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Against

Elizabeth Larkins, Benjamin F. Keith, Annabella Moore, and David Jones and Margaret Ann, his wife, defendants.

AMENDED PETITION FOR A SALE OF the lands of William Keith, deceased, for the payment of his debts. The defendants, Elizabeth Larkins, and David Jones and Margaret Ann, his wife, are notified to appear before the said Court, at the Clerk's office in the Court House, in the city of Wilmington, on the 3d day of January, A. D, 1871, and plead, answer, or demur to the amended petition, or judgment will be rendered according to the prayer thereof.

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Legislature of North Carolina.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7th, 1870.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Gilmer: A resolution instructing the Finance Committee to examine and inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to sell the interest of the State in incorporated companies, and for the payment of the proceeds in equitable settlement with the creditors of the State.—Adopted.

Mr, Jones: A resolution in regard to the political disabilities of Hon. Z. B. Vance, as follows:

"Be it resolved by the General Assembly of North Carolina, That the Senators and Representatives of North Carolina, in the Congress of the United States, are requested to employ their influence to have the political disabilities of Z. B. Vance, U. S. Senator elect, removed.

That the Secretary of State is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to each of the Senators and Representatives of North Carolina in the Congress of the United States." Adopted.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Adams, Albright, Allen, Battle, Brogden, Cook, Council, Cowles, Crowell, Currie, Dargan, Fleming, Flythe, Gilmer, Graham, Hawkins, Jones, King, Latham, Ledbetter, Lehman, Linney, Love, Mauney, McClammy, McCotter, Merrimon, Moore, Morehead, Murphy, Norment, Olds, Robbins, of Davidson, Robbins of Rowan, Skinner, Speed, Troy, Waddell, Warren, Whitesides and Worth—41.

Mr. Love, from a special Committee, reported a bill regulating salaries and fees. Ordered to be printed.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Bill to repeal the charter of the extension of the Dan River Coalfields Railroad was read a second time.

Mr. Jones objected to a repeal of the charter allowing a corporation to extend a Railroad with its own means. The bill was presented in the interest of the N. C. Railroad. It were better that this Road had never been built, if it is to be always a bar to the development of other internal improvements. Wise statesmanship and the interests of the State dictated that we invite capitalists to build Railroads and develop our resources, instead of fostering and protecting a mere $3,000,000 of stock in the N. C. Road at the expense of other material interests.

Mr. Smith said he was not surprised at the speech of the gentleman. He had appealed to the Republican members, the very party that, it is said, had led the State into its $40,000,000 of debt and ruin, to support him. I am willing that the original charter shall stand, that the Coalfields may be developed, but we are opposed to running a Railroad parallel with the N. C. Road, and allowing Virginia and South Carolina to gobble up our Roads.—The North Carolina Road has asked no special favors; has been prosperous and merely asks this measure as a protection against imposition. All these propositions to build Railroads for local convenience are merely disguised plans to make short lines through the State, thereby, in effect, killing the N. C. Railroad. I hope the bill will be passed.

Mr. Olds said that although holding his previously expressed opinions as to the good policy of a repeal of this Charter, constitutional restrictions would oblige the Legislature to upset the vested rights of the corporation and refuse now to pass a repealing act. Mr. Olds moved to postpone until the 3d Monday in April.

Mr. Graham moved to postpone indefinitely, in order to render the question debatable.

Mr. Graham advocated the passage of the bill and replied at length to the argument of the Senator from Mecklenburg.—The State having an interest in the North Carolina Railroad, it should be protected by legislation. If it was a private corporation the case would be different. This charter was merely held over the North Carolina Road, to enforce a lease to the Richmond & Danville Road. I will advocate any measure that will bring about competition and reduce exhorbitant freight rates, but could not support measures calculated to destroy a State work.

Mr. Linney opposed the bill, first on constitutional grounds, and again because he considered the increased railroad facilities beneficial to individuals and to the State.

After a protracted debate between Messrs. Gilmer, McClammy, Robbins and Smith in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Jones, Cowles, Linney, Merrimon, Fleming, Worth and Cook against it, Mr. Graham called the previous question, which was carried.

