

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, December 6, 1850.

The Senate met according to adjournment. Mr. Shepard introduced a bill to incorporate the "Home Guards" a volunteer corps of infantry of the line in the county of Pasquotank. Read the first time, and referred to committee on Corporations.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial, praying for the passage of a law to appropriate money for the child Laura, person of color of the county of Cumberland. Referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Courts, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a petition in favor of Lucy Borden, a woman of color, reported unfavorably. Concluded in.

On motion of Mr. Berry, Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing to go into the election of Comptroller of State, this day at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Woodfin, from the committee on Judiciary, to whom that subject was referred reported a bill entitled a bill to amend an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, passed at its session of 1848-9, entitled an act, more effectually to prevent the selling or giving away of spirituous liquors, at or near places of public worship which was read the first time.

Mr. Williamson, a bill to authorize the building of a toll bridge over Dan River in Caswell county, near Milton, and to incorporate a Company for that purpose. Read first time and passed, and referred to committee on Corporations.

Mr. Washington, a bill to revise so much of the Revised Statutes, chap. 34, section 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th, as have been repealed by the act of 1846, entitled an act to protect houses and enclosures from willful injury, and to repeal so much of said act of 1846, as has been or might be construed to repeal or modify the said sections or any of them. Read first time, and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Received a message from the House, agreeing to go into the election of Comptroller of State and informing that Messrs. Scott and Stove form their committee for the same, and informing that W. F. Collins and W. J. Clarke were in nomination. The following is the list of names: Messrs. Clark, Berry, Bower, Bunting, Caldwell of Mecklenburg, Cameron, Canady, Clark, Collins, Courts, Drake, Hargrave, Herring, Hester, Hoke, Jones, McKellan, Nixon, Rogers, Sherrod, Spaight, Thomas, Thompson, Watson, Williamson, Messrs. 87.

For Mr. COLLINS.—Messrs. Arendell, Barnard, Barringer, Bond, Bynum, Caldwell of Burke, DeLoach, Eburn, Gilders, Grist, Haghton, Joyner, Kelly, Lana, Lillingston, Malloy, Pender, Richardson, Sells, Shepard, Willey, Washington and Woodfin.—82.

Mr. Washington, a bill concerning the duties of Sheriff. Referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Nixon, a bill to incorporate the Wilmington and Topsham Sound Plank Road Company. Read first time and referred to committee on Internal Improvements and ordered to be printed.

The following bills were read the third time and passed: A bill to amend the 7th section of the fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes in relation to apprentices—A bill to amend an act passed at the session of 1830-31, entitled an act to establish the town of Gateville in the county of Gates, and to incorporate the same and for other purposes—and a bill to incorporate Falton Lodge No. 90 of the ancient York Masons in the town of Salisbury.

The bill to repeal an act abolishing jury trials in the County Courts of Brunswick and Cleveland, was taken up and on motion of Mr. Bynum, was laid on the table.

The bill to incorporate Independent Division No. 31 of the S. T. was taken up and on motion of Mr. Bynum was laid on the table.

The bill to incorporate the Murrefreesboro' Joint Stock Building Company, was read the second time and passed.

The bill to authorize the Seaboard and Roanoke Company, to issue bonds was read the second time and passed.

The bill to amend an act, passed at the session of 1833-34, entitled an act to establish the bank of the State of N. C., was read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Spaight, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 11 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Stubbs presented a memorial from sundry citizens of Beaufort county, praying the passage of a law imposing a tax on colored mechanics, and also a tax on free negroes, to be applied to the purpose of colonizing them in Liberia; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jenkins a memorial from certain ship owners in the town of Newbern, praying an amendment to the laws concerning salvage and commissions on wrecked property, so that, instead of charging a percentage, the commissions of wrecks may have a compensation per diem for services rendered by them; referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Harrison introduced a bill to amend the act authorizing the County Court of Mecklenburg to pay over certain moneys to the County Court of Union; referred to the committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Pigott moved to take up from the table the bill to repeal an act to increase the revenue of the State, passed in 1846-7; not agreed to.

Mr. Person of Moore, from the committee appointed to suggest alterations and improvements in the Hall, made a report recommending sundry improvements, which report was concurred in by the House. He also reported a resolution appropriating one thousand dollars to defray the expenses of these improvements, which was read three times, and ordered to be engrossed. He also reported a resolution recommending the appointment of a committee of three, to inquire into the duties of the superintendent of Public Buildings, to ascertain if those duties were defined, and if not, to report what they shall be. This resolution was adopted.

Mr. Person of Moore, explained the improvements contemplated by the committee. He said a carpet to be laid in the Hall would be a saving of money to the State. At present so great were the reverberations of sound in the Hall, that it was almost impossible to hear what was said in any part of it. A carpet on the floor would deaden the sound, and he had no doubt it would shorten the time of the session. He also made a statement with respect to the duties of superintendent of Public Buildings. A salary of \$360 was paid the superintendent, but it was impossible to say what this sum was paid for. The condition of the Capitol showed that no attention was paid to it. The committee had instructed him to make a report recommending a special committee to inquire into this matter.

