

## Twentieth Congress:

SECOND SESSION.

January 12. In the Senate, to-day, various petitions and resolutions were offered; among the former was one from New Hampshire by Mr. BELL, praying that the passage of the Mail on Sundays may be prohibited. The Chair communicated a letter from the Governor of Georgia, enclosing a protest of the legislature of that state against the tariff act of the last session. The document was read, and on motion of Mr. BERRIEN, (who accompanied the motion with some appropriate remarks) ordered to be printed. A letter was read from the speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Delaware, stating that JOHN M. CLAYTON had been elected a senator from that state, from the 4th of March, 1829.

This day being appointed for the presentation of petitions and memorials, a very large number was submitted to the House. The most important of them was one presented by Mr. CAMBRELENG, from a numerous and highly respectable body of merchants of the city of New York, relative to the new tariff. The memorialists stated that they had, previous to the passing of that act of Congress last session, given orders, to a very considerable amount, for foreign merchandise, the duties upon which, on its arrival in the United States subsequent to the provisions of that act coming into operation, were rated according to the increased scale. They solicited a corresponding diminution of those duties. Mr. MERCER presented a memorial from the President and Directors of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, stating that it would be more economical for the United States to pay the amount of their subscription (one million of dollars) in three, instead of five years, as at present provided by law. Mr. McDUFFIE, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill imposing regulations on rules at auction, for the further protection of the revenue. It was read a first and second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and to be printed. Various reports were presented from the Standing and other Committees, and bills introduced; but the whole of them referred to matters of a nature either private or comparatively unimportant. Several bills were received from the Senate; and three bills, of local interest alone, were read a third time and passed. The House then went into a committee of the Whole, Mr. CONNICK in the Chair, on the Tennessee land bill. In the course of the debates, Messrs. LEA, CARSON, CROCKETT, BATES, WOODS, (of Ohio,) and BEAIR, addressed the Committee. The House finally adjourned until to-day, without coming to a decision, Mr. BEAIR being in possession of the floor.

January 13. In the Senate, to-day, the bill to allow a salary, of four hundred dollars, to the Collector at Norfolk and Portsmouth, underwent some discussion, but was not finally disposed of. Mr. DICKERSON's bill to distribute a portion of the revenues of the United States among the several States was taken up, and discussed for two hours, then the Senate adjourned.

Nearly thirty resolutions on various subjects were offered in the House of Representatives to-day; and the resolutions calling for information from the Executive Departments, which had been lying on the table since Tuesday last, having been excluded by other business, were agreed to.—The House then resumed the consideration of the bill to authorize the State of Tennessee to issue grants, upon which some discussion, principally confined to the Tennessee delegation, took place. Mr. BARTLETT then moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table, on which the question was taken by ayes and noes, when the motion was carried in the affirmative by a vote of 103 to 63. So the bill was laid on the table.

January 14. In the Senate, to-day, the bill for the final settlement of the land claims of Bastrop, Winter, and Maitson Rouge, was taken up, but, on motion of Mr. Smith of S. C. postponed to Wednesday next. The consideration of the bill to distribute a portion of the revenue of the United States among the several States was resumed; the motion to strike out the second section still pending. Mr. BERRIEN moved the indefinite postponement of the bill. The Senate adjourned without taking the question on either of these motions.

In the House of Representatives, the various resolutions offered on the preceding day were agreed to, with the exception of that offered by Mr. MERCER, on the subject of the alteration of one of the rules, which was laid on the table, Mr. MERCER not being in his place, on motion of Mr. DWIGHT. The bill authorizing a subscription to the stock of the Washington Turnpike Road Company was taken up on motion of Mr. WASHINGTON, and after some discussion, was postponed till Monday next, some members being desirous to obtain further information on the subject. An attempt was

then made to call up the bill for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland Road, when a motion was made to adjourn, on which the ayes and noes were taken, when it was rejected by a vote of ayes 84, noes 86. The House then refused to go into consideration of the Cumberland Road bill by a vote of 70 to 68—and the House adjourned without taking up any other business.

January 15. In the Senate, to-day Mr. MARKS presented a memorial from sundry merchants of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the proposed reduction of duties on teas, without a timely notice to the importers of teas. The bill to distribute a portion of the revenues of the United States among the several States, was referred to a select committee of five. Mr. McKINLEY submitted a resolution, referring to the Committee of Foreign Relations so much of the President's Message as relates to the appointment of the King of the Netherlands as umpire in the controversy with Great Britain relating to the north east boundary of the United States, and referring it to the same committee to inquire whether, by the Treaty of Ghent, and according to the constitution of the U. States, the President alone has power to make such appointments. The Senate adjourned over to Monday.