Mr. Jones demanded the yeas and nays.

The bill then failed to pass its second reading—yeas 23, nays 23, the President giving the deciding vote in the negative.

Mr. Hawkins asked leave to record his vote in the affirmative on the resolution asking the relief of the political disabilities of Gov. Vance, and said that he was in favor of the same course to all our citizens similarly situated.

On motion the Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7, 1870.

Mr. Broadfoot, from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably on the bill concerning the town of Lumberton. The bill was placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Brooks—A bill to authorize the Commissioners of Brunswick to issue bonds. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Strudwick the rules were suspended and his resolution instructing the Committee on Privileges and Elections to enquire into the legality of the election of A. W. Fisher, the member from Bladen, was taken up.

Mr. Fisher thought the Judiciary was the proper committee to refer the resolution to.

Mr. Strudwick had no objection to such reference if the gentleman insisted upon it, though he thought the committee mentioned in the resolution was the proper one.

After some discussion upon the question of reference the resolution was adopted and the matter went to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Bill to amend the act incorporating the town of Washington, was taken up.

After the bill had been read, Mr. Sparrow called the previous question, saying that the reason he did so was, that the bill had been most thoroughly discussed and all sorts of amendments offered, and he now wished to save time.

The yeas and nays were called and the call for the previous question was sustained by a vote of yeas 62, nays 35. The bill then passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 62, nays 35.

By Mr. Settle: A bill to supply a temporary deficiency in the Treasury. (Borrows $180,000 from the North Carolina Railroad Company, to meet the present wants of the State government.)

On motion of Mr. Settle, the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the rules were suspended and the resolution having 840 copies of the Treasurer's Report printed, was taken up.

Pending any definite action, the matter was posponed for 10 minutes.

Mr. McNiel presented a memorial from B. T. Pearson, of Wayne, in reference to the contested election between himself and E. G. Copeland, the sitting member of the House from that county. The memorial was read and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Lenior to levy a special tax, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Greivances.

The discussion on printing the Treasurer's Report was resumed.

After a good deal of debate, a substitute was adopted instructing the Joint Committee on Printing to have 3 copies printed for each member of the two Houses, including the 120 copies already ordered.

Bill to require Sheriffs of the State to pay to the Treasurers of their respective counties the capitation and all other taxes imposed for the purpose of public education, was taken up and referred to the Finance Committee.

Apjourned.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, Dec. 8th, 1870.

Mr. Troy moved to suspend the rules in order to put the House bill to restore the Western Railroad to the individual Stockholders, on its several readings; rejected and the bill placed on the calendar.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Jones: A resolution enquiring of the Committee on the Penal Institutions if any legislation is necessary to complete the work on or to provide for the expenses of the management of the Penitentiary, and instructing them to report a bill on to-morrow; carried.

Mr. Robbins, of Rowan, a resolution appointing Messrs. Love, Worth and Lehman, a Committee to ascertain the exact amount of money in the Treasury; adopted.

Mr. McClammy; A resolution asking the removal of the political disabilites of Hon. A. M. Waddell, Congressman elect from the Third District.

On motion of Mr. Troy, the name of Hon. Sion H. Rogers, Congressman elect from the Fourth District was inserted.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote: yeas 33, nays none.

☞Messrs. Hyman and Price (col.) were excused from voting, the latter stating that he would vote for a similar resolution including in its provisions all the banned citizens of the State.

Mr. Fleming: A bill authorizing the County Commissioners in each county in the State to extend the time for the collection of taxes when deamed necessary; calendar.

A bill to provide for the election of a Keeper of the Capitol by the Legislature, on the fourth Monday of each session, passed its several readings.

SPECIAL ORDER

A bill to consolidate the Nortn Carolina Railroad with the North Western N. C. Railroad.

Mr. Smith said, this matter had been under consideration in the Boards of both these Companies, but they had found that no conclusion could be reached without legislation. This bill did not force a consolidation, but merely permitted it. By an exchange of stock as provided in the bill, the proposed aarangement would cost the North Carolina Railroad nothing. He presumed there would be no opposition to the bill as the consolidation would be a very great advantage to the N. C. Railroad.

