Bull, Calhoun, Cannon, Carn, Carroll, Chesnut, Drayton, Dudley, Grissett, Harlee, Hasell, Huey, Ingram, Mazyck, McAliley, Miller, Mosca, Nowell, Powe, Ruth, Townsend, John Wilson, John J. Wilson, and Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Brockman, Buchanan, Evins, Fishburne, Goodwyn, Marshall, Moorman, and Porter.

In the affirmative, 30.

In the negative, 8.

The report was therefore agreed to, and the section was accordingly stricken out.

The eleventh section was also stricken out, and the Bill, as amended, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were suspended.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Senate granted leave to Mr. BROCKMAN to withdraw from its files the memorial of citizens of Charleston, praying the recharter of the Bank of Charleston with a capital of one million dollars, for the purpose of having it printed at the expense of the memorialists.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS,

The Senate adjourned at three minutes to 4 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1853.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills:

A Bill to provide funds for the erection of the new State Capitol.

Mr. PORTER presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Charleston, praying that the law against usury be repealed; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. CANNON submitted the reports of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements,

On the report of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company; and,

On the report of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. TOWNSEND submitted the favorable report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion on a Resolution (from the House of Representatives) in relation to procuring a copy of Dr. John De La Howe's will; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the favorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on a Bill to provide for the erection of the new State Capitol; and, on motion of Mr. BUCHANAN, the bill and the report were made the Special Order of the Day for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Bill received the first reading in the Senate, and was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and,

A Bill to declare and amend the law in relation to words of limitation in wills and deeds.

The Bill received the first reading in the Senate, and was committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN presented the petition of J. W. Barn, John L. Hart, and H. W. McIntosh, pastor and deacons of the Hartville Baptist Church, praying an act of incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. CHESNUT, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, to which was committed a Bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain bridge over the Wateree river, submitted a report recommending that the bill do not pass.

Mr. CHESNUT submitted the favorable report of the same Committee on a Bill to require the Commissioners for cleaning out Little Pee Dee river, for the Districts of Marion and Horry, to make an annual report to the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions.

Mr. WITHERSPOON submitted the report of the Committee on Federal Relations on a Bill to cede certain parcels of land, as sites for light houses and beacons, to the United States, recommending the passage of the Bill with an amendment.

All of which reports were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

A Bill to provide for the more perfect and prompt administration of justice (reported by the Joint Special Committee on the part of the Senate as a substitute for a Bill, with the same title, introduced by Mr. DeTREVILLE and committed to the Committee,) was before the Senate for a second reading.

Mr. WITHERSPOON moved that the whole matter be laid upon the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Barton, Bedon, Boozer, Bull, Calhoun, Cannon, Carn, Chesnut, Dudley, Grissett, Harlee, Hasell, Huey, Marshall, McAilley, Moorman, Powe, Ruth, Townsend, John Wilson, Witherspoon, and Zimmerman.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Adams, Barker, Brockman, Buchanan, Carew, DeTreville, Evins, Fishburne, Goodwyn, Hibbea, Ingram, Miller, Moses, Nowell, Porter, and James J. Wilson.

In the affirmative, 23.

In the negative, 16.

The Bill and the Report were therefore ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. MAZYCK, who was absent when the vote was taken, was permitted by the Senate to record the vote he would have given if he had been present; and on the Senator's name being called he answered in the affirmative.

The General Orders were suspended for the purpose of receiving the following message from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 15, 1853.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to the Senate to go with this House into a joint ballot for Trustees of the South Carolina College, to-day, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate concurred, and returned a message accordingly.

The General Orders were resumed.

A Bill to amend an Act, entitled "An Act more effectually to prevent free negroes and other persons of color from entering into this State, and for other purposes," passed on the nineteenth day of December, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, was before the Senate on the second reading, and having been read,

Mr. MAZYCK moved that the further consideration of the Bill be indefinitely postponed.

On this question the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, which are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Calhoun, DeTreville, Fishburne, Grissott, Hasell, Hibben, Mazyck, Nowell, Ruth, Townsend, John Wilson and James J. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Bedon, Brockman, Boozer, Buchanan, Cannon, Carew, Carn, Chestnut, Drayton, Dudley, Evins, Harlee, Huey, Marshall, McAliley, Miller, Moorman, Moses, Porter, Powe, Williams, Witherspoon, and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 16.

In the negative, 23.

The motion to postpone indefinitely was therefore lost.

On the question of agreeing to the bill, the yeas and nays were also ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Bedon, Brockman, Boozer, Buchanan, Cannon, Carew, Carn, Chestnut, Drayton, Dudley, Evins, Harlee, Huey, Marshall, McAliley, Miller, Moorman, Moses, Porter, Powe, Williams, Witherspoon, and Zimmerman.

Those who voted in the negative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Calhoun, DeTreville, Fishburne, Grissett, Hasell, Hibben, Mazyck, Nowell, Ruth, Townsend, John Wilson, and James J. Wilson.

In the affirmative, 23.

In the negative, 16.

The Bill was therefore agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on a Bill to renew the charter of the Bank of Charleston, South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. DETREVILLE,

The report was ordered to lie on the table, and the Bill was taken up for a second reading.

Mr. BUCHANAN moved the following, as an additional section of the Bill :

SEC. 6. That from and after the expiration of the time for which the said Bank was originally incorporated, its capital stock shall be one million of dollars and no more; and shall be divided into such number of shares, of not less than twenty-five dollars each, as the stockholders at a general meeting shall determine. And the said Bank shall have power and authority at any time during the remaining term of its existing charter, to reduce its capital to any

sum not less than one million of dollars, by making such dividends thereof, among the stockholders, as the President and Directors may from time to time think proper; *Provided*, That the notes of the said Bank in circulation shall not at any time exceed in amount two-thirds of its remaining capital.

On the question of agreeing to this amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered, but before the vote was taken, the Senate, at the hour of 2 P. M., pursuant to previous order, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in balloting for Trustees of the South Carolina College. Messrs. Goodwyn and Grissett were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

On the return of the Senate to the Chamber a message was received from his Excellency the Governor, requesting the appointment of a Committee to examine the contingent accounts of the Executive department. Messrs. TOWNSEND, ZIMMERMAN, and BROCKMAN were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives asking the appointment of a similar Committee to meet the Committee of the Senate on this subject.

The Senate then resumed the special order, just suspended for the ballot, the question being on the amendment offered by Mr Buchanan.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Brockman, Buchanan, Cannon, Fishburne, Mazyok, McAliley Moorman, and Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Bedon, Boozer, Bull, Calhoun, Carew, Carn, Chesnut, DeTreville, Drayton, Dudley, Evins, Harlee, Hasell, Huey, Ingram, Marshall, Miller, Moses, Nowell, Porter, Powe, Ruth, Townsend, Williams, John Willson, James J. Wilson and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 11.

In the negative, 28.

The amendment was therefore lost.

Mr. MAZYCK offered an amendment, in the same language with that just disagreed to by the Senate, with the substitution of two millions of dollars for one million wherever the same occurs.

Mr. CAREW moved that the amendment do lie on the table, which question was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Bedon, Boozer, Bull, Calhoun, Carew, Carn, Carroll, Chesnut, DeTreville, Drayton, Dudley, Evins, Goodwyn, Harlee, Hasell, Huey, Ingram, Marshall, Miller, Moses, Nowell, Porter, Powe, Ruth, Williams, James J. Wilson and Zimmerman.

Those who voted in the negative, are :

Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Buchanan, Brockman, Cannon, Fishburne, Grissett, Mazyck, McAliley, Moorman, Townsend, John Wilson, and Witherspoon.

In the affirmative, 28.

In the negative, 14.

The amendment was therefore lost.

The Bill having received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were suspended for the purpose of receiving the following Message from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 15, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House agrees to the proposal of the Senate to appoint a similar Committee to that appointed by the Senate to meet the Committee of the Senate to examine the Contingent Accounts of his Excellency the Governor, and have appointed Messrs. J. HARLESTON READ, S. MCGOWAN, and W. A. OWENS the Committee.

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the reports of the Committee on Claims of that House,

On the account of Dr. J. S. Lawton for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. R. S. Mellett for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. J. S. Lawton for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. James Willingham for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. W. Pickens Black for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. T. H. Gregorie for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. H. W. Blanding for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. W. J. Dargan for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. C. H. Durham for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. James J. McCants for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. Milton Goudelock for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Drs. Lawrence and Johnson for a post mortem examination.

On the account of Dr. J. W. McNeal for a post mortem examination. Which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts. And also the reports of the same Committee

On the account of Isaac Vansant, Sheriff of Lexington District, for blankets furnished the jail.

On the petition of O. Richardson, Sheriff of Laurens District, praying compensation for carrying prisoner out of the State and furnishing the jail with blankets.

On the account of the Keowee Courier for public printing.

On the account of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals at Columbia for services rendered under Resolutions of the 15th and 16th days of December, 1851.

On the petition of B. H. Brown, praying compensation for a slave executed.

On the petition of L. W. McCants, Sheriff of Colleton District, for payment for blankets furnished to State prisoners in jail.

On the petition of Jacob Wolfe, praying compensation for serving writs of election.

On the account of McCarter & Co. for copies of Richardson's Law Reports and Equity Cases—decisions of 1831 and 1832; all of which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances. And also,

A Resolution providing for the printing and distribution of Dr. Thornwell's letter to the Governor on the subject of Public Education; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate,

A Bill to vest the title of the State in certain escheated property in sundry persons herein mentioned; and also,

A Bill to alter and amend the license laws of this State; and also,

A Bill to allow William Langston to hawk and peddle in Union District without the tax now imposed by law.

The bills severally received the first reading in the Senate, and were committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Mr. DETREVILLE presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Helena Parish, for the year 1853; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK,

The Senate adjourned at twenty-eight minutes past 3 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1853.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the reports of the Committee on Claims of that House,

On the account of Dr. M. Kelly for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. T. W. Thompson for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. James W. Stephens for a post mortem examination.

The reports of the Medical Committee,

On the account of Drs. Turpin and Jones; and,

On the account of A. and S. A. Evans.

All of which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The reports of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the petition of D. A. Bonnett to be refunded a double tax;

On the petition of A. A. Bonnett to be refunded a double tax;

On the petition of P. M. Bland, of Barnwell, to be refunded a tax improperly collected;

On the account of the disbursement of the transient poor fund of Georgetown, and petition of Commissioners for increase of appropriation;

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the boundary between the States of Georgia and South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations; and also,

The report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of James Bonds, Sheriff of Newberry, praying compensation for dieting a jury and furnishing blankets to prisoners in jail; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the General Assembly highly appreciates the patriotic and meritorious conduct of her gallant son, Brevet Captain BARNARD E. BEE, of the United States army, as displayed in the engagements at Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Contreras, Churubusco, Chepultapac, and the City of Mexico.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to provide a Sword, and present the same, on behalf of this State, as a testimonial of its estimation of that distinguished officer.

The Resolutions were ordered for immediate consideration, were concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate,

A Resolution providing a Sword, or other suitable testimonial, for Captain DUNCAN N. INGRAHAM, of the United States Navy, in which that body has concurred.

The House of Representatives also returned to the Senate,

A Bill to amend the charter of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Charleston; and,

A Bill to authorize the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company to ex-

tend their road from some point at or near Spartanburg Court House to some point on the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville or Rutherford; which Bills had received two readings in the Senate and two readings in the House of Representatives.

The Bills severally received the third reading in the Senate, and it was resolved that the Bills do pass, that the titles thereof be changed, that they be called Acts, and be sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills, which had received two readings in that house :

A Bill to amend the law in relation to weights and measures.

The Bill received the first reading in the Senate, and was committed to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and Mechanic Arts ; and,

A Bill to prescribe the mode and terms upon which municipal corporations in this State may subscribe to the stock of railroad, plank-road, and canal companies.

The Bill received the first reading in the Senate, and was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. GOODWYN, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for Trustees of the South Carolina College, reported that T. N. Dawkins, B. F. Perry, J. I. Middleton, J. H. Means, James Chesnut, Jr., W. F. DeSaussure, R. W. Barnwell, John S. Preston, W. C. Preston, J. D. Witherspoon, C. G. Memminger, Thomas Smith, J. H. Adams, J. Gillespie, David Johnson, John Buchanan, F. J. Moses, W. Hampton, Sen., J. L. Petigru, and R. W. Gibbes, had received a majority of the ballots cast.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT declared the gentlemen named duly elected Trustees of the South Carolina College.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to declare and amend the law in relation to words of limitation in wills and deeds, recommending its passage with amendments ; which was ordered to be placed in the General Orders of this day.

The same Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the Petition of Thomas P. Cooper, praying aid in the publication of a book relative to the land law.