In the House of Representatives, to-day, after the resolutions were disposed of, the House took up the Pension bill, which occupied most part of the day, in Committee of the whole on the state of the Union. That having been put aside, on motion of Mr. MERCER, the blank left in the bill appropriating money for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road, was filled with 100,000 dollars, by a vote of 83 to 76. Mr. BUCHANAN also offered his amendment. The Committee then took up the bill to provide for an exploring expedition, and having filled the blank with 50,000 dollars, the Committee rose and reported the two bills which had been acted on. The two bills were then ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day. A bill was reported from the Select Committee on Retrenchment, on the subject of Indian estimates, and another to make the elections of the assistant clerks of both Houses by the Houses. Mr. WICKLIFFE also laid a resolution on the table relative to a change of the rules by which the elections of the House shall be by the *viva voce* votes of members, as they are called in alphabetical order by the Clerk.

January 16. The Senate did not sit to-day.

In the House of Representatives, bills were reported from the Select Committee of Retrenchment, to regulate the printing and distributing the acts of Congress, and a joint resolution was reported from the Select Committee on the subject, to provide for printing the laws and treaties on stereotype plates. The House took up the resolution offered on Thursday by Mr. WICKLIFFE, so to change the rule of the House, as to make all elections by the *viva voce* votes of the members. Some brief discussion took place, when Mr. WEEMS moved to amend the resolution by adding the words "on the requisition of one fifth of the members present." The hour having then expired, Mr. WICKLIFFE moved to suspend the rule, in order to bring to a close the discussion, but the motion was negatived. The House then took up the unfinished business of Friday last, being the report of the committee of Indian Affairs on the claims of certain citizens of Georgia, when, after some discussion, the Committee rejected the motion made by Mr. THOMPSON, to reverse the report of the Committee, there being ayes 66, noes 74. The Committee then rose and reported the report of the Committee of Indians Affairs without amendment. Mr. THOMPSON then renewed his motion to amend the report, and then the House adjourned.

January 17. The Senate did not sit to-day.

In the House of Representatives, the discussion of Mr. WICKLIFFE's resolution to change the rule, so as to introduce *viva voce* voting at all elections by the House, was resumed. The change was advocated by Mr. RAMSAY, and was opposed by Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. BARRINGER, and Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. TAYLOR moved to lay the resolution on the table, with a view to its remaining there not to be acted on this session, and asked the ayes and noes on this question, which were ordered. The question being taken, the motion was carried in the affirmative—ayes 97, noes 92. So the subject may be considered as disposed of for the present session.

The House then proceeded to take up the claims of the Georgia citizens, on the motion of Mr. THOMPSON to reverse the unfavorable report of the Committee of Indian Affairs; but before any question was taken, on motion of Mr. SERGEANT, who stated that further information on the subject had been received in a message from the President, which was then in the House, the further consideration of the bill was postponed till Friday next. The House then took up various private bills, which were acted on in Committee of the whole, and ordered to

be engrossed and read a third time on Monday.

January 19. In the Senate to-day Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, made a report adverse to the prayer of the memorial for the discontinuance of the transportation of the Mail on the Sabbath. The Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and 3000 copies of the Report were ordered to be printed. The resolution submitted by Mr. McKINLEY, on Thursday, referring it to the Committee on Foreign Relations to inquire whether the President alone had the power under the treaty of Ghent, and the Constitution of the U. States, to appoint the King of the Netherlands umpire in the dispute now pending between the United States and Great Britain, relative to the North Eastern boundary, was explained by the mover, and agreed to. The Bill for the relief of the sureties of Amos Edwards was discussed, at great length, and the further consideration of it postponed to Wednesday next.

In the House of Representatives, there were about fifty petitions presented against the transportation and opening of the mails on Sunday. The House then went into the consideration of the special orders of the day, the first being the bill concerning the Supreme Court, which was postponed till Monday. The second special order being the bill to authorize a subscription to the Stock of the Washington Turnpike Road Company—some amendments were adopted, the main one being a provision that the State of Maryland shall authorize the President of the United States to appoint five managers of the road, on the behalf of the United States. The blank was then filled with 4500 shares, and the appropriation with 90