Mr. Gilmer appealed to those Senators who yesterday advocated the granting of charters to all who wished to build Railroads, to come forward and assist in developing the resources of the beautiful country through which the North Western Road was to pass.

Mr. Troy offered an amendment that this Road shall not discriminate in freight tariffs against the Western Railroad; adopted.

The bill then passed its second reading, yeas 37, nays 7.

Mr. Troy presented a resolution that the General Assembly take a recess from the 22d of December to the 11th of January; lies over.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, Dec. 8, 1870.

Mr. Ashe from the Judiciary Committee, reported a substitute for the bill declaratory of the meaning of the act entitled "An act to repeal certain acts passed at the session of 1868–'69, making appropriations to railroad companies, ratified March 8, 1870." The substitute and the original were placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Brooks: A bill to legalize the acts of the Justices of the Peace of Brunswick, referred.

By the same: A bill to fix the compensation of the County Treasurer of Brunswick; referred.

By Mr. Ashe: A bill to abolish the Special Court of Wilmington; referred.

By the same: A bill to repeal section 4, chapter 14, private laws of 1869–'70; referred.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Wayne, the rules were suspended and the bill to amend the charter of the town of Goldsboro' was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Waring, the rules were suspended and the bill in regard to elections was taken up. [The bill provides that all legal electors shall be required to vote in the township in which they live.]

On motion of Mr. Sparrow, the bill was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

CALENDAR.

Bill to repeal the act in relation to taking fish in the Northeast branch of the Cape Fear River was taken up and passed its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Welch, the rules were suspended and the bill concerning a Convention of the people was taken up, ordered to be printed anh referred to the Committee on Constitutional Reform.

On motion of Mr. Justice, the rules were suspended and the bill proposing costitutional amendments by legislative enactments was taken up, ordered to be printed and referred to the Committe on Constitutional Reform.

Bill to prescribe the time for Sheriffs to settle for State and county taxes was taken up and passed its third reading.

Bill to repeal section 7, chapter 167, public laws of 1868–'9 was taken up and passed its third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Bill concerning the city of Wilmington.

Mr. Ashe offered an amendment electing the Mayor by a popular vote instead of by the Board of Aldermen as the bill originally provided, also one continuing the present officers until a fair registration can be taken and an election held at some subsequent day. These amendments together with some others were adopted without debate.

Mr. French argued for some time in opposition, and concluded by moving the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Ashe next occupied the floor in support of the bill. In reply to Mr. French's charge, that this bill gerrymandered the wards of the city, he would refer to the most iniquitous gerrymandering that the party recently in power had used in laying off the Senatorial and other districts of the State, which met the gentleman's (Mr. French's) hearty approval. In reference to the gentleman's consistency in his opposition to the provisions of this bill, he would simply refer to his recorded vote in favor of the passage of the bill in regard to the town of Salisbury which passed the last Legislature. That bill required a six month's residence, this only 90 days.—That bill required a property qualification, this none whatever. The principles of this were so obviously fair and just, that he (Mr. Ashe) would not consume the time of the House in discussing them.

Mr. A. continued for sometime in advocacy of the bill, reviewing the outrages perpetrated upon *bona fide* citizens of corporated towns and cities in the way of amendments made to their charters by the last Legislature, &c. He concluded by calling the previous question in order to save time and the people's money.

The call for the previous question was sustained, and the motion by Mr. French, to indefinitely postpone was rejected by a vote of yeas 38, nays 37.

The bill then passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 69, nays 37.

Resolution to investigate the conduct of certain public officers in consequence of the maladministration of the State government was taken up. (Introduced by Fletcher, col.)

Mr. Sparrow said that this resolution being introduced by a colored Republican, he would vote for it with plasure.

The resolution was put to a vote and adopted.

Resolution asking our Congressmen to use their influence to secure the passage of a general amnesty act, and the repeal of the test oath, was taken up.