Mr. DUDLEY presented the account of W. F. Arthur, Keeper of the State House, for incidental expenses ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. CHESNUT, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, to which was referred so much of the Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the public lands and Canals of the State, submitted a report recommending the adoption of a Resolution for the appointment of a Commissioner to examine and report on the plats, boundaries, &c., of the public lands and Canals of the State.

The report being ordered for immediate consideration, and being amended on motion of Mr. MOSES, by providing that suit may be brought against the Superintendent of Public Works, in whose term the title deeds were lost, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. MOSES submitted the reports of the Committee on the Judiciary on Bills from the House of Representatives, viz :

On a Bill to repeal an Act, entitled "An Act to increase the amount of property exempt from levy and sale; and

On a Bill to allow William Langston to hawk and peddle in Union District, without the payment of the tax now imposed by law; and also

The report of the same Committee, on a Bill to extend the time for the sitting of the Court of Equity for Williamsburg to four days; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOORMAN submitted the reports of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the petition of sundry citizens of Sumter District, praying that a Road from Lynchburgh to Lynch's Creek be reopened and bridged at Durant's old ferry; and

On the petition of sundry citizens of Marion District, praying for a new Road; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the Reports of the Committee on the Military and Pensions, on Resolutions from the House of Representatives, providing for obtaining a copy of the pay rolls of the South Carolina line, from the war office at Washington city; and

On the petition of the 23d Regiment of South Carolina Militia in relation to certain vacant lots in the town of Columbia; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DUDLEY submitted the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Isaac Vansant, Sheriff, for blankets furnished the jail of Lexington District;

On the petition of O. Richardson, Sheriff of Laurens District, praying compensation for carrying a prisoner out of the State, and for blankets furnished the jail;

On the account of the Keowee Courier for public printing;

On the account of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals at Columbia, for services rendered under Resolutions of 15th and 16th December, 1851;

On the petition of B. H. Brown praying compensation for a slave executed;

On the petition of L. W. McCants, Sheriff of Colleton District, praying payment for blankets furnished to State prisoners;

On the petition of Isaac Wolfe, Sheriff of Orangeburg District, for compensation for serving writs of election ;

On the account of McCarter and Co., for copies of Richardson's Law Reports and Equity Cases—decisions of 1831 and 1832 ; and also

The report of the same Committee,

On the account of Wm. F. Arthur, for incidental expenses of the State House ; which reports were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HASELL submitted the reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the Reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. J. W. McNeel, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Drs. Johnson and Lawrence, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. Milton Goudelock, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. James J. McCants, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. C. H. Durham, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. W. James Dargan, for post mortem examinations ;

On the account of Dr. H. W. Blanding, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. Thomas H. Gregorie, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. W. Pickens Black, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. James Willingham, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr J. S. Lawton, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. R. S. Mellet, for post mortem examinations ;

On the account of Dr. James S. Lawton, for a post mortem examination ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A Bill to prohibit the collection of demands against the Students of the South Carolina College ; having received the second reading, on the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President ; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Brockman, Buchanan, Bull, Calhoun, Cannon, Carew, Carn, Chesnut, DeTreville, Drayton, Evins, Fishburne, Grissett, Harlee, Hasell, Hibben, Huey, Ingram, Marshall, Mazyck, McAliley, Miller, Moorman, Nowell, Porter, Powe, Townsend, John Wilson, James J. Wilson and Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Boozer, Dudley, Goodwyn, Moses and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 34.

In the negative, 5.

The Bill was therefore agreed to, and the title of the Bill was amended so as to read " A Bill to prohibit the collection of demands against students of the colleges and institutions of education in this State;" and the Bill was sent to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were suspended at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of proceeding to the Special Order for that hour.

Before the consideration of the Special Order was commenced, the House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message, viz :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 16, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to the Senate to unite with this House in a joint ballot for President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate concurred, and returned a message accordingly, and then proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to provide for the erection of a new Capitol.

Mr. MAZYCK moved to strike out the second section and insert the following :

" It shall be lawful for the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina to deliver out, in payment or satisfaction of the drafts or checks drawn by the Commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of the said new State Capitol, on account of any contract or contracts for the construction of the same or materials therefor, and also in payment or satisfaction of checks or drafts of the Treasurers, certificates in the form hereinafter prescribed, of such denomination, not less than one dollar, as the said President and Directors may think proper; which said certificates shall be signed by the President and Cashier of the said Bank, and shall be receivable in payment of taxes and other dues to the State, and also in payment of debts due to the said Bank, for the sums therein mentioned; *Provided*, That it shall be at the option of the person by whom any such check or draft may be presented for payment, either to receive such certificates or to demand and receive gold or silver coin or the promissory notes of the Bank in payment thereof; *And provided also*, That the amount of such certificates to be issued shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and the said certifi-

ates shall be in the following form, viz: This certificate will be received in payment of taxes and other dues to the State of South Carolina, and also in payment of debts due to the Bank of the State of South Carolina for _____ dollars."

On the question of agreeing to this amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Barker, Barton, Cannon, Dudley, Evins, Grissett, Marshall, Mazyck, McAliley, Nowell, Townsend, Williams, John Wilson, James J. Wilson, and Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Adams, Bedon, Brockman, Boozer, Buchanan, Bull, Calhoun, Carew, Carn, Chesnut, DeTreville, Drayton, Fishburne, Goodwyn, Harlee, Hasell, Hibben, Huey, Ingram, Miller, Moorman, Moses, Porter, Powe, and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 16.

In the negative, 25.

The amendment was therefore lost.

On the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Bedon, Brockman, Buchanan, Bull, Carew, Chesnut, DeTreville, Drayton, Goodwyn, Harlee, Hasell, Hibben, Huey, Ingram, Miller, Moses, Nowell, Porter, Powe, Williams, James J. Wilson, Witherspoon, and Zimmerman.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barton, Boozer, Calhoun, Cannon, Carn, Dudley, Evins, Fishburne, Grissett, Marshall, Mazyck, McAliley, Moorman, Townsend, and John Wilson.

In the affirmative, 26.

In the negative, 15.

The Bill was therefore agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDENT assigned reasons for his vote, that although he was opposed to the mode of raising the fund provided for in the Bill, yet as he was in favor of erecting the new Capitol, his vote was in the affirmative.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to extend the time for receiving subscription to the Western Bank of South Carolina at Anderson.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and also,

A Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Northern Circuit; and also,

A Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for Pickens District to sell certain lands, and for other purposes; and also,

A Bill to amend the law in relation to attesting wills.

The Bills severally received the first reading.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following reports, viz :

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the report of the State proxies in the South Carolina Railroad Company; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and also,

The report of the Committee on Internal Improvements on so much of the Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the public lands and canals; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements; and also,

The report of the Committee on Public Buildings on the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Abbeville District, praying aid in the completion of the jail of that District; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The House of Representatives also returned to the Senate the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings on the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Lexington District, in relation to the enlargement of the Court House of that District, in which that house had concurred.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON,

The Senate, at twenty minutes past 3, P. M., recessed from business until 6 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At the hour of 6 o'clock, P. M., the President took the chair and the Senate proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the boundary between the States of South Carolina and Georgia, which was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, was ordered to lie on the table.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to the Comptroller General.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A Bill to authorize the Laurens Railroad Company to extend their road from Laurens C. H. to the North Carolina line in the direction of Asheville; and

A Bill to charter a Company to construct a Railroad from the Junction of the Camden and Columbia branches of the South Carolina Railroad to Hamburg, South Carolina; received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. TOWNSEND submitted the Report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion, on a Resolution from the House of Representatives, for printing and distributing Mr. Thornwell's letter on public instruction.

Mr. CARN submitted the Report of the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures, and the Mechanic Arts, on a Bill from the House of Representatives to amend the law in relation to weights and measures, recommending the passage of the Bill.

Mr. MOSES submitted the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on a Bill from the House of Representatives to vest the title of the State in certain escheated property in sundry persons herein mentioned; all of which reports were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of the Philharmonic Society of Charleston praying an act of incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also

The account of the Clerk of the Senate for stationery and other expenses; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The Senate resumed the General Orders of the Day.

A Bill in relation to the Trustees of the South Carolina College received the second reading, was agreed to and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to alter and amend the eighth section of an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the citizens of New York from carrying slaves or persons held to service out of the State, and to prevent the escape of persons charged with the commission of any crime, which had been reported by the Committee on Federal Relations was before the Senate on the second reading; on the question of agreeing to the Bill the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, which are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Boozer, Buchanan, Cannon, Carn, DeTreville, Dudley, Evins, Harlee, Huey, McAliley, Moses, Porter, Powe, Williams, Witherspoon and Zimmerman.

Those who voted in the negative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Bedon, Brockman, Calhoun, Chesnut, Drayton, Fishburne, Grissett, Hasell, Hibben, Mazyck, Moorman, Nowell, Townsend, John Wilson and James J. Wilson.

In the affirmative, 16.

In the negative, 19.

The Bill was not agreed to, and it was consequently rejected.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on Resolutions for the transfer of certain outstanding notes of the Bank of the State of South Carolina to the Treasury was agreed to.

The report of the same Committee on the petition of Daniel Williams, late Sheriff of York, to be refunded the amount of certain tax executions, with which he has been charged by the Treasurer, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were suspended for the purpose of receiving the following papers from the House of Representatives :

A Resolution concerning the printing and distribution of the accounts of the present or any future agent for the Catawba Indians ; which was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations ; and

A Bill to incorporate certain societies, associations and companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others, which had received two readings in that House.

The Bill received the first reading in the Senate, and was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The Senate resumed the General Orders of the Day.

The following papers were ordered to lie on the table, viz. :

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the memorial of citizens of Charleston, praying the recharter of the Bank of Charleston, with a capital of one million of dollars.

The report of the same Committee on the report of the Commissioners of the new Capitol ; and,

A Bill (reported by the same Committee) to provide funds for the erection of the new Capitol.

A Bill to authorize aid to the Blue Ridge Railroad in South Carolina was before the Senate on the second reading, and having been read, on the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, which are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Adams, Bedon, Bull, Carew, Chesnut, Drayton, Evins, Fishburne, Hasell, Hibben, Ingram, Marshall, Miller, Moses, Nowell, Porter, Powe, Townsend, Williams, and Zimmerman.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President ; Messrs. Barker, Barton, Brockman, Boozer, Calhoun, Cannon, Carn, Carroll, Dudley, Grissett, Harlee, Huey, Mazyck, McAliley, Moorman, John Wilson, James J. Wilson, and Witherspoon.

In the affirmative, 20.

In the negative, 19.

The Bill was therefore agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDENT assigned as reasons for his vote, that he objected to the proposed interference on the part of the Legislature with the administration of the Bank of the State; the Bank being chartered, the President and Directors should judge, on their own responsibility, of the wisdom and safety of the investments which they may make of the profits of the Bank, pledged as a sinking fund. He was willing to authorize a subscription on the part of the State to the Blue Ridge Railroad, and the transfer to the said Company of the stocks in question.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to the Senator from St. Peter's, from and after to-morrow, in consequence of the indisposition of himself and family.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain bridge over the Wateree river; and,

A Bill to provide for the measuring of timber in the city of Charleston, and to create the office of inspector and surveyor thereof.

The Bills received the first reading, and were committed to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

The following bills severally received the second reading, were agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, viz :

A Bill to require the Commissioners for cleaning out Little Pee Dee river, for the Districts of Marion and Horry, to make an annual report to the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions; and

A Bill to permit Joseph Breare, an alien, to apply for admission to practice in the Courts of Law and Equity in this State; and

A Bill to repeal in part the second section of an act, entitled "An Act to authorize and require the transfer of all papers appertaining to administration of estates, now deposited in the office of the Secretary of State in Charleston, to the Ordinary's office for Charleston District; and

A Bill to cede to the United States certain parcels of land as sites for light-houses and beacons.

The following papers were ordered to lie on the table:

A Bill to provide for the measuring of lumber and timber in the city of Charleston, and to create the office of Inspector and Surveyor thereof; and

The Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements on the Report of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company; and

The Report of the same Committee on the Report of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company.

A Resolution (from the House of Representatives) directing the Secretary of State to procure a copy of Dr. De La Howe's Will, and file it in his office,

was concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate a Bill to establish certain roads, bridges, and ferries, and to renew certain charters heretofore granted.

The Bill received the first reading, and was committed to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

A Bill to declare and amend the law in relation to words of limitation in wills and deeds received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were disposed of.

Mr. MOSES gave notice that on Monday next he will move to suspend the 32d Rule of Senate for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. HARLLEE, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate adjourned at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1853.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills; which received two readings in that House, viz:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Town of Hamburg, and for other purposes, passed the nineteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five; and

A Bill to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to the renew the charters of others heretofore granted.