A message was received from the Senate proposing to go into an election for Comptroller at 13 o'clock; proposition agreed to.

Mr. L. B. Sanders introduced a bill to extend the authority of Justices of the Peace in certain cases; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Williams of Mecklenburg, a resolution instructing the committee on the Library to examine into the subject of Literary and Scientific Exchanges between the State of North Carolina and France; which was adopted.

Mr. Mitchell, a bill to repeal the 1st and 3d sections of the swamp land bill of 1848-9, and to quiet the title to swamp lands; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

It is believed by the Committee that it was on the coast of North Carolina, and on the 4th day of July 1684, that the first Anglo-Saxon put his foot on soil embraced within the border of the United States. The early history of the State is full of incidents of heroic and indomitable resistance "to every form of tyranny that can oppress the mind of man," yet how little of that history is known to the world! In the language of one of our historians, "the archives of the State and the records of ancient families now bury the story of the rise and progress of the State of North Carolina. Ignorance and wickedness may misrepresent the character of her history, if efforts are not made to break away the darkness that surrounds it."

The work of Col. Wheeler is a laudable undertaking to do this, and presents much of our history hitherto but little known.

Your Committee are of opinion that the author, Col. Wheeler, should be encouraged, not only by having the facilities afforded to him, but also by the purchase when the work shall have been completed, of a number of copies thereof for the use of the State Library.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. L. LESTER, Chairman of Committee.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the existing law, so as to authorize the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to levy a tax on real estate to create a fund to pay juries who may hereafter be summoned to sit on jury trials.

Mr. Bond introduced a bill to incorporate the Franklinville Academy, in Randolph county. Read the first time and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Washington introduced a bill to incorporate the Tuscarora Lodge, No. 22, I. O. O. F. in Kinston, North Carolina. Read the first time and referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bynum, Resolved, That the committee on Propositions and Grievances be instructed to inquire into the expediency of liberating the property of the late Col. John Roberts, of Cleveland county, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Bynum presented a memorial on the subject of the foregoing resolution, which on his motion was referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Nixon introduced a bill to enlarge the powers of the Commissioners of the town of Wilmington, which was read the first time and passed, and on his motion referred to the committee on Internal Improvements, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Watson introduced a bill to repeal the act of the General Assembly of 1848-9, providing for the support of a system of international, literary, and scientific exchanges, which was read the first time and passed, and on his motion referred to the committee on the Library.

Mr. Washington introduced a bill authorizing Neshaminy to emancipate his slave Elias Council, upon certain conditions therein mentioned. Read the first time and referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The Senate now proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, to wit: A bill to incorporate the Ashville and Greenville Plank Road company, which said bill, after the adoption of sundry amendments, was read the second time and passed.

Received a message from the House of Commons announcing that they have passed the following engrossed bills in the course of the day: A bill to incorporate the Trustees of Windsor Male Academy, in the county of Bertie—and a bill to incorporate the Fayetteville and Centre Plank Road company, which said bills were read the first time and passed.

Received also from the House of Commons the following resolutions, to wit: Resolution providing for certain alterations and improvements of the Hall of the House of Commons and making an appropriation therefor, which was read the first time and passed, and on motion of Mr. Bynum, referred to a Select committee of three members, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of making similar provisions for furnishing the Senate Chamber.

Messrs. Bynum, Shepard and Drake were named as composing said committee.

Mr. T. R. Caldwell introduced the following resolution: Resolved, That the Secretary of State be authorized and required to issue a grant for one hundred acres of land in the County of Burke to Susanna Fox, it being the same land entered by Susanna Sowell, (now Susanna Fox) on the 8th day of November 1843, and surveyed by the county Surveyor of Burke county, on the 29th day of April 1848. Read the first time, and referred to the committee on Claims.

The bill to incorporate the Murrefreesboro' Joint Stock Building Company, and the bill authorizing the Seaboard and Roanoke Rail Road Company to issue bonds, were severally read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to amend an act passed at the session of 1833-34 entitled an act to establish a Bank of the State of North Carolina was taken up for consideration, and on motion of Mr. Bower, ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. Thomas from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Tennessee River Rail Road Company, reported the same without amendment, and recommended its passage. Ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pigott, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Barnes, of Northampton, appeared in his seat to-day.

Mr. Chery announced that Mr. Poole, member from Pasquotank, was present. Mr. Poole presented his credentials and took the customary oath.

The Speaker presented reports from the Bank of Fayetteville, and the Bank of Cape Fear, both of which were sent to the Senate with a proposition to print.

Mr. Avery presented the resignation of B. Purvis, a Justice of the Peace of McDowell county, accepted by the House, and a memorial from citizens of Cherokee County, praying some action by the Legislature to remove the Cherokee Indians from the State. On motion of Mr. Avery, a message was sent to the Senate proposing a joint select committee of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, to consider this memorial.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Edgecombe, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making it discretionary with the County Court to pay the wardens of the poor.

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