Mr. French could not advocate the passage of a general amnesty act. He thought those wishing a removal of their disabilities should make individual application. He would endorse the individual application of Zeb. B. Vance, Joe Turner or the Devil.

Mr. Grayson (the introducer) spoke in support of the resolution. He didn't see how the United States Government could proclaim that Southern States were reconstructed and participating in the benefits of the Union when hundreds and thousands of as good citizens as the United States contained were denied the rights of citizenship merely because they happened to hold some little office. President Grant had adopted the motto, "Let us have Peace," and he (Mr. Grayson) heartily endorsed the motto, and he wished to have these political disabilities, which engender so much hate and strife, to be entirely swept away.

Mr. Justice was in favor of the resolution.

Mr. McAfee said no colored man in the State was under disabilities and no white man should be.

Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, said, in reference to Mr. French's allusion to the Devil in connection with Gov. Vance and other gentlemen, that the Devil had certainly been under no disabilities in this State for the last two years. He (the Devil) was in nearly every office, and his cloven foot could be seen in almost every act done by the party so lately in power.

Mabson, col., again spoke in opposition to the resolution and believed it was the universal sentiment of the Republican party, in this State, that Congress should pass no general amnesty act.

Williamson, col., argued in support of the esolution. He thought any one exercising the right of the ballot should have the right to hold office. All colored men in this State were now freemen and citizens, and he was opposed to depriving any other class of the same privileges and rights. He would vote for this resolution, not to gain popularity with any class, but would do so for the sake of principle.

Messrs. Ellison, col., and Fletcher were in favor of the measure as a matter of both policy and justice.

Mr. Harris, of Franklin, saw nothing objectionable in the resolution, and did not see why any Republican should vote against it.

Mabson, col., in reply to Mr. Harris, of Franklin, said he would give a reason why Republicans should vote against this resolution. It was this: the Republicans of the State were opposed to the passage of a general amnesty, and especially to the removal of Gov. Vance's disabilities. Voting for this resolution would be to vote to ask the Senate of the United States to remove the disabilities of Gov. Vance.

The resolution was then adopted by the following ballot:

YEAS.—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Ashe, Atwater, Atkinson, Brooks, Broadfoot, Brown, Bryson, Bunn, col, Buxton, Cawthorne, col, Carson, Chamberlain, Cinard, Ballis, Copeland, Crawford, Currie, Darden, Dockey, Duckworth, Ellison, col, Fletcher, col, Fur, Gambrel, Garrison, Gatling, Gore, Gulick, Grayson, Gregory, Hampton, Harris, of Franklin, Harris, of Guilford, Hargrove, Hardy, Henderson, Honston, Hill, Hinnant, Johnston, of Buncombe, Johns, Jones, of Caldwell, Joyner, of Johnston, Joyner, of Pitt, Jordan, Justice, Kelly, of Davie, Kelly, of Moore, Kelsey, Kincade, Lassiter, Lucas, Luckey, Lyon, Marun, Marler, Maxwell, McAfee, Morris, Morgan, of Montgomery, Mills, Mitchell, Newsome, Nicholson, Nixon, Powell, Rankin, Reid, Regan, Robinson, Scott, Settle Shull, Smith, of Anson, Smith, of Wayne, Sparrow, Stanford, Stowart, Strudwick, Tomlinson, Waring, Welch, Wilcox, Womack, Woodhouse, Williamson, col, Young, of Yancey, and York.

NAYS.—Bryant, of Halifax, col., Dudley, col., Faulkner, of Edgecombe, col., Mabson, col., Morgan, of Wake, Reavis, col., Robbins, col., Smith, of Halifax, col, Tucker, col., Willis, col.

Adjourned.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, Dec. 9, 1870.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Penal Institutions, through Mr. Jones, in accordance with instructions from the Senate, reported a bill authorizing the Treasurer to use $300,000 of the money now in the Treasury or which may be paid in, known as the special tax fund, in payment of the ordinary expenses of the State government and on appropriations to the Insane Asylum, Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and for the support of convicts and the erection of the Penitentiary to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the Treasurer is authorized to reimburse the "special tax fund" out of the first moneys which may come into the Treasury of the taxes hereafter to be levied for the purposes above set forth.