The Bills received the first reading in the Senate, and were committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; and also,

A Bill to authorize the Bank of Newberry and the Planters' Bank of Fairfield to increase their capital; and

A Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; and

A Bill to make appropriation for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

The Bills received the first reading in the Senate, and were committed to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and also,

A Bill to exempt the survivors of the South Carolina volunteers in the Florida war from ordinary militia duty.

The Bill received the first reading in the Senate, and was committed to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following Bills, which had received two readings in the Senate and two readings in the House of Representatives, viz :

A Bill to confer on Isaac Iseman and Marx Iseman certain rights and privileges in relation to a piece of land by them purchased ;

A Bill to vest the right and title of the State in and to a certain lot of land in the town of Darlington in Joseph Frank ;

A Bill to establish a Rifle Battalion in the Parishes of St. Philip and St. Michael;

A Bill to recharter the Bank of Hamburg, South Carolina;

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the State Bank ; and

A Bill to recharter the Bank of Camden; South Carolina; and

A Bill to recharter the Merchants' Bank of South Carolina, at Cheraw ; and

A Bill to renew the charter of the Bank of Charleston, South Carolina; and

A Bill to renew the charter of the Bank of South Carolina.

The Bills severally received the third reading in the Senate, and it was resolved that the Bills do pass, that the titles thereof be changed, that they be called Acts, and be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. ADAMS offered the following Resolution, which was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be required to take charge of and deposit in his office all the books of record and other papers now remaining in the Committee Room occupied by the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, leave was granted to the Committee on the Judiciary to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS, a reconsideration of the vote made yesterday, whereby the unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on Resolutions to transfer certain outstanding notes of the Bank of the State of South Carolina to the Treasury, was ordered.

The report being before the Senate for consideration, Mr. MAZYCK moved that it do lie on the table, and the Resolutions be taken up for consideration, and the same was ordered.

The Resolutions are as follows :

1. Whereas it appears from the Annual Reports of the President and Directors of the Bank of the State, that the outstanding amount of notes of a less denomination than one dollar, issued by the Bank and its Branches, has

remained unchanged for several years past, none of the said notes having been brought in for redemption since the year 1851; And whereas no such notes have been issued since the year 1839, and none are now seen in circulation, whence it may be reasonably concluded that those now outstanding are lost or destroyed, and can never be brought in for redemption; therefore,

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and eight thousand two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and sixty-two cents, being the amount of such notes now outstanding, as appears from the statements of the issues of the Bank, be, and the same is hereby, required to be transferred by the President and Directors of the Bank from the account of issues to the credit of the Treasury.

2. Whereas it appears from statements appended to the Report of the Joint Committee of Inspection, appointed at the last session of the General Assembly, to examine the condition of the principal Bank in Charleston, that of the first issue of notes of the denomination of ten dollars made by the Bank, none of which have been issued since the year 1820, and none brought in for redemption since 1851, the amount now outstanding is one thousand nine hundred and forty dollars; and that of the first issue of notes of the denomination of five dollars, none of which have been issued since 1822, and none brought in for redemption since 1851, the outstanding amount is eleven thousand dollars; and that of the first issue of notes of the denomination of two dollars, none of which have been issued since 1824, and none brought in for redemption since 1851 the outstanding amount is ten thousand two hundred and thirty-five dollars; and that of the first issue of notes of the denomination of one dollar, none of which have been issued since 1834, and none brought in for redemption since 1851, there are now outstanding twenty-four thousand seven hundred and ninety-four dollars; therefore,

Resolved, That the said several amounts, making together the sum of forty-seven thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars, be, and the same are hereby, directed to be transferred from the account of issues to the credit of the Treasury.

3. *Resolved*, That if any of the said notes should hereafter come in for redemption, they shall be charged against the Treasury.

On the question of agreeing to the Resolutions the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, which are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barton, Brockman, Chesnut, Dudley, Evins, Grissett, Mazyck, McAliley, Ruth, James J. Wilson and Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Boozer, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cannon, Carew, Carn DeTreville, Drayton, Goodwyn, Harlee, Hasell, Ingram, Moorman, Moses, Nowell, Porter, Powe, Townsend, John Wilson and Zimmerman.

In the affirmative, 12.

In the negative, 22.

The Resolutions were therefore not agreed to, and were consequently rejected.

Mr. CHESNUT submitted the reports of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements on a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain bridge over the Wateree river, recommending that the Bill do not pass; and,

On a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to provide for the measuring of timber in the city of Charleston, and to create the office of inspector and surveyor thereof, recommending its passage with amendments; which reports were ordered to be placed in the General Orders of this day.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate a Bill to renew and amend the charters of certain towns and villages heretofore incorporated which had received two readings in that House.

The Bill received the first reading in the Senate, and was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Pursuant to messages interchanged between the two Houses, at the hour of 12, M., the Senate proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that house in a ballot for President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina.

Messrs. HARLLEE and HASSELL were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. MOSES submitted the reports of the Committee on the Judiciary on Bills from the House of Representatives, viz :

On a Bill to amend the law in relation to attesting wills; and,

On a Bill to alter and amend the license laws of this State, recommending that the Bills do not pass; and,

The favorable reports of the same Committee on Bills from the House of Representatives,

On a Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for Pickens District to sell certain lands, and for other purposes; and,

On a Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Northern Circuit; and,

On a Bill to extend the time for receiving subscriptions to the Western Bank of South Carolina at Anderson; which reports were ordered to be placed in the General Orders of this day.

Mr. WITHERSPOON submitted the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings on a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to renew certain charters heretofore granted, recommending its passage with amendments; which was ordered to be placed in the General Orders of to-day.

Mr. HASELL submitted the reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts on the reports of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Drs. Turpin and Jones for post mortem examinations;

On the account of Drs. A. and T. A. Evins for medical services in Anderson jail; and,

On the reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. M. Kelly for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. James W. Stephens for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. Thomas W. Thompson for a post mortem examination.

Mr. WITHERSPOON submitted the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings on the report of the Committee on Public Buildings of the House of Representatives, on the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Abbeville District, praying aid to complete their jail, recommending concurrence.

Mr. TOWNSEND submitted the report of the Special Committee on the part of the Senate to examine the contingent accounts of his Excellency the Governor.

Mr. DUDLEY submitted the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the account of James Bonds, Sheriff of Newberry District, for dicting a jury and for blankets furnished the jail.

Mr. HUEY submitted the report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions on a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to exempt the survivors of the South Carolina volunteers in the Florida war from ordinary militia duty, recommending its passage.

All of which reports were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY FOR THIS HOUR.

The following Resolution, offered by the Senator from Claremont, viz:

Resolved, as the sense of this Senate, That the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States should be made directly by the people.

That for the purpose of providing a plan to effect the same, the Committee on Privileges and Elections be instructed to report a Bill.

On the question of agreeing to the Resolution, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Brockman, Boozer, Cannon, Dudley, Evins, Grissett, Harlee, Huey, Ingram, McAliloy, Moorman, Moses, Porter, Powo, Witherspoon, and Zimmerman.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barker, Barton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Carew, Carn, Carroll, DeTreville, Drayton, Fishburne, Goodwyn, Hasell, Mazyck, Miller, Nowell, Ruth, Townsend, Williams, John Wilson, and James J. Wilson.

In the affirmative, 16.

In the negative, 22.

The Resolution was therefore not agreed to, and was consequently rejected.

The Special Order was disposed of.

Mr. PORTER offered a Resolution providing for funds for the publication of the Comptroller General's Comparative Statement of Banks, which having been ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Leave was granted to Mr. ZIMMERMAN to withdraw from the files of the Senate the account of Dr. C. W. Flinn.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the petition of the Bank of Newberry for amendment of charter, was ordered to lie on the table.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, viz :

A Bill for the establishment of a general system of registration of births, marriages and deaths in the State of South Carolina; and,

A Bill to extend the time for the sitting of the Court of Williamsburg to four days instead of two; and,

A Bill to allow William Langston to hawk and peddle in Union District without the payment of the tax now required by law.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS, a Bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain bridge over the Wateree River was ordered to lie on the table; and the Senate proceeded to consider the unfavorable report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements on a Bill with the same title (from the House of Representatives.)

On motion of Mr. ADAMS, the report was ordered to lie on the table, and the Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were suspended, and

Mr. CARROLL submitted the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts on a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to incorporate certain societies, associations and companies, and to renew and amend the charters; recommending the passage of the Bill with amendments.

The General Orders were resumed.

A Bill (from the House of Representatives) to amend the law in relation to weights and measures; and

A Bill (from the House of Representatives) to vest the title of the State in certain escheated property in sundry persons therein mentioned; received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. DUDLEY moved that the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary on a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to increase the amount of property exempt from levy and sale," de lie on the table.

On the question of agreeing to this motion, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Bedon, Brockman, Boozer, Carn, Dudley, Evins, Huey, Mazyck, Miller, Moorman, Powe, Rnth, Williams and Zimmerman.

Those who voted in the negative, are

The Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barton, Buchanan, Bull, Calhoun, Cannon, Carew, Carroll, DeTreville, Drayton Fishburne, Goodwyn, Grissett, Ingram, McAliley, Moses, Nowell, Porter, Townsend, John Wilson, James J. Wilson and Witherspoon.

In the affirmative, 15

In the negative, 23.

The motion was therefore lost.

The report was then agreed to, and the Bill was consequently rejected.

The Senate proceeded to the second reading of a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to renew certain charters heretofore granted, and had proceeded as far as the 16th section, when,

On motion of Mr. EVINS, the Senate, at half-past 3 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 6 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 6 o'clock, P. M., the President took the Chair and the Senate proceeded to business.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; re-commending the passage of the Bill with amendments; and

On a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; re-commending its passage with an amendment; and also,

The report of the same Committee on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, on the account of the transient poor fund of Georgetown, and on the petition of the Commissioners for increase of the appropriation, recommending partial concurrence; all of which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

An Act to authorize the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company to extend their Road from some point at or near Spartanburg Court House to some point on the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville or Rutherford; and

An Act to amend the charter of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Charleston; and they were committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The Senate resumed the reading of a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to renew certain charters heretofore granted; the reading was concluded, and the Bill was agreed to and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. WITHERSPOON gave notice, that on the third reading of a Bill to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to renew certain charters heretofore granted, he will move to amend sections 17 and 20 of an Act entitled "An Act to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries," passed 16th December, Anno Domini, 1862.

Mr. HARLEE, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, reported the following persons as having received the highest number, being more than a majority of all the ballots cast:

For President, C. M. Furman; Directors, J. P. Deveaux, W. A. Wardlaw, G. H. Walter, W. C. Dukes, J. H. Steinmeyer, Thomas Lehre, H. F. Strobeck, J. L. Gantt, R. D. Stone, Rice Dalin, P. M. Cohen and C. J. Colcock.

Whereupon the President declared the gentlemen named to be duly elected President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina.

The following Bills, which had received two readings in the House of Representatives, received the second reading in the Senate, were agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for Pickens District to sell certain lands, and for other purposes; and

A Bill to extend the time for receiving subscriptions to the Western Bank of South Carolina at Anderson; and

A Bill to incorporate certain societies, associations and companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others;

The unfavorable reports of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to alter and amend the license laws of this State; and

On a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to amend the law in relation to attesting wills; were agreed to, and the Bills were consequently rejected.

A Bill, the title whereof, as it came to the Senate, read, "A Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Northern Circuit," which had received two readings in the House of Representatives, received the second reading in the Senate, the title was changed so as to read, "A Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Western Circuit, and the Court of Equity for Charleston District;" and the Bill was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill (from the House of Representatives) to provide for the measuring timber in the City of Charleston, and to create the office of Inspector and Surveyor thereof, which had received two readings in that House, received the second reading in the Senate, was agreed to and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The following Bills had received three readings in the House of Representatives and two readings in the Senate, viz :

A Bill to declare and amend the law in relation to words of limitation in Wills and Deeds; and

A Bill to provide funds for the erection of the new State Capitol.

The Bills severally received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That they do pass, that the titles thereof be changed, that they be called Acts, and they were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The following Bills had received two readings in the Senate and two readings in the House of Representatives, viz :

A Bill to cede to the United States certain parcels of land as sites for light-houses and beacons;

A Bill to authorize the Laurens Railroad Company to extend their Road from Laurens Court House to the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville;

A Bill in relation to the Trustees of the South Carolina College;

A Bill to prohibit the collection of demands against students of the colleges and institutions of education in this State; and,

A Bill to incorporate the Central Bank of South Carolina.

The Bills severally received the third reading in the Senate, and it was re-

solved that the Bills do pass, that the titles thereof be changed, that they be called Acts, and they were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate,

A Bill to amend the charter of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, and for other purposes, the title whereof had been changed by the House of Representatives on the second reading so as to read, "A Bill to amend the charter of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company."

