

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

SEVENTY-THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, Feb. 16.

House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Granberry, of the M. E. church.

SPECIAL COURT OF APPEALS.

Messrs. Brooke, Coghill and Walker were announced as members, on part of the House, of the joint committee, to confer on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to provide a special court of appeals.

HILLS REPORTED AND PUT ON THE CALENDAR.

House Bills.—To amend code in regard to collection of taxes; to charter the Norfolk and Princess Anne turnpike company; to charter the Elizabeth City and Norfolk railroad company; to charter the oyster beds of the State, with a substitute; to amend code in relation to warrants for small claims, with recommendation that it do not pass; to amend code in relation to embezzlement by officers or other persons.

Senate bill to amend charter of Richmond and Peninsula railway company.

House bill to amend charter of the Washington and St. Louis railroad company was placed on the calendar.

REPORT.

The Committee for Courts of Justice report it inexpedient to amend the law authorizing the Auditor of Public Accounts to pay claims of public officers in certain cases. Agreed to.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDITOR.

The Speaker laid before the House two communications from the Auditor of Public Accounts in response to resolutions.

One of these related to the pay of State Judges before the war and now, and shows that in 1859 the Circuit courts cost \$75,675.20, and the Supreme court \$16,540.00. In 1871 the Circuit courts cost \$36,540.00, the Supreme court \$16,507.80, and county courts \$88,654.42. The other communication is in relation to the oyster-tax, and shows the gross amount of tax received for 1869-70, 1870-71, and for four months of 1871-72, was \$151,659.89, and the expenses of collecting the same were \$70,795.47, leaving only \$80,864.42 net. These communications were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Robertson—Bill to amend the code in relation to garnishments.

By Mr. Elliott—Petition of citizens of Appomattox county, for relief of sureties from interest on debts contracted prior to April 10th, 1865.

By Mr. Brown—Bill to amend the code in relation to the number of guards for a lunatic while being conveyed to the Asylum.

By Mr. Riddalger—Bill to provide for the payment of interest on the public debt.

By Mr. Ramsdell—Bill to provide for the payment of the interest on the public debt.

By Mr. Boardman—Petition of W. E. Taylor to be reimbursed by the General Assembly the amount expended by him in assisting the sheriff of Norfolk county in executing the writs of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. T. Brown—Bill to authorize the trustees of York River church to execute a trust deed upon the buildings of said church to secure the payment of debts due Memorial of ENGLISH BONDHOLDERS.

The Speaker laid before the House a memorial from the English holders of Virginia bonds, asking that the funding bill be put in full force and effect. It was read and then laid on the table—the House refusing to print.

THE HOMEMADE EXEMPTIONS.

On motion of Mr. O'Ferrall, it was ordered that 2,000 copies of the joint resolution, suspending the sale of property claimed as exempt under the homestead law, until the constitutionality of the law be determined by the Supreme Court of Appeals, be printed for the use of members of the House.

By leave of the special committee, concurred in by the House, Mr. John W. Jenkins's evidence before the committee to investigate the alleged bribery and corruption in connection with the funding bill, by the last legislature, was read in full, and then Mr. Jenkins spoke at length to show that he was not properly held to be in contempt of the House in refusing to tell the name of the party employing him, and to state the amount of the fee he received. Col. Jenkins based his defense chiefly on the lack of jurisdiction in this House to inquire into a matter affecting only the last House, on the impropriety and irrelevancy of the questions, and on his right to refuse to answer them, as the information demanded was confidential in nature. He also maintained that the House could not commit him to jail. All it could do was to place him in the custody of his sergeant-at-arms to be held, if it so chose, till the end of the session, and no longer. This, he held, was all that could be done to him, if it were determined that he was in contempt.

Mr. Booker, of the special committee, replied at length to Mr. Jenkins.

Mr. Coghill then moved to the question of jurisdiction, but maintained that the other positions taken by Mr. Jenkins were untenable, citing many authorities, and showing that in many cases parties, in contempt of Congress, had been committed to the common jail of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Coghill then moved that further proceedings in the case be postponed till 12 o'clock to-morrow, and the committee be reminded until then to the custody of the sergeant-at-arms of the House.

Mr. Van Auken advocated Mr. Coghill's motion.

Mr. P. K. Jones offered to amend the motion by referring the question of jurisdiction to the Committee for Courts of Justice, and to charge report, and that the witness be discharged till that question be determined.

Mr. Clifton opposed all delay.

Mr. Brooke favored the motion of Mr. Coghill.

Mr. Booker said that if any doubt existed as to the matter of jurisdiction, he was willing for the delay asked for by Mr. Coghill.

Mr. Jones's amendment was rejected, and Mr. Coghill's motion was adopted.

TAX ON DOGS.