Rules suspended, passed second reading, and made the special order for Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Norment, from the special Committee on Salaries and Fees, reported a bill fixing the *per diem* and mileage of officers and members of the General Assembly, to wit: President of the Senate and Speaker of the House $7 *per diem;* members $5 *per diem;* Principal and Assistant Clerks $6 *per diem;* Enrolling and Engrossing Clerks $5 *per diem;* Doorkeepers and Assistants $5 *per diem;* and 20 cents mileage in addition for the whole.

Mr. Robbins, of Davidson, moved to amend by decreasing all of the amounts fixed in the bill.

The President ruled that only one amendment at the time was in order.

Mr. Robbins then moved to amend by striking out $7 *per diem* for the President and Speaker of the House, and to insert in lieu thereof $5 *per diem.*

A debate of considerable length arose on this motion in which the whole subject of *per diem* and mileage and of salaried offices was discussed.

Mr. Norment called the previous question, which was sustained, which cut off all other amendments to the bill.

The question was divided and the motion to strike out $7 was lost, by a vote of yeas 19, nays 26, and the bill was rejected by a vote of yeas 22, nays 23.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Consideration of the bill relating to Muncipal Elections, question being a motion of Mr. Graham to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to strike out 30 days residence within the corporate limits and insert 90 days.

After some discussion the motion to reconsider prevailed, yeas 27, nays 14.

The previous question was called and sustained.

The motion to strike out and insert prevailed, yeas 27, nays 14, and the bill passed its third reading yeas 27, nays 13.

By leave the following bills and resolutions were introduced:

By Mr. Smith: Bill to amend chapter 166 of the Public Laws of 1869–'70; referred.

By Mr. Warren: Bill concerning debts contracted by muncipal corporations; referred.

By Mr. Warren: Bill to prohibit Justices of the Peace from practicing law as attorneys in certain cases; referred.

RESOLUTIONS.

By. G. W. Price, (colored): Resolution relating to a system of Public Instruction; lies over.

By the same: Resolution relating to the punishment of vagrants; lies over.

By Mr. Norment: Resolution of instruction to the committee on the Judiciary; authorizes them to report a bill, or to suggest some legislation necessary to better enforce the laws in the county of Robeson; adopted.

By Mr. Troy: Resolution in favor of R. K. Worthy, late Sheriff and L. C. Alldred late tax collector, of the county of Moore; referred.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, Dec. 9th, 1870.

Mr. McNeill was allowed to record his vote in the affirmative on the resolution in regard to the general amnesty act. He was unavoidably absent from his seat when the vote was taken on yesterday.

Mr. Strudwick presented a memorial from the Commission appointed to superintend the erection of the Penitentiary.—The memorial was read and appropriately referred.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Judiciary Committee, reported favorably upon the bill repealing the act under which the Governor alleged to have authority to employ spies. The bill was placed on the calendar.

Mr. Strudwick offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That William W. Holden, Governor of North Carolina, be impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors in office.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Settle—A bill fixing the *per diem* of the presiding officers of the General Assembly at $4 per day, members at $2 50, clerks, doorkeepers, &c., at $2 50, and mileage 5 cents, coming and returning.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

On motion of Mr. Jordan the rule was suspended and the resolution in reference to the alleged improper expenditure of public money by certain officers was taken up. [The resolution alludes to the employment of spies by the Governor, the improper employment of counsel with heavy fees, ignoring the Attorney General, the employment in the different departments of a numerous and unnecessary clerical force, and demanding of each officer, from Governor down, an exact statement of all moneys expended, to whom paid, for what service rendered and for what information gained.]

The resolution was adopted by acclamation, with a few negative votes coming from the Republican side of the House.

CALENDAR.

Resolution in regard to the bill for the completion of the Western N. C. Railroad, was taken up, and passed its third reading.

Senate bill repealing chapter 52, laws of 1868-69, was taken up. (Section 4 gives the Governor power to appoint spies.)

Mr. Sparrow said that this bill was merely intended to do away with this spy system, inaugurated by the Governor, and to re-enact the old law in regard to fugitives from justice.