The Bill received the third reading in the Senate, and it was resolved that the Bill do pass, that the title thereof be changed, that it be called an Act, and it was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The following reports were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives:

The reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Isaac Vansant, Sheriff of Lexington District, for blankets furnished the jail;

On the account of Dr. J. W. McNeal for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Drs. Lawrence and Johnson for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. James McCants for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. C. H. Durham for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. W. J. Dargan for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. H. W. Blanding for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. T. H. Gregorie for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. James Willingham for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. W. Pickens Black for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. R. S. Mellett for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. J. S. Lawton for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. J. S. Lawton for a post mortem examination;

On the account of McCarter & Co. for copies of Richardson's Law Reports and Equity Cases—decisions of 1831 and 1832.

On the petition of O. Richardson, Sheriff of Laurens District, praying compensation for carrying a prisoner out of the State and for blankets furnished the jail;

On the petition of L. W. McCants, Sheriff of Colleton District, praying payment for blankets furnished prisoners in jail.

On the petition of Jacob Wolfe, praying compensation for serving writs of election;

On the account of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals at Columbia, for services rendered, under resolutions of 15th and 16th December, 1851; and

On the account of the Keowee Courier for public printing.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the account of Dr. Milton Goudelock, for a post mortem examination and

dissection, was agreed to. And pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee of the Senate, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the report of the Committee of the House of Representatives, by striking out \$20 for the purpose of inserting \$10.

The following resolutions were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives:

A resolution providing for the printing and distribution of Dr. Thornwell's letter to the Governor on the subject of public instruction; and

A resolution providing for a copy of the pay rolls of the South Carolina line.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the petition of B. H. Brown, praying compensation for a slave executed, was, on motion of Mr. DUDLEY, ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the account of W. F. Arthur, Keeper of the State House, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions, on the petition of the 23d Regiment South Carolina Militia, in relation to certain vacant lots in the town of Columbia, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The unfavorable reports of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the petition of sundry citizens of Sumter District, praying that a road from Lynchburg to Lynch's Creek be reopened and bridged at Durant's Old Ferry; and also on a petition of citizens of Marion District, praying for a new road, were agreed to.

Mr. DUDLEY submitted the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the account of the Clerk of the Senate for stationery, and other small expenses for the Senate. The report was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Bill to declare a certain description of streams navigable, and for other purposes, which had received two readings in the Senate and two readings in the House of Representatives, received the third reading in the Senate, and it was resolved that the Bill do pass, that the title thereof be changed and that it be called "An Act," and it was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

All the papers before the Senate were disposed of.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet on Monday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate adjourned at 20 minutes to 10 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1853.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. WITHERSPOON offered certain Resolutions in relation to the report of the agent of the Catawba Indians, and the auditing of the accounts of the Executive Department for printing; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the report of the Attorney General, and the Solicitors on district officers and offices; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CHESNUT submitted the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements on the report of the Committee on Internal Improvements of the House of Representatives, on so much of the Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to public lands and canals; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CARROLL submitted the reports of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill from the House of Representatives to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew the charters of others heretofore granted, recommending the passage of the Bill with amendments; and also,

On a Bill from the House of Representatives to prescribe the mode and terms upon which municipal corporations in this State may subscribe to the stock of railroad, plank-road and canal companies, recommending that the Bill do not pass.

Which reports were placed in the General Orders for this day.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A Bill to exempt the survivors of the South Carolina volunteers in the Florida war from ordinary militia duty, received the second reading; the title was amended by adding "and for other purposes," and the Bill was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, A. D. 1853, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. WITHERSPOON, the Chairman of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, gave notice that on the third reading of this Bill he will offer the following amendments, which were read from the chair, to wit :

Abbeville, additional appropriation for jail,	-	\$6,450
Colleton, " "	-	10,000
Chesterfield, " "	-	6,000
Charleston, " "	-	30,000
Newberry, additional " "	-	1,000
Darlington, for enlarging Court House,	-	4,000
Williamsburg, " "	-	5,000
Lexington, " "	-	3,000
Georgetown, " "	-	5,000
Lancaster, " "	-	4,000

\$74,650

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. CHESNUT submitted the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements on Resolutions relating to the geology of South Carolina.

Mr. HASELL presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the accounts of Dr. Pelzer for two post mortem examinations, recommending payment of the same;

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the account of Dr. J. P. Chazal, asking to be discharged therefrom; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. TOWNSEND submitted a Resolution providing for a course of lectures by the Rev. Dr. Bachman before the students of the South Carolina College; which was also ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. MOORMAN, the unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to authorize the Bank of Newberry and the Planters' Bank of Fairfield to increase their capital, was ordered to lie on the table; and the Bill was taken up for a second reading, and having been read, the Bill was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The following Bills had received two readings in the House of Representatives, to wit:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Hamburg, and for other purposes," passed on the 19th day of December, 1835;

A Bill to renew and amend the charters of certain towns and villages heretofore incorporated;

A Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, 1853.

The bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, the unfavorable report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts

On a Bill (from the House of Representatives) to prescribe the mode and terms upon which municipal corporations in this State may subscribe to the stock of Railroad, Plank Road and Canal Companies, was ordered to lie on the table; and the Bill was ordered for a second reading, and having been read, Mr. MAZYCK moved that the further consideration of the Bill be indefinitely postponed, and the same was ordered.

A Bill to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew the charters of others heretofore granted, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The following Bills had received two readings in the Senate, and two readings in the House of Representatives, to wit:

A Bill to give the Town Council of Yorkville the power to issue the bonds of the corporation, and for other purposes;

A Bill to charter the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company;

A Bill to incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Company;

A Bill to charter a company to construct a Railroad from the junction of the Camden and Columbia branches of the South Carolina Railroad to Hamburg, South Carolina;

A Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for St. Bartholomew's Parish to sell certain lands, and for other purposes.

The Bills received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bills do pass, that the titles thereof be changed, that they be called Acts; and they were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The Senate, at 3 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, suspended business until 6 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 6 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT took the chair, and the Senate resumed business.

Mr. WITHERSPOON submitted the favorable report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings on the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Newberry District, asking further aid in the erection of a new jail; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the report of the

Committee on Finance and Banks on the memorial of the College of Charleston, praying for an appropriation for the extension of the College Buildings, in which that House had concurred.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence,

The report of the Committee on Education of that House on the annual returns of the Commissioners of Free Schools; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; and also,

The following Resolutions, viz :

A Resolution rescinding the Resolution of December, A. D. 1852, relative to printing of Bank Statement; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and,

A Resolution directing the Comptroller to transfer five thousand dollars to the credit of the Treasury; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and,

Resolutions respecting the report of the agent of the Catawba Indians, and the account for Executive printing; which was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations; and,

Resolutions respecting Commissioners of Free Schools; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. MOSES offered the following Resolution, which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Upper Division be authorized to pay the salary of Henry McIver, Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit, from the twenty-second day of March to the fifteenth day of June in the present year, he having performed the duties of said office during that period.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to extend the time for receiving subscriptions to the Western Bank of South Carolina at Anderson; which had received two readings in the Senate and three readings in the House of Representatives.

The Bill received the third reading in the Senate, and it was resolved that the Bill do pass, that the title thereof be changed, that it be called an Act, and it was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad Company; and,

A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Florida Steam Packet Company; and,

A Bill to authorize the formation of the Newberry and Chester Railroad Company; which had received two readings in the Senate and two readings in the House of Representatives.

The Bills severally received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bills do pass, that the titles thereof be changed, that they be called Acts, and they were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 19, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend the report of the Committee on Claims of this House on the account of Dr. Milton Goude-lock, by striking out "twenty dollars," for the purpose of inserting "ten dol-lars."

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the account of Dr. Milton Goude-lock was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. TOWNSEND offered the following Resolution ; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That the Digest of the Road Laws of this State, prepared by Judge Evans, now in the office of the Secretary of State, be distributed among the several Boards of Commissioners of Roads, at the rate of two copies for each member of the Legislature from the several Election Districts.

Mr. EVINS submitted the report of the Joint Committee on Accounts on the contingent accounts against the Lower Division of the Treasury ; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. MOSES, pursuant to notice previously given, offered the following Re-solution ; which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the 32d Rule of the Senate be suspended for the remain-ing of the Session, so far as to allow the reading on the last day of the Session of all Bills which have had two readings in the Senate.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on a Resolution (from the House of Representatives) directing the Comptroller General to transfer to the credit of the Treasury the sum of five thousand dollars, heretofore appropriated for the improvement of the naviga-tion of the Savannah river, and no longer required for that purpose ; the re-port was ordered for immediate consideration, was concurred in, and was or-dered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES offered a Resolution providing for sending a block of granite to the Washington Monument ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following reports were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

The Reports of the Committee of Ways and Means of that House,
On the report of the State proxies of the South Carolina Railroad Company ;

On the petition of A. A. Bonnett, to be refunded a double tax ;

On the petition of D. A. Bonnett, to be refunded a double tax ;

On the petition of P. M. Bland, of Barnwell, to be refunded a tax improperly collected,

The report of the Medical Committee,

On the account of Drs. Turpin and Jones ;

On the account of Drs. A. and T. A. Evans.

The report of the Committee on Public Buildings,

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Abbeville District, in relation to the Jail.

The reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. M. Kelly, for a *post mortem* examination ;

On the account of Dr. T. W. Thompson, for a *post mortem* examination ;

On the account of Dr. James W. Stephens, for a *post mortem* examination ;

On the petition of James Bonds, Sheriff of Newberry District, praying compensation for dieting a jury and furnishing blankets to prisoners in jail.

The report of the special Joint Committee, appointed on the part of the Senate to examine the contingent accounts of his Excellency the Governor, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were disposed of.

Mr. TOWNSEND submitted the report of the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion, on certain resolutions from the House of Representatives respecting Commissioners of Free Schools ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DUDLEY presented the additional accounts of Wm. F. Arthur, for articles furnished for the use of the Senate.

Mr. DUDLEY submitted the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the additional accounts of Wm. F. Arthur for articles furnished for the use of the Senate ; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Bill to authorize the Comptroller General to transfer sixteen thousand dollars of the stock owned by the State in the South Carolina Railroad Company and the Southwestern Railroad Bank to the Laurens Railroad Company, which had received two readings in the Senate and two readings in the House of Representatives, received the third reading ; and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, that the title thereof be changed, that it be called an Act, and it was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence,

The report of the Medical Committee of that House on the memorial of the Medical College of South Carolina for aid; and

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum on resolutions of inquiry as to purchasing a new site for the Lunatic Asylum; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; and also,

The reports of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the account of the Town Council of Beaufort with the transient poor fund;

On resolutions relative to deepening of Charleston harbor; which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the report of the President and Directors of the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad Company; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements; and also

The reports of the Committee on Public Buildings,

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Chesterfield;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Lancaster;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Georgetown;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Colleton;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Newberry;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Williamsburg;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Darlington;

On the presentment of the Grand Jury for Charleston District, Fall Term, 1853; all of which were referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The House of Representatives also sent to Senate for concurrence the report of the Committee on the Military on the report of the Major of Ordnance; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

The House of Representatives also returned to the Senate the following Reports in which that House had concurred, viz :

The report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements on so much of the Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the public lands and canals; and also

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the presentment of the Grand Jury of Darlington District, and the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings in reference to the Court House of that District.

The PRESIDENT announced that a vacancy had occurred in the Commission on the new State Capitol among the number appointed on the part of the Senate by the resignation of Professor Williams, of the South Carolina College. The PRESIDENT appointed the Hon. THOMAS F. DRAYTON, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives informing that House of the appointment.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate a Bill, the title whereof, as it passed the Senate on the second reading, was "a Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of law on the Western Circuit." On the second reading of this Bill in the Senate, all after the enacting clause had been stricken out for the purpose of inserting a substitute reported by the Committee on the Judiciary. On the third reading of the Bill in the House of Representatives the amendment made by Senate had been stricken out, and the clauses in the original bill as it passed the House of Representatives had been restored. The Bill being now before the Senate on the third reading, the Senate sent a message to the House of Representatives asking leave to restore to the Bill the clauses inserted by the Senate on the second reading, and stricken out by the House of Representatives on the third reading.

Mr. TOWNSEND called up from the General Orders for to-morrow the report of the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion, on the report of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives on the Free School returns for 1853. The report was ordered for consideration, and was agreed to; and pursuant thereto, a message was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the report of that House as follows, to wit: strike out "Sumter," for the purpose of inserting "Claremont;" and adding to the synopsis,

"St. Thomas and St. Dennis, 1 school, 1 teacher, 17 scholars, \$600 expended;" and to fill the blank opposite St. Helena, so that it will read:
"District. No. Schools. No. Teachers. No. Scholars. Amount Expended."