Mr. Kiddlebarger introduced a bill to authorize the supervisors of a county to impose a tax on dogs, which, under a suspension of the rules, was placed on the calendar.

PER DIEM AND MILEAGE.

House bill to fix the pay and mileage of members of the General Assembly was taken up of its order and considered until adjournment.

Senate.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Davis, of Roanoke College.

BILLS REFERRED.

House bills to incorporate the Suffolk

Collegiate Institute; to incorporate the Midway, Raphine and Brownsburg turnpike company; to incorporate the Southern Trust and Banking company; to incorporate the St. Patrick Benevolent Society of Lynchburg; to authorize the formation of the New River Railroad, Mining and Manufacturing company; to incorporate the James River and Surry County railroad company; amending and re-enacting a number of sections in several chapters of the code, relating to the penitentiary; joint resolution requesting Congress to furnish Virginia her quota of arms, referred to Committee on General Relations.

A bill to amend and reenact section 1 of an act to incorporate the Richmond Land, Mining and Manufacturing company.

A bill to incorporate the New River railroad company.

A bill to amend the first section of an act to extend the jurisdiction of police justices and justices of the peace in certain cases.

A bill to incorporate the Junius B. Jones Railroad and Wharf company of Surry county.

BILLS PASSED.

House bill incorporating the town of Newport in the county of Giles; allowing the Inwoodville Church, of the County of Portsmouth, to borrow money to rebuild their church, and to secure the payment of the same by deeds of trust on the property of the church; to incorporate the town of Newbern, and to repeal act of May 27th, 1852, "to incorporate the town of Newbern in the county of Pulaski;" to incorporate Franklin Bank, Rocky Mount, Franklin county; to amend and reenact sections 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 31, 34, and 36, of chapter 139, § 1, of 1870-71, providing a charter for the city of Norfolk; to incorporate the Alexandria Passenger railway company; concerning a change of plan for the improvement of Rivanna river; authorizing the county court of Spotsylvania to rearrange the boundaries wherein the fence law shall be operative.

RESOLUTIONS OFFERED.

Resolved, That the House of Delegates be requested to return to the Senate, Senate bill to amend the code in relation to the number of guards for a lunatic while being conveyed to the Asylum, and which now hangs in the hands of the Senate, and make suitable provision for their preservation.

Resolved, That the Committee for Courts of Justice inquire into the propriety of legislating with reference to the payment of land damages accrued to the owners of the land in the Virginia and North Carolina railroads.

Resolved, That the Auditor of public accounts be requested to report to the House the amount due to the State by the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, for interest on the bonds of said canal company, which have not been paid to the State by that company.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

House bill amending the Funding bill being the order of the day, was taken up, the question being on adoption of the bill, as amended by the committee on the bill, as amended by Mr. Thoms's substitute; for the bill, was under argument at adjournment.

By Mr. Underwood was unable to hold court at Alexandria yesterday on account of sickness.

The citizens of Staunton are moving for the location of the Valley road workshops in that place.

Harrisonburg voted down a proposition to procure an ample supply of water at an expense of only \$1,500.

Mrs. Harriet Houshopper, wife of Mr. P. Houshopper, Sr., of Woodstock, died suddenly on Saturday night last.

A new public school-house is to be erected on the corner of the court-house lot, corner of Columbus and Princess streets, in Alexandria.

"Old Aunt Kiney," a colored woman living in Harrisonburg, who once belonged to the Fox estate, died last Sunday night, aged 115 years.

Mr. Amos Reamer was so badly injured one day last week, being caught in a large wheel of a mill on the Opequon, that he died on Saturday.

Captain Joel Miller, of the Alexandria Standard and Sentinel, we are sorry to learn, is again quite ill and unable to attend to his duties as editor.

Information has been received at the Department of State of the death, on the 30th of November, 1871, near Vera Cruz, Mexico, of Agnes Murray, of Alexandria.

The Winchester Times announces the death, on Tuesday last, of Mr. Francis R. Snapp, of that place, after an illness of several months, and also of Mr. Nathan Shearer, of Winchester, suddenly, on Tuesday night a week ago.

A committee of the Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society on Saturday last adopted rules and regulations, which will be submitted to the society at its next meeting, for the establishment of a live stock market at Winchester. The committee recommend monthly sales.

The Piedmont Virginia, speaking of the old people who reside in Orange county, in Richmond, in this district, is the time and place assigned for the hearing of his case when and where you may attend and show cause, if any you have, why the order of said petition should not be granted.

You are also hereby notified, that the second and third sessions of the court in said bankruptcy will be held at the same time and place.

Register in Bankruptcy, 3d Con. Dist. of Va.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of Thomas B. Catlett, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of John W. Goulin, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

By virtue of the preceding appointment of the District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, I have received for the first five years of the city of Richmond, on the 21st day of FEBRUARY, (this month, 1872, the account rendered in the above case.)

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