The bill passed its second reading by acclamation, with some few negative votes from the Republican side of the House

Senate bill in favor of James Cashwell, tax collector of Bladen, was taken up and passed its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ashe, the rules were suspended and the bill declaratory of the meaning of the act entitled "an act to repeal certain acts passed at the session of 1868-'9, making appropriations to Railroad Companies, ratified March 8th, 1870," was taken up.

The question recurred upon the substitute offered for the original bill, by the Judiciary Committee, to whom the matter was referred.

Mr. Phillips opposed the substitute in remarks of length.

Messrs. French, Gregory, Ashe and McAfee argued in support of the substitute.

Mr. Welch could not support the bill or substitute, unless a proviso was adopted, providing that nothing in the act should prevent the Legislature from providing for representation in the Road in accordance with the interest which the State might have.

Mr. Sparrow followed in support of the bill.

On motion, the further consideration of the matter was postponed and made special order for Monday at 12 o'clock, and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

Capture of Outlaws—Meeting of Citizens—Matters at Fair Bluff.

FAIR BLUFF, N. C., Dec. 9th, 1870.

Dear Journal:—Early yesterday morning two men heavily armed, giving their names as Thomas Lewis and John Parish, entered our usually quiet village. Their hostile appearance confirming several rumors from the country as to their lawless deportment, created sufficient grounds to cause the citizens to ask their intention and an investigation. The party seeing two unarmed citizens approaching them, forbade their advance, threatening to shoot—gun and pistols in hand. They proposed to talk with one man, whereupon one approached them—they continued to retreat slowly, threatening death if any one approached, saying they would kill them. One of them declared he would never be taken alive. Pursuit was made. A dozen or more shots were exchanged without other effect than to cause one of them to surrender. During the firing a telegram was sent to Whiteville reporting it—the operator only knowing that robbers were expected, and firing was going on. This brought several citizens from Whiteville prepared for effective service.

The other man, Thomas Lewis, escaped to a bay hard by. He was, however, pursued, and after a desperate and dangerous encounter, was captured by a party from Horry county, S. C., and brought back to this place. In the fight to capture him, he was wounded in the breast, and one of the prisoners narrowly escaped death by being fired upon by Lewis. Both prisoners have been by proper authority committed to jail.

Thomas Lewis, *alias* Johnson, *alias* Smith, says he was born in the State of Maine; hails now from Horry county, South Carolina; is about twenty-five years old; five feet seven inches high; greyish eyes; short hair and sparse whiskers, on the red order; spare built, sallow complexion, daring look, consumptive appearance; speaks independently, and by profession a gun smith and clock tinker.

John Parish, *alias* Samuel Harris, *alias* Sam Jesus, eighteen years old; light hair and eyes; five feet and a half high; sly, downcast expression; speaks cautiously; says he was born in Brunswick county, Va.

Yours, in haste,

SCOUT.

FAIR BLUFF, N. C., Dec. 9th, 1870.

At a meeting of the citizens of this place, December 9th, 1870, T. F. Toon was called to the chair and explained the object of the meeting. J. A. Mears was requested to act as Secretary.

On motion of H. Coleman it was unanimously resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to express to the citizens of Whiteville, Grists, and others, our appreciation of their prompt action in coming to our assistance against lawless men insulting and violating the rights of peaceful citizens

The Chairman appointed Rev. W. H. Kirton and C. L. Powell as Committee.

On motion of W. C. Galloway the Chairman was added.

On motion of Mr. A. Smith the Wilmington JOURNAL was requested to publish the proceedings and correspondence.

T. F. TOON, Ch'm.

J. A. MEARS, Sec'y.

To Messrs. Rockwell, Potts, Plummer, Harnett, Moffit, Roberts and others, Whiteville, N. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—It is our pleasant duty to express to you the full appreciation of your prompt tender of service by those we have the honor to represent.