St. Helena,	1	1	17	\$600.
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On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. McALILEY,

The Senate adjourned at 9 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1853.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 December 19, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully refuses to grant leave to the Senate to amend "A Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the western circuit, and the

Court of Equity for Charleston District," by restoring to the Bill the several sections agreed to by Senate on the second reading, as a substitute for the Bill as it came from this House, pursuant to the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of Senate, and which several sections were stricken out by this House on the third reading.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate returned a message insisting on asking leave to make the proposed amendment, and informing that House that Messrs. MOSES, CHESNUT, and CANNON were appointed a Committee of Conference; asking that House to appoint a similar Committee, to meet the Committee on the part of the Senate on the subject of difference between the two Houses.

The following message was also received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 19, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully insists on amending "A Bill to prohibit the collection of demands against students of the colleges and institutions of education in this State," by striking out, in the second section, all after the words "entered up," which words were restored by the Senate on the third reading; and also insists on amending the said Bill by striking out, in the third section, all after the words "intent of this act," which words were likewise restored by the Senate on the third reading.

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker

The Senate concurred, and returned a message accordingly.

Mr. WITHERSPOON submitted the reports of the Committee on Federal Relations,

On resolutions from the House of Representatives relating to the printing and partial distribution of the accounts of the present or any future agent for the Catawba Indians; and

On resolutions respecting the report of the agent of the Catawba Indians, and the accounts for Executive Printing; and also,

The reports of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the report of the Committee on Public Buildings of the House of Representatives on the presentment of the Grand Jury of Darlington District;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Chesterfield District;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Georgetown District;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Newberry District;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Williamsburg District;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Lancaster District;

On the presentment of the Grand Jury of Colleton District, recommending a new jail.

Mr. HAZELL submitted the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives recommending the appropriation of twenty thousand dollars for the Medical College of South Carolina.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions,

On the report of the Committee on the Military of the House of Representatives on the report of the Major of Ordnance.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on a resolution from the House of Representatives on rescinding the resolution of December, 1852, relating to the amount to be paid for publishing Bank Statements; all of which reports were placed in the General Orders of this day.

The Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts was discharged from the farther consideration of the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum of the House of Representatives on the Resolutions of inquiry as to purchasing a new site for an Asylum.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate an Act to prohibit the collection of demands against the Students of the Colleges and Institutions of Education in this State; and it was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully insists on refusing to grant leave to the Senate to amend "A Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Western Circuit, and the Court of Equity for Charleston District," by restoring to the Bill the several sections agreed to by the Senate on the second reading as a substitute for the Bill as it came from this House, pursuant to the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, and which several sections were stricken out by this House on the third reading. This House agrees to the proposal of the Senate to appoint a Committee of Conference on the subject of difference between the two Houses, and have appointed Messrs. B. F.

PERRY, S. MCGOWAN, T. THOMSON, C. P. SULLIVAN, and J. M. GADBERRY,
the Committee on the part of this House.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following reports,
in which the House had concurred, viz :

The report of the Special Committee on the Executive Contingent Accounts ;

The reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the account of
Wm. F. Arthur for incidental expenses of the State House ;

On the account of the Clerk of the Senate for Stationery and other small
expenses ;

On the additional account of Wm. F. Arthur for articles furnished for the
use of the Senate ;

On the petition of Wm. Rice, Administrator of Lawrence Ryan, late city
Sheriff of Charleston ;

The report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions on the petition
of John G. Bowman ;

The reports of the Committee on Federal Relations,

On so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the boundary between
the States of Georgia and South Carolina ; and also

The following Resolutions in which that House had concurred,

A Resolution providing for the distribution of Judge Evans' digest of the
Road Law ; and

A Resolution for paying the salary to Mr. Solicitor McIver.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence,

The report of the Committee on Education of that House,

On the report of John S. Green ; which was referred to the Committee on
the Library.

The reports of the Committee on Claims of that House,

On the account of R. W. Gibbes, for public printing ;

On the account of R. L. Bryan with the Clerk ; which were referred to the
Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The report of the Committee on the Military of that House,

On the petition of J. G. Bowman, relating to losses in the Florida war ;
which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Repre-
sentatives,

On the petition of Julius L. Bartlett ; which was referred to the Commit-
tee on the Judiciary ; and also,

The following reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of the Newberry Sentinel ;

On the account of the Anderson Gazette for public printing ;

On the account of J. V. & W. H. Trimmier for public printing;

On the account of R. M. Stokes for public printing;

On the account of W. F. Durisoe for public printing;

On the account of H. Nelson Wheaton for public printing;

On the account of Gaillard & Aiken for public printing;

On the account of the Charleston Mercury for public printing;

On the account of V. Little for public printing;

On the account of A. S. Willington & Co. for public printing;

On the account of R. S. Bailey for public printing;

On the account of James Bonds, Sheriff of Newberry, for articles furnished the jail;

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; and,

On the account of Dr. R. J. Gilliland for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. W. F. Holmes for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. D. W. Lamb for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. Charles W. Hodges for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. J. L. Douglass for a post mortem examination,

On the account of Dr. J. S. O. Hagood for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. Henry Winthrop;

Which reports were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; and also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on the presentments of the Grand Juries of Charleston, Darlington and Colleton, on the subject of a digest of the laws and the establishment of a penitentiary; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The report of the Library Committee on the distribution of copies of Tuokey's Geological Survey of the State, now in the Library; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. EVINS offered a Resolution instructing the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives to publish the bill in relation to the division of Pendleton; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives on a Resolution to instruct that Committee to inquire and report a fund for deepening the entrance of Charleston harbor; and,

On the accounts of the Town Council of Beaufort in disbursing the transient poor fund; which were placed in the General Orders of this day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House grants leave to the Senate to amend the report of the Committee on Education of this House on the annual returns of the Commissioners of Free Schools, by striking out the word "Sumter" for the purpose of inserting "Claremont," and by adding to the synopsis "St. Thomas and St. Dennis, one school, one teacher, seventeen scholars, and \$600 expended;" and further by filling the blanks opposite St. Helena with "one school, one teacher, seventeen scholars, amount expended \$600."

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The synopsis was amended accordingly, and the report was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate,

An Act to authorize the Comptroller General to transfer sixteen thousand dollars of the stock owned by the State in the South Carolina Railroad Company and the Southwestern Railroad Bank to the Laurens Railroad Company; and it was committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs the Senate that Professor Charles F. McKay has been appointed, on the part of this House, a Commissioner of the new State Capitol, in the place of the Hon. L. M. Keitt, who has resigned.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate proceeded to the third reading of a Bill to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to renew certain charters heretofore granted.

Mr. WITHERSPOON, the Chairman of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, moved to send a message to the House of Representatives asking leave to amend the Bill, by adding the following as an additional section, to wit :

"That the seventeenth and twentieth sections of an Act to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to amend the law respecting Commissioners of Roads in certain particulars, passed on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1852, providing for the opening of two public roads in York District, be and the same are hereby so amended, that the said roads are declared to be private paths, and shall be kept in repair as provided by law for keeping in repair roads of that description: *Provided*, That those who are required to

work on said private paths are hereby declared to be exempt from common road duty."

To which the House of Representatives returned the following reply :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend "a Bill to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to renew certain charters heretofore granted," by adding the following as an additional section, to wit : "That the seventeenth and twentieth sections of 'An Act to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to amend the law respecting Commissioners of Roads in certain particulars,' passed on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1852, providing for the opening of two public roads in York District, be and the same are hereby so amended that the said roads are declared to be private paths, and shall be kept in repair as provided by law for keeping in repair roads of that description: *Provided*, That those who are required to work on said private paths are hereby declared to be exempt from common road duty."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Bill was amended accordingly, and the third reading having been concluded, it was resolved that the Bill do pass, that the title thereof be changed, that it be called an Act, and it was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, A. D. 1853, was before the Senate on the third reading.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a message was sent to the House of Representatives to amend the Bill by striking out thereof the following, to wit :

"For the support of the transient poor of Beaufort, one hundred dollars, to be expended by the Town Council of that place, and accounted for by them to the General Assembly."

To which the House of Representatives returned the following reply :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully refuses to grant leave to the Senate to amend "a Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, A. D. 1853," by striking out thereof the following, to wit : "For the support of the transient poor of Beaufort, one hundred dollars, to be expended by the Town Council of that place, and accounted for by them to the General Assembly."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate sent a message insisting on asking leave to strike out the appropriation.

To which the House of Representatives returned the following reply :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend "A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, A. D. 1853, by striking out thereof the following, to wit: "For the support of the Transient Poor of Beaufort, one hundred dollars, to be expended by the Town Council of that place, and accounted for by them to the General Assembly."

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Bill was therefore amended, pursuant to leave granted, and as amended received the third reading in the Senate, and it was resolved that the Bill do pass: that the title thereof be changed: that it be called an Act; and it was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the following reports,

The reports of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On so much of Message No. 3 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the receipt and distribution of the land fund of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations;

On the petition of John E. McDonald, praying to be released from his indebtedness to the State; and

On the annual report of the President and Directors of the Laurens Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and also,

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum, on the report of the Regents, and so much of the Message of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the Asylum; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; and also,

The report of the Committee on Pensions, on the petition of Theophilus Wilson, praying for arrears of Pension; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions; and also,

The following Resolutions:

A Resolution relating to the disposition of Walker and Johnson's Maps of the State; which was referred to the Committee on the Library; and

A Resolution abolishing the office of Major of Ordnance; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

on the accounts of Dr. George Pelzer for post mortem examinations, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence;

The same Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the account of Dr. J. P. Chazal, for a post mortem examination.

A Resolution instructing the Trustees of the South Carolina College to invite Dr. Bachman to deliver Lectures before the students of that Institution, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Resolution from the House of Representatives rescinding Resolution of December, 1852, as to amount to be paid for publishing Bank Statements, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Internal Improvements of the House of Representatives, on so much of the Message No. 3 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the public lands and canals; and

A Resolution from the House of Representatives respecting Commissioners of Free Schools; were concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The following papers were ordered to lie on the table:

Resolutions relative to the Catawba Indians and the auditing of accounts for printing for the Executive Department;

The report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, on a Resolution relative to Tuomey's Geology of the State;

The report of the Committee on Federal Relations on Resolutions from the House of Representatives on the report of the Agent of the Catawba Indians and the accounts for Executive printing.

The following Bills had received three readings in the House of Representatives and two readings in the Senate, to wit:

A Bill to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew the charters of others heretofore granted;

A Bill to renew and amend the charters of certain towns and villages heretofore incorporated;

A Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for Pickens District to sell certain lands, and for other purposes;

A Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three;

A Bill for the establishment of a general system of registration of births, deaths and marriages in South Carolina;

A Bill to vest the title of the State in certain escheated property in sundry persons therein mentioned;

A Bill to exempt the survivors of the South Carolina volunteers in the Florida war from ordinary militia duty, and for other purposes;

A Bill to allow William Langston to hawk and peddle in Union District without the payment of the tax imposed by law;

A Bill to amend the law in relation to weights and measures;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Hamburg, and for other purposes," passed 19th day of December, 1835;

A Bill to provide for the measuring of timber in the city of Charleston, and to create the office of inspector thereof;

A Bill to authorize the Bank of Newberry and the Planters' Bank of Fairfield to increase their capital;

A Bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain bridge over the Wateree river;

The Bills received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bills do pass, that the titles thereof be changed, that they be called Acts; and they were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Resolutions (from the House of Representatives) concerning the printing and partial distribution of the accounts of the present or any future agent for the Catawba Indians being before the Senate for consideration, a message was sent to the House of Representatives asking leave to amend the same, by striking out the words "not only to make report to the Governor annually, as by law he is now required to do, but," for the purpose of inserting the following, to wit: "to make his report to both branches of the Legislature."

To this the House of Representatives returned the following reply:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend the second of the Resolutions from the House "concerning the printing and partial distribution of the accounts of the present or any future agent for the Catawba Indians," by striking out the words, "not only to make report to the Governor annually, as by law he is now required to do, but," for the purpose of inserting the following, to wit: "to make his report to both branches of the Legislature." By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The following Resolution, offered by the Senator from Claremont, was before the Senate for consideration:

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to procure a block of native granite, to be prepared with suitable and proper devices and emblems, to be forwarded to the proper authority, as a contribution by the State of South Carolina to the Washington monument.