The fact that the danger was not such as to require assistance, does not in the least detract from the merits due the praiseworthy motives prompting such action. You have evinced the true spirit that should characterize every good citizen. The best support to the law and the surest protection to rights and property may be found in only such men; not waiting to be attacked yourselves nor to enquire at a distance the danger, you came at once prepared for service. We beg, therefore, that the citizens of Whiteville, Grists, and others, accept this feeble expression of our feelings, also to express the hope that these feelings may create an indestructible bond of friendship between neighboring villages, cemented by your reciprocation and our gratitude and lasting remembrance.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv'ts,

W. H. HORTON,

C. L. POWELL,

T. F. TOON,

Committee.

LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE JOURNAL.]

FROM RALEIGH.

IMPEACHMENT.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 9—12 M.

The following resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives this morning by Mr. Strudwick, of Orange:

Resolved, That Wm. W. Holden, Governor of the State of North Carolina, be impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

It will probably be acted on to-morrow, and a committee appointed to conduct the trial before the Senate.

WAR IN EUROPE!

THE PRUSSIANS IN PURSUIT OF THE ARMY OF THE LOIRE.

BOTH SIDES VIGILANT.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

A dispatch from Aberdeen says the steamer "Union" parted midships. Her little cargo will be saved.

China news received at the war office to-day states that there has been further hostile demonstrations against the christians at Tienstin.

It is reaffirmed to-day that Russia has ordered from America one hundred mitrealeus and a million metallic cartridges.

Many English arriving from Havre report the Germans to be marching thitherward, and investment is hourly expected.

The Prussians have exacted thirty million francs in Burgundy for the expulsion of the Germans.

DAMSTADT, Dec. 7.

The following is from King Louis to the Grand Duke from Orleans, dated the 7th: "We march onward for Tours to-day."

HAVRE, Dec. 7.

The Prussians are advancing. The French gave them battle a few miles distant. Losses about equal.

HAVRE, Dec. 8.

A number of iron-clads have been ordered by the French Government to repair immediately to this city to assist in its defense.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.

The French officers held as prisoners in Germany protest against the restoration of the Bonapartes.

There is great public rejoicing here over the recent victories. It is believed that the war nears the end.

Addresses from the people to the King are proposed, asking the immediate bombardment of Paris.

There is great disappointment at President Grant's position on the Alabama claims and the fisheries.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 7.

The Prussians are vigorously pursuing the Army of the Loire.

Arizona Election.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.

McCormick's majority for Congress in Arizona is 951.

From Ohio.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 10.

The loss by the burning of the National Iron Company Rolling Mills is $100,000. Three hundred men have been thrown out of employment.

WAR IN EUROPE.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The Times has a striking and conciliatory editorial on the Alabama claims, and asks no indemnity for the insults heaped upon England for the deputations of Alabama, but craves for a settlement of the claims, not merely because they are just, but for the inauguration of a better feeling and closer unity between the two countries.

The Morning Post sees no hope of better relations with the United States. The Post says that the best of Americans avoid or are driven from political life, while men like Butler wield the political influence.

☞The five hundred cases of guns from America, which were seized upon arrival here, have been restored to their consignees.

It is rumored in Madrid that Senor Morit proposes to suspend the payment of interest on the internal debt for twenty months with the understanding that bondholders are also to contract for the loan guaranteed by mortgage upon the tobacco monopoly for four years.

HEART'S CONTENT, Dec. 10.

A heavy North-East storm prevails with a fog and rain, and the sea is running high.

There is no prospect of grappling the cables to-day.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.

The provisional correspondence to this city says that proposed amendments to constitutional treaties are pending, the rejection or adoption of which at the present time would endanger peace. All amendments thus far have been opposed by the government and rejected.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.

The collection of the income tax from Brigham Young has been postponed until Congress can settle the question at issue.

It has been telegraphed hence, and there is very little doubt of its truth, that Mr. Schenck will be nominated as Minister to England.

The Naval Committee have reported favorably upon Porter's nomination as Admiral, but under objection his confirmation went over.

Col. Forney advertises his Chronicle for sale.

The President and Cabinet, except Creswell, attended Mr. Walbridge's funeral.

From Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Dec. 10.