On the question of agreeing to the Resolution, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Brockman, Boozer, Cannon, Carn, Dudley, Evins, McAliley, Moses, Porter, Powe, Witherspoon, and Zimmerman.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. R. F. W. Allston, President; Messrs. Adams, Barton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Carroll, Drayton, Grissett, Hasell, Marshall, Moorman, Nowell, Townsend, John Wilson, and James J. Wilson.

In the affirmative, 12.

In the negative, 15.

The Resolutions were consequently rejected.

The President assigned reasons for his vote under the Rule, which are as follows: "That he venerated the name of Washington as highly as any man living, but a block of marble having been sent on, he could see no reason for sending on a block of granite, under the circumstances."

The report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives on the memorial of the Medical College of South Carolina asking aid, (which recommends an appropriation of \$20,000,) being before the Senate for consideration, Mr. HARLLEE moved the following amendment:

"*Provided*, That hereafter the Faculty of said College shall receive and instruct, free of charge, one student from each Congressional District of this State, to be selected and recommended by the Governor of this State."

To which the House of Representatives returned the following reply:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend the report of the Medical Committee of your House, on the memorial of the Medical College of South Carolina, by adding thereto the following proviso, to wit:

"*Provided*, That hereafter the Faculty of said College shall receive and instruct, free of charge, one student from each Congressional District of this State, to be selected and recommended by the Governor of this State."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The report was amended pursuant to the leave granted, and as amended was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on the Military of the House of Representatives on the report of the Major of Ordnance, was ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions of the Senate on the report of the Major of Ordnance was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. EVINS presented the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices on the report of the Committee on Accounts of the House of Representatives on the contingent accounts against the Upper Division of the Treasury ; which was placed in the General Orders for this day.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on the petition of Julius L. Bartlett, in relation to a certain piece of land.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence, the report of the Committee on Accounts on Contingent Accounts against the Upper Division of the Treasury.

The Senate proceeded to the third reading of a Bill to incorporate certain Societies, Associations, and Companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives asking leave to amend the Bill by adding: "*Provided*, That the assent of the City Council of Charleston be first had and obtained before the said Company shall proceed to open the streets of the city for the laying of the pipes."

To this the House of Representatives returned the following reply :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend the amendment proposed by this House as an additional section to "A Bill to incorporate certain Societies, Associations, and Companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others, by adding the following, to wit: "*Provided*, That the assent of the City Council of Charleston be first had and obtained before the said company shall proceed to open the streets of the city for the laying of their pipes." By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Bill was amended pursuant to the leave granted, and as amended the Bill received the third reading, and it was resolved that it do pass: that the title thereof be changed; that it be called "An Act," and be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES presented the following report :

The Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate, to which was referred a Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Northern Circuit, with the amendment of the Senate thereto made, respectfully report, that they have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the amendment of the Senate with the following alteration of the 1st section, so as to read :

For the District of Abbeville on the first Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary.

For the District of Anderson on the second Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary.

For the District of Pickens on the third Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary.

For the District of Greenville on the fourth Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary.

For the District of Spartanburg on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary.

For the District of Laurens on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week, if so long be necessary.

They also recommend that the title of the Bill be changed so as to read, "A Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Western Circuit, and the Court of Equity for Charleston District."

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs the Senate that the Committee of Conference on the part of this House have reported that they have considered the subject submitted for their consideration, and recommend the adoption of the several amendments of the Senate, with the following alterations of the first section: For the District of Abbeville, on the first Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary. For the District of Anderson, on second Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary. For the District of Pickens, on the third Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary. For the District of Greenville, on the fourth Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary. For the District of Spartanburg on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary. For the District of Laurens on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in March and October in every year, to sit one week at each term, if so long be necessary. They also recommend that the title of the Bill be changed so as to read, "A Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Western Circuit, and the Court of Equity for Charleston District."

The House agreed to the report.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Bill was then amended, pursuant to the report of the Committee of Free Conference and the leave granted by the House of Representatives; and as amended, the Bill received the third reading; and it was resolved that the Bill do pass: that the title thereof be changed: that it be called "An Act," and be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. PORTER presented the report of the Committee on the Legislative Library on the report of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives on the report of John S. Green on the Revolutionary Records; and

On a Resolution relative to the distribution of Walker & Johnson's Maps of the State of South Carolina, recommending concurrence; which were placed in the General Orders for this day.

At half-past 3 o'clock, P. M., the Senate, on motion of Mr. POWE, suspended business until 5 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings on the petition of the Commissioner of Public Buildings for Newberry District; and

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the reports of the Attorney General and the Solicitors of the several Circuits on District Offices and their Officers, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the report of the Joint Committee on Accounts on the Contingent Accounts against the Treasury of the Lower Division, in which that House had concurred.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence,

The report of the Committee on Pensions of that House on the petition of Mary Brooks, praying to be placed on the Pension Rolls; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

Mr. John Willson submitted the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives;

On the account of Gaillard and Aiken, for public printing;

On the account of H. Nelson Wheaton, for public printing;

On the account of James Bonds, Sheriff of Newberry, for articles furnished the jail of that District; which reports were placed in the General Orders of this day.

Mr. BUCHANAN submitted the reports of the Committee on Finance

and Banks on the reports of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives on the petition of John E. McDonald, praying to be released from his indebtedness to the State; and,

On the report of the President and Directors of the Laurens Railroad; which were ordered to be placed in the General Orders of this day.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of that House on the petition of citizens praying the appointment of a commission in the matter of certain lands on Sullivan's Island granted to David Truesdell; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the reports of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the report of the Attorney General on the state of the debt due by Barnard E. Bee to the Ludlam School Fund;

On the petition of Dr. R. W. Gibbes for aid in publishing historical documents; which were referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Thomas J. Lamotte;

On the account of E. DeLeon and DeLeon & Carlisle;

On the account of J. J. Bonner;

On the petition of Wm. Rice, administrator of Lawrence Ryan;

On the account of B. F. McGilvray;

On the account of J. W. Henegan;

On the account of the Abbeville Banner;

On the account of William Huff;

On the account of Thos. J. Warren;

On the account of Samuel Hobbs;

On the account of John DeLorme;

On the account of R. W. Gibbes & Co.;

On the account of T. A. Dougal;

On the petition of J. R. Poole, Sheriff of Spartanburg;

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; and also, The reports of the same Committee,

On the account of Dr. W. C. Cauthen for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. J. H. Poozer for a post mortem examination;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; and also,

The report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries on the return of the Commissioners in relation to the streets of Moultrieville; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate for concurrence,

The report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries on a Resolution of inquiry into the expediency of erecting gates instead of keeping up lanes on all roads except market roads; which was referred to the same Committee.

The report of the Abbeville Delegation on the report of the Trustees of the estate of Dr. John De La Howe; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; and also,

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the petition of Daniel Williams; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The reports of the Committee on the Military,

On the report of the Board of Visitors of the State Military Academies;

On the petition of Abner Leggett;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers, in which that House had concurred, viz:

The reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of John E. Carew;

On the petition of Jephtha Dyson.

The reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. J. T. Steele for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. J. Ford for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. J. P. Chazal for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. Thos. R. Aldrich for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. Edward D. Smith for a post mortem examination.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of W. W. Purse for work done in the Senate Chamber;

On the account of the Pee Dee Times for public printing;

On the account of John W. Henegan, Sheriff of Marlborough.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the communication of J. S. G. Richardson, State Reporter; and,

A Resolution authorizing certain persons to erect a breakwater on Sullivan's Island.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions,

On the report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives, on the petition of Theophilus Wilson, for a pension; which was ordered to lie on the table; and

On a Resolution from the House of Representatives for abolishing the office of Major of Ordnance. The report being ordered for immediate consideration, the Resolution was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. HASELL submitted the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum of the House of Representatives in reference to that Institution; which was placed in the General Orders of the day.

The Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James B. Campbell relative to Caw Caw Swamp; and from

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the report of the President and Directors of the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad Company.

Mr. CHESNUT presented the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, on the report of the Committee on the Legislative Library on the distribution of Tuomey's Geology, and the report being ordered for immediate consideration, the report of the Committee of the House of Representatives was concurred in, and returned to that House.

Mr. MOSES presented the reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on the memorial of sundry citizens, relative to land on Sullivan's Island granted to D. Truesdell; and

On the report of the same Committee on the presentments of Grand Juries relative to a Penitentiary; which were placed in the General Orders of this day.

Mr. BUCHANAN presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the reception and distribution of the land fund from the United States; and the report of the Committee of the House was concurred in, and returned to that House.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence,

The report of the Committee on Vacant Offices, appointing Magistrates, Commissioners of Free Schools, &c. The Senate sent a message to the House of Representatives asking leave to amend the report as follows, to wit:

"St. James' Goose Creek, S. C. Warnock, Magistrate."

"Newberry, strike out A. G. Maybin vice J. H. Henderson, and insert Reuben S. Lyles vice A. G. Maybin."

The House of Representatives returned the following reply:

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Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend the report of the Committee on Vacant Offices as follows: "St. James' Goose Creek, S. C. Warnock, Magistrate." "Newberry," strike out "A. G. Maybin vice J. H. Henderson," and insert "Reuben S. Lyles vice A. G. Maybin."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The report was amended pursuant to the leave granted, and as amended was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The Senate considered and concurred in the report of the Committee on Accounts, on the Contingent Accounts of the Upper Division of the Treasury, and the report was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. WITHERSPOON, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that House to rescind the order for adjournment of the General Assembly at 8 o'clock, P. M., and to substitute therefor the hour of 12, midnight.

To this the House of Representatives returned the following reply, to wit :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to rescind the Joint Resolution fixing 8 o'clock, P. M., as the hour of adjournment, and agreeing to fix 12 o'clock, midnight, as the time of adjournment.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

Mr. HASELL presented reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. W. F. Holmes, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. D. W. Lamb, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. James O Hagoood, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. C. W. Hodges, for a post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. Henry Winthrop, for a post mortem examination ; and the reports of the House of Representatives were concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. BROCKMAN presented the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

On the account of R. S. Bailey, for public printing ;

On the account of A. S. Willington & Co., for public printing ;

On the account of R. L. Bryan for Stationery for the House of Representatives ; and the reports of the House of Representatives were concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. BUCHANAN presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives on the petition of Daniel Williams to be refunded a double tax, and the report being ordered for immediate consideration, the report of the Committee of the House of Representatives was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Dr. A. Myers for a post mortem examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; and,

On the account of Lewis Jones, Sheriff of Edgefield District;

On the account of William Youmans, Sheriff of Beaufort District;

On the account of A. Palmer for cleansing the furnaces of the State House;

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; and also, The report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the report of the Investigating Committee of the Branch Bank of the State of South Carolina at Camden; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers, in which that House had concurred, viz:

The reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of G. Henry Guerard, executor of the estate of Edward Lowndes;

On the petition of Daniel Williams, late Sheriff of York, to be refunded the amount of certain tax executions.

The reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On so much of the message of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, and also on the memorial of the Faculty of that institution;

On the account of Dr. A. W. Kennedy for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. James A. Renwick for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. James B. Holmes for a post mortem examination.

The report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion,

On the Message No. 3 of his Excellency the Governor; and also,

The following Resolutions, viz:

A Resolution relative to the publication of the Comptroller General's Comparative Statement of the monthly returns of the Banks; and,

A Resolution for the transfer of certain books to the Secretary of State's office; and also,

The reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Joseph Lawton & Co.;

On the account of the Sumter Banner;

On the account of James Powell;

On the petition of Charles Beck; and also,

A Resolution instructing the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives to publish the Bill in relation to the division of Pendleton.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the following papers, viz :

- The reports of the Committee on Claims,
- On the account of the Black River Watchman ;
- On the account of Thos. J. Workman ;
- On the petition of Benjamin Perry ;
- On the account of Bryan & McCarter ;
- On the claim of Isaac G. McKissick ;
- On the petition of James A. Graham ;
- Which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances ; and,
- The reports of the same Committee,
- On the account of Dr. A. W. Bethea for a post mortem examination ;
- On the account of Dr. R. S. Hart for a post mortem examination ;
- On the account of Dr. M. G. Hart for a post mortem examination ; and

also,

The report of the Committee on Internal Improvements on the report of the Commissioner of Public Works ; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements ; and also,

The report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries on the return of the Commissioners appointed to ascertain and define the proper dimensions of streets in the town of Moultrieville, and to remove all obstructions in said streets ; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings ; and also,

The report of the Committee on Education on the report of the Commissioners of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion ; and also,

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the annual report of the President and Directors of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company ; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements ; and also,

A Resolution relative to a Bill to alter the Constitution of this State so as to divide Pendleton into two Election Districts ; which was concurred in and returned.