In joint convention to-day, the Montgomery Advertiser, Democratic was elected State printer by 19 majority over the Selma Press, Republican.

Both Houses take a recess from Thursday next for one month.

From New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.

It has been reported that the National and Grand Orients of Ancient Order Free and Accepted Masons, Henry Walter, of New Jersey, Most Worshipful Grand Arch; Alfred Avery, of New Orleans, M. W. Dep Grand Arch; Charles Park, of New York, Grand Secretary; Charles J. Wilson, of New Jersey, Grand Treasurer.

The annual reports of the Order show the order in a prosperous condition.

Satisfaction is expressed here that Gen. Grant declined to remove Marshal Packard.

There is a prospect of the Senate refusing to confirm Blanchard as Postmaster, vice Lowell, there being no cause of complaint against the present incumbent.

From New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.

The shipments of specie to-day amounted to nearly half a million dollars.

STATE NEWS.

Big fire parade in Newbern to-morrow.

A State Musical Convention is proposed, to be held in Raleigh January 17.

Newbern wants a new custom house and post office building.

Bishop Atkinson preaches at Weldon to-day.

Mad dog killed in Raleigh last Wednesday.

The Raleigh & Gaston R. R. route employees are to be uniformed.

The *Sentinel* learns that a large cotton factory is to be started in Raleigh, at an early day.

Ben Goodman, the defaulting Radical P. M. of Williamston, Martin county, has been sentenced to 14 years in the Penitentiary.

Two hundred and forty-one thousand dollars of the people's money was paid to bribe the people's representatives of the last General Assembly.—*Sentinel.*

Maj. Seaton Gales is to deliver the anniversary address before Manteo Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Raleigh, at their celebration next Tuesday.

The farmers of Halifax county are suffering terribly from the depredations of thieves. Leaden pills, the size of buckshot, have been known to remedy this complaint.

Porter, Welles and the President.

The Washington "Patriot" says that "it is due to ex-Secretary Welles to say that the allegation of Admiral Porter charging him with the publication of the original letter is purely imaginary in point of fact, though Mr. Welles had sufficient cause for defending himself against the Admiral's aspersions by publishing his semi-official correspondence. There is a striking coincidence between the attack upon Mr. Welles at this time and that upon General Grant in 1865. The tables happen to be turned. The Secretary of the Navy was then a power in the State, and the President is supposed to be so now. The public will decide whether there is any relation of cause and effect."

Jem Mace in Shakspeare.

The latest dramatic sensation in New York is the introduction of a prize-fighter in the splendid Shakspearean comedy, "As You Like It." Jem Mace, the pugilist, appears as Charles the wrestler, and it is found that more people go to see him than to witness the play. During the scene in which he figures, the sensation, we are assured, causes "little shrieks from the ladies," and the triumph of the champion was greeted with "a ripple of glorious applause throughout the house."

Why should the Democratic party exist? [Subordinate radical sheet.] Because, from the recent elections, it appears that the country insists upon it.

Chicago Times.

John Taylor, the celebrated California horseback rider, is the fastest riding park, on Tuesday, rode fifty-one miles in two hours and forty minutes, using ten horses. This beats his Texas time.

DIED

In this city, on the 8th inst., at 12 o'clock, LUCY, wife of John Dawson, Esq., aged 66 years.

Mrs. Dawson died in full communion with the Presbyterian Church, having been received on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ, March 3d, 1849. Her life has been a true confession of the Master whom she loved and she has left it as a testimony to the strength of His Spirit to sustain His people under the burdens and trials of this world. Since she assumed the vows of the Christian, she has ever been a faithful disciple, always in her place in the sanctuary, performing the duties of religion with a fidelity which rebukes many a younger disciple; discharging all her obligations to the full measure of her circumstances and ability. Of her it can truly be said "She hath done what she could."—Her death was as her life, submissive, quiet, peaceful and uncomplaining. To her pastor she expressed her complete acquiescence in the will of God, and her peaceful assurance of her Saviour's love, and confident hope of eternal life. She has gone to her rest—rest in that home forever bright, and forever free from sorrow, pain and toil; where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary at rest. S.