Mr. DUDLEY submitted the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives,

- On the account of Messrs. Trimmier ;
- On the account of the Newberry Sentinel ;
- On the account of R. M. Stokes ;
- On the account of W. F. Durisoe ;
- On the account of the Anderson Gazette ;
- On the account of A. Palmer ;

On the account of William Youmans;
 On the claim of Lewis Jones;
 On the claim of Dr. R. S. Hart;
 On the claim of Thos. J. Lamotte;
 On the account of V. Little;
 On the account of the Black River Watchman;
 On the account of Bryan & McCarter;
 On the account of J. J. Bonner;
 On the account of J. G. McKissick;
 On the petition of James A. Graham;
 On the petition of Benjamin Perry;
 On the account of M. G. Hart;
 On the account of J. W. Henegan;
 On the account of Wm. Huff;
 On the account of the Abbeville Banner;
 On the account of J. R. Poole;
 On the account of B. F. McGilvray;

And they were concurred in and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. WITHERSPOON submitted the reports of the Committee on Roads and Buildings on the reports of the Committee on Public Buildings of the House of Representatives,

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Newberry District; and,

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Williamsburg District;

All of which were concurred in and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The following papers were returned by Mr. DUDLEY, the Chairman of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, viz:

The account of the Charleston Mercury;

The account of R. W. Gibbes;

The account of DeLeon & Carlisle;

The petition of Wm. Rice, administrator of Lawrence Ryan.

The following reports were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives:

The reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of H. Nelson Wheaton;

On the account of Gaillard & Aiken;

On the account of James Bonds;

On the account of John DeLorme;

On the account of Dr. J. H. Poozer for a post mortem examination;

On the account of S. Hobbes;

On the account of R. W. Gibbes & Co.;

On the account of Thos. J. Warren;

On the account of Thos. J. Workman;

On the claim of T. A. Dargan.

The report of the Committee on Education,

On the report of the Commissioners of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind:

The report of the Committee on Public Buildings,

On the memorial of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Georgetown District;

On the memorial of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Chesterfield District;

On the presentment of the Grand Jury of Colleton District, Fall Term, 1853;

On the presentment of the Grand Jury of Darlington District, Spring Term, 1853.

The reports of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the report of the Investigating Committee as to the Branch Bank of the State at Camden; and,

On a Resolution instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to inquire as to a fund for deepening the entrance to Charleston Harbor; and,

On the petition of John E. McDonald, praying to be released from his indebtedness to the State; and also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary on a petition praying the appointment of a Commission in the matter of certain lands on Sullivan's Island granted to David Truesdell.

The following reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives were also concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives, viz :

On the account of R. T. Gilliland for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. A. W. Bethea for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. J. L. Douglass for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. A. Myers for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. W. C. Cauthen for a post mortem examination; and also,

A Resolution relative to a Bill to alter the Constitution of this State so as to divide Pendleton into two Election Districts.

The Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Internal Improvements on the report of the Commissioners of Public Works.

The Committee on the College, Education and Religion was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives on the report of the Attorney General on

the state of the debt due by Barnard E. Bee to the Ludlam School Fund; and,

From the report of the Abbeville delegation on the report of the Trustees of the estate of Dr. John De La Howe.

The following papers were ordered to lie on the table :

The report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion on the report of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives on the petition of Dr. R. W. Gibbes, asking a subscription on the part of the State to his historical documents.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the accounts of the Town Council of Beaufort in disbursing Transient Poor fund; and

On the report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, on the report of the President and Directors of the Laurens Railroad; and

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on the presentments of the Grand Juries of Charleston, Darlington, and Colleton, on the subjects of a digest of the road law, and a Penitentiary.

The following reports, recommending concurrence, were disagreed to, and the Reports of the Committee of the House of Representatives were rejected, viz:

The reports of the Committee on the Legislative Library, on the report of John S. Green, in relation to our Colonial and Revolutionary Records; and

On a Resolution from the House of Representatives concerning the distribution of the Maps of this State.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, on the report of the President and Directors of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company, was ordered to lie on the table.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers, in which that House had concurred, viz:

A Resolution for inviting Dr. Bachman to deliver lectures before the students of the South Carolina College;

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the accounts of Dr. G. S. Pelzer, for a post mortem examination; and

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the reports of the Attorney General and Solicitors on District Offices and their Officers;

The reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum of the House of Representatives on the report of the Regents of the Lunatic Asylum was agreed to, and pursuant thereto, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the report of the House of Representatives as follows:

By striking out the first nine lines of the second and the whole of the third Resolution, so that the Resolution as proposed to be amended will read thus :

Resolved, That the Regents be required to submit at the next session of the Legislature a plan and the estimated cost of a suitable edifice of brick, capable of containing one hundred and thirty patients and their attendants, together with such buildings and appertenances as may be necessary for the health, comfort, and proper treatment of the inmates, upon the land belonging to the State, and known as the Asylum grounds.

Resolved, That the Regents of the Asylum be authorized to receive from the Treasury of the State the sum of one hundred dollars, to be expended in the purchase of books for the use of the inmates of the Asylum and a Map of the State.

The House of Representatives returned the following reply :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully refuses to grant leave to Senate to amend the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum of this House on the report of the Regents and so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Asylum and the Resolutions adopted by this House, by striking out the first nine lines of the second, and the whole of the third Resolution, so that the Resolution as proposed to be amended will read thus :

Resolved, That the Regents be required to submit, at the next session of the Legislature, a plan and the estimated cost of a suitable edifice of brick, capable of containing one hundred and thirty patients and their attendants, together with such buildings and appertenances as may be necessary for the health, comfort, and proper treatment of the inmates, upon the land belonging to the State, and known as the Asylum grounds.

Resolved, That the Regents of the Asylum be authorized to receive from the Treasury of the State, the sum of one hundred dollars, to be expended in the purchase of books for the use of the inmates of the Asylum, and a Map of the State.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

No further action was had relative thereto.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., Mr. CARROLL, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, reported that the Acts which had been passed at the present session of the General Assembly had been engrossed and were ready for ratification.

On motion of Mr. CARROLL, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, inviting that House to attend in the Senate Chamber, at half-past ten o'clock, P. M., for the ratification of the Acts.

To this message the House of Representatives returned the following reply ;

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs the Senate that they will attend in the Senate Chamber for the purpose of ratifying the Acts, at half-past 10 o'clock, P. M. By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The PRESIDENT retired, and Mr. ADAMS was called to preside.

Mr. MOSES offered the following Resolution, which was unanimously agreed to, to wit :

Resolved, That the Senate hereby express their high appreciation of the dignity, courtesy, ability and impartiality, exhibited by the President during the term of the Senate, in the discharge of his arduous duties, and tender him their best wishes for his welfare and happiness.

When the PRESIDENT resumed the chair, the Resolution was communicated to him through Mr. ADAMS, and the President responded as follows :

"Accept my thanks for your kind appreciation of my conduct in administering the duties of the chair—duties which have been relieved of much labor, and the discharge of which has been rendered agreeable, by the gentlemanly deportment and cheerful, ready compliance of the members and officers around me.

"Long a member of this body, I shall ever recur with pleasure to the associations which have germinated and been cultivated in this chamber.

"Within twelve months, two of our former associates have passed away, and now rest from their labors, whom, as friends, through good and evil report, I have especial cause to regret. Their seats on this floor are well and ably filled ; but may I hope ever to secure of their worthy successors that fullness of confidence which they gave ? It is grateful to recall, and honorable to emulate, the elevated standard of courage, constancy and integrity which distinguished our departed friends.

"About to separate once more, will you pardon me for suggesting that there is yet a sacred duty unperformed.

"As representatives of the sovereignty of the State, I deem it incumbent on us, or our successors, besides conferring honors upon the surviving members of the Palmetto Regiment, who are now mingling with us in the active pursuits of life, to provide a monument to the memory of the gallant dead.

"Ten per centum on the amount of the general tax for a year or two only would accomplish the object in contemplation ; and the people of Carolina never yet have refused assent to taxation for a legitimate and wise purpose.

"When such a monument shall have reared its crest on the public square, to vindicate the gratitude of the Republic, pointing to it, and at the same time to a chaste statue of CALHOUN, protected by the new State Capitol, which it will adorn, we may say to posterity—

"When a detachment of your young men, generously rallying to the standard call of their country, shall have borne the banner of the State to victory and renown in foreign parts, protecting and defending it with their lives—

"When a wise statesman amongst your great men, of Roman dignity and courage, whose polar star was truth, whose purity and integrity shall have stood the test of long years and trying circumstances, sacrificing national promotion in the defence of federative principles, shall have consumed his physical powers, and ultimately his existence, in mental efforts to secure your rights—go and do likewise!

"Gentlemen: Another year will return many of us to this familiar scene of public duty; but every adjournment here brings us nearer and nearer to the final, inevitable dissolution of the material man.

"We may not all meet again! Should it be my fate to be removed, I trust you will feel at liberty to testify, that in the position with which my constituents have honored me, and in which they have generously sustained me, I have served with fidelity, honesty and my utmost ability; and that you will remember that in parting I bear away with me kind feelings towards every individual with whom I have been connected.

"It now remains for me to adjourn this branch of the General Assembly. Invoking the protection of Providence, I commend you to the hospitalities of your several neighborhoods, to the cheerful firesides of home, and the glad welcome of its inmates."

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the House of Representatives appointing Managers and establishing places of General Election.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives asking leave to amend the report as follows:

"Barnwell—strike out J. E. Williams and insert E. J. Williams."

"St. James, Goose Creek, one Representative to be elected. Managers to meet at Wassasapaw."

"York. The Managers to meet at York Court House on Wednesday following, count over the votes and declare the election."

"St. Luke. Managers to hold election two days, meet Thursday following at head of Gadsden avenue, count the votes and declare the election."

"Richland. Polls to be kept open two days. Managers to meet in Columbia on Wednesday following, count the votes, and declare the election."

"Orange," strike out "one Senator."

Spartanburg. "The polls to be opened at the Court House on Monday and Tuesday, and at the out boxes on Tuesday only. The Managers to meet at the Court House on the Wednesday following, count the votes and declare the election. One Senator and five Representatives to be elected."

Claremont. "Polls to be opened two days at Sumterville, and one day (Monday) at all the other places. Managers to meet at Sumterville on the Wednesday following, count the votes and declare the election."

Edgefield District. "One Senator. Six Representatives. Polls to be opened at all the places of election on the second Monday in October and the day following. The Managers to meet at the Court House on the Wednesday following, to count the votes and declare the election."

Marion. In the latter clause where it reads, "One Senator and three Representatives," to strike out the words "one Senator."

Greenville. Strike out "one Senator to be elected."

Kershaw. Add, "and meet on the Wednesday following at Camden, count the ballots and declare the election."

Marlboro. "Two days at the Court House and one day at each other place of election. Managers to meet at the Court House, on the second day of election, count the votes and declare the election."

St. Thomas and St. Dennis. "Managers to meet at the muster house, count the votes and declare the election."

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate, at 15 minutes to 10 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 15 minutes past 10 o'clock, P. M.

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At 15 minutes past 10 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded to business.

RATIFICATION OF THE ACTS.

At half-past 10 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to order previously made, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives, attended by the Officers of the House, were announced at the Bar of the Senate, and the following Acts were duly ratified in the presence of the members of both branches of the General Assembly.

ACTS ORIGINATING IN THE SENATE.

1. An Act to recharter the Bank of Camden, South Carolina.
2. An Act to recharter the Merchants' Bank of South Carolina at Cheraw.
3. An Act to vest the right and title of the State in and to a certain lot of land in the town of Darlington in Joseph Frank.
4. An Act to renew the charter of the Bank of Charleston, South Carolina.
5. An Act to renew the charter of the Bank of South Carolina.

6. An Act to authorize the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company to extend their road from some point at or near Spartanburg Court House to some point on the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville or Ruthersford.

7. An Act to amend the charter of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Charleston.

8. An Act to renew and amend the charter of the State Bank.

9. An Act to recharter the Bank of Hamburg, South Carolina.

10. An Act to confer on Isaac Iseman and Marx Iseman certain rights and privileges in relation to a piece of land by them purchased.

11. An Act to establish a Rifle Battalion in the Parishes of St. Philip's and St. Michael's.

12. An Act in relation to the Trustees of the South Carolina College.

13. An Act to incorporate the Central Bank of South Carolina.

14. An Act to cede to the United States certain parcels of land as sites for light houses and beacons.

15. An Act to authorize the Laurens Railroad Company to extend their road from Laurens Court House to the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville.

16. An Act to amend the charter of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company.

17. An Act to declare a certain description of streams navigable, and for other purposes.

18. An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad Company.

19. An Act to charter a Company to construct a Railroad from the junction of the Camden and Columbia branches of the South Carolina Railroad to Hamburg, South Carolina.

20. An Act to incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Company.

21. An Act to give the Town Council of Yorkville the power to issue the bonds of the corporation, and for other purposes.

22. An Act to amend "An Act to incorporate the Florida Steam Packet Company."

23. An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for St. Bartholomew's Parish to sell certain lands, and for other purposes.

24. An Act to authorize the formation of the Newberry and Chester Railroad Company.

25. An Act to charter the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company.

26. An Act to prohibit the collection of demands against students of the Colleges and Institutions of Education in this State.

27. An Act to authorize the Comptroller General to transfer sixteen thousand dollars of the stock owned by the State in the South Carolina Rail-

road Company and South Western Railroad Bank to the Laurens Railroad Company.

ACTS ORIGINATING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

28. An Act to provide funds for the erection of the new State Capitol.
29. An Act to declare and amend the law in relation to words of limitation in wills and deeds.
30. An Act to extend the time for receiving subscriptions to the Western Bank of South Carolina at Anderson.
31. An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for Pickens District to sell certain lands, and for other purposes.
32. An Act to authorize the Bank of Newberry and the Planters' Bank of Fairfield to increase their capital.
33. An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Hamburg, and for other purposes," passed on the 19th day of December, 1835.
34. An Act to renew and amend the charters of certain towns and villages heretofore incorporated.
35. An Act to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew the charters of others heretofore granted.
36. An Act to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, 1853.
37. An Act to amend the law in relation to weights and measures.
38. An Act to allow William Langston to hawk and peddle in Union District without the payment of the tax now imposed by law.
39. An Act to provide for the establishment of a general system of registration of births, marriages and deaths in the State of South Carolina.
40. An Act to exempt the survivors of the South Carolina volunteers in the Florida war from ordinary militia duty, and for other purposes.
41. An Act to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain bridge over the Wateree river.
42. An Act to provide for the measuring of timber in the city of Charleston, and to create the office of inspector and surveyor thereof.
43. An Act to vest the title of the State in certain escheated property to sundry persons therein mentioned.
44. An Act to incorporate certain societies, associations and companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others.
45. An Act to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to renew certain charters heretofore granted.
46. An Act to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, 1853.
47. An Act to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Western Circuit and the Court of Equity for Charleston District.

When the ratification had been concluded and the Members of the House of Representatives had retired, the following message was received from the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1853. }

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to Senate to amend the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, appointing Managers and fixing places for General Elections, as follows:

“Barrowell. Strike out J. E. Williams and insert E. J. Williams.”

“St. James, Goose Creek, one Representative to be elected. Managers to meet at Wassasapaw.”

“York. The Managers to meet at York Court House on Wednesday following, count over the votes and declare the election.”

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By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, Speaker.

The Senate resumed the report in question, and amended it in pursuance to the leave granted, and as amended the report was concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions on the report of the Major of Ordnance, in which that House had concurred.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerk, informing the Senate that the House of Representatives had disposed of the business before it, and would be ready to adjourn the present session of the General Assembly at the hour agreed upon between the two Houses.

Immediately before 12, midnight, on motion of Mr. BUCHANAN, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerk, informing that House, that the Senate had disposed of the business before it, and was ready to adjourn the General Assembly.

Mr. MOSES moved that the Senate do now adjourn; and thereupon, precisely at 12 o'clock, midnight, at the end of this, the 20th day of December, A. D. 1853, on the day, and at the hour agreed upon by joint resolution of both branches of the Legislature, after a session of twenty-three days from the day of meeting under the Constitution, the PRESIDENT adjourned the Senate *sine die*.

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5. To renew the Charter of the Bank of Charleston,.....	34	110	125		168
6. To incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Company,.....	37	75	137		169
7. To authorize the formation of the Newberry and Chester Railroad Company,.....	38	98	138		169
8. To incorporate the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad Company,.....	39	85	138		169
9. To renew the Charter of the Bank of South Carolina,.....	40		125		168
10. A Bill to amend the Charter of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Charleston,.....	40	67	115	131	169
11. To confer on Isaac Iseman and Marx Iseman certain rights and privileges in relation to a piece of land by them purchased,.....	43	49	125		169
12. To vest the right and title of the State in and to a certain lot of land in the Town of Darlington in Joseph Frank,.....	43	49	125		168
13. To renew and amend the Charter of the State Bank,.....	44	67	125		169
14. To incorporate the Central Bank of South Carolina,.....	44	93	132		169
15. To establish a Rifle Battalion in the parishes of St. Philips' and St. Michaels',.....	45	49	125		169
16. To charter a Company to construct a Railroad from the junction of the Camden and Columbia Branches of the South Carolina Railroad to Hamburg, South Carolina,.....	45	121	137		169
17. To Charter the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company,.....	50	61	137		169

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TITLE.	1st Reading....	2d Reading.....	3d Reading.....	Other proceedings	Ratified.....
18. To declare a certain description of streams navigable, and for other purposes,.....	58	91	134		169
19. To amend an Act to incorporate the Florida Steam Packet Company,.....	59	87	138		169
20. To recharter the Bank of Hamburg,.....	62	88	125		169
21. To amend the Charter of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company,.....	64	107	133		169
22. To authorize the Laurens Railroad Company to extend their road from Laurens Court House to the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville,...	64	121	132		169
23. To authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for St. Bartholomew's Parish to sell certain lands, and for other purposes,.....	78	91	137		169
24. To authorize the Comptroller General to transfer sixteen thousand dollars of the stock owned by the State in the South Carolina Railroad Company to the Laurens Railroad Company,.....	86	93	140	147	169
25. In relation to the Trustees of the South Carolina College,.....	97	121	132		169
26. To cede to the United States certain parcels of land or sites for Light Houses and Beacons,.....	104	123	132		169
27. To prohibit the collection of demands against Students of the Colleges and institutions of education in this State,.....	70	117	132	143	170
28. To provide funds for the erection of the new State Capitol,.....	107	118	132		170
29. To declare and amend the law in relation to words of limitation in Wills and Deeds,.....	108	124	132		170
30. To extend the time for receiving subscriptions to the Western Bank of South Carolina at Anderson,	119	132	138		170
31. To authorize the Commissioners of the Poor for Pickens District to sell certain lands and for other purposes,.....	120	131	150		170
32. To authorize the Bank of Newberry and the Planters' Bank of Fairfield to increase their capital, ..	124	136	151		170
33. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Town of Hamburg, and for other purposes," passed on the nineteenth day of December, 1835,...	24	136	151		170
34. To renew and amend the Charters of certain Towns and Villages heretofore incorporated,.....	127	136	150		170

BILLS OF THE SENATE.—PASSED.

TITLE.	1st Reading.....	2d Reading.....	3d Reading.....	Other proceedings	Ratified.....
35. To incorporate certain religious and charitable Societies, and Societies for the advancement of Education, and to renew the charters of others heretofore granted,.....	124	137	150		170
36. To raise supplies for the year commencing in October, 1853,.....	124	137	150		170
37. To amend the law in relation to weights and measures,.....	115	130	151		170
38. To allow William Langston to hawk and peddle in Union District without the payment of the tax now imposed by law,.....	113	129	151		170
39. To provide for the establishment of a general system of registration of births, marriages, and deaths in the State of South Carolina,.....	96		150		170
40. To exempt the survivors of the South Carolina Volunteers in the Florida war from ordinary militia duty, and for other purposes,.....	125	135	151		170
41. To authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain bridge over the Wateree River,.....	123		151		170
42. To provide for the measuring of Timber in the City of Charleston, and to create the office of Inspector and Surveyor thereof,.....	123	132	151		170
43. To vest the title of the State in certain escheated property to sundry persons therein mentioned,....	113	130	150		170
44. To incorporate certain Societies, Associations, and Companies, and to renew and amend the Charters of others,.....	122	132	153	153	170
45. To establish certain roads, bridges, and ferries, and to renew certain Charters heretofore granted,...	124	131	148	148	170
46. To make appropriations for the year commencing in October, 1853,.....	124	135	149		148 170
47. To alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Western Circuit and the Court of Equity for Charleston District,.....	119	132	155	{ 142 153	154 170
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2. To authorize an election of Commissioners of the Poor in St. Bartholomew's Parish,.....	28	93	
3. To repeal the sixth section of an act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, passed on 16th December, 1852,.....	36		
4. To reduce the salary of the Adjutant and Inspector General of this State,.....	32	49	
5. To define the rights and privileges of incorporated Banks, and the regulations, restrictions and conditions to which they shall be subject,.....	33	79	
6. To amend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina,.....	34		
7. To repeal the laws against usury,.....	34		92
8. To alter the law in relation to the duties of Ordinaries in taking administration bonds,.....	35	49	
9. To revive and extend the Charter of the Sumterville Academical Society,.....	35	67	
10. To alter the system of pleadings in Courts of Law,.....	35	49	
11. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of the Savannah River Valley Railroad Company, and for other purposes,.....	36	84	
12. A Bill to repeal the sixth section of an Act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, passed on the sixteenth day of December, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two,...	36	81	
13. To extend the time for securing the capital stock and for organizing the Western Bank of South Carolina at Anderson,.....	37	67	
14. To alter and amend the tenth section of the 1st article of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina,.....	37		62
15. To amend an Act, entitled "An Act to Charter the Lancaster Railroad Company,.....	38	61	
16. To declare and amend the law in relation to Wills, Deeds, and other instruments in writing,....	38	61	
17. To alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the western circuit, and also to add the judicial district of Spartanburg to the northern circuit,.....	43		103

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TITLE.	1st Reading....	2d Reading.....	Other proceedings.
18. To enlarge the jurisdiction of the City Court of Charleston, and to provide for the better administration of justice therein,.....	44	105	98
19. To alter the Militia Laws of this State,.....	48	84	75
20. Concerning the inspection of flour in Charleston.....	49	87	
21. To alter the law in relation to the peremptory challenge of Jurors.....	54		92
22. To incorporate the South Carolina Building and Saving Association.....	55	61	
23. To repeal the proviso to the first section of an Act entitled "an Act relating to the survey of the Coast of South Carolina under the authority of the United States,.....	55	98	
24. For the more perfect and prompt administration of Justice, and for other purposes,.....	55	109	91
25. To authorize the union of the Cheraw and Anson Plank Road Company with the Anson Plank Road Company,.....	55	85	
26. To amend an Act, entitled "an Act to incorporate the new Charleston Water Company," and to transfer the powers thereby granted to the City Council of Charleston,.....	56	75	
27. To incorporate the South Carolina Gas Company,.....	60	67	
28. To provide for payment of costs in certain cases in which any railroad company may be a party,.....	62	93	
29. To authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain bridge over the Wateree river,.....	65		129
30. To authorize aid to the Blue Ridge Railroad in South Carolina,.....	66	122	
31. To alter and amend an Act entitled "an Act to raise an Independent Battalion of Militia, and for other purposes,".....	66	75	
32. A Bill to prohibit the collection of demands against the Students of the South Carolina College..	70	117	
33. To vest the right, title, and interest of the State in the real and personal property of Levi Gibson, deceased, in John J. Gibson,.....	70	85	

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TITLE.	1st Reading.	2d Reading.	Other proceedings.
34. To vest all the right and title of the State in and to certain property in Julius L. Bartlett,.....	71	85	
35. To authorize the sale or surrender of the charter of the company for the inland navigation from Santee to Cooper river,.....	74	105	
36. To amend an Act, entitled "an Act to provide for keeping open the navigation of Horse Creek, in Edgefield District,.....	65	75	
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38. To provide a plan for public education,.....	76	91	
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39. To provide for the measuring of lumber and timber in the city of Charleston, and to create the office of Inspector and Surveyor thereof,.....	79	123	
40. To require the Commissioners for cleaning out Little Pee Dee river, for the Districts of Marion and Horry, to make an annual report to the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions,.....	83	123	
41. To increase the powers of the Town Council of Georgetown in certain particulars,.....	84	98	
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43. To regulate the fees of the City Sheriff of Charleston, for serving writs of venire on petit jurors,.....	95	106	
44. To amend an Act entitled, "An Act more effectually to prevent free negroes and other persons of color from entering into the State, and for other purposes," passed on the nineteenth day of December, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five,.....	97	109	
45. To permit Joseph R. Breare, an alien, to apply for admission to practice in the Courts of Law and Equity in this State,.....	97	123	
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48. To repeal in part the second section of an Act entitled, "An Act to authorize and require the transfer of all papers appertaining to administration of estates, now deposited in the office of Secretary of State in Charleston, to the Ordinary's Office in Charleston district,".....	104	123	
49. A Bill to repeal the sixth section of an Act entitled, "An Act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina,".....	64	93	100
50. To repeal an Act entitled, "An Act to increase the amount of property exempt from levy and sale,..."	102	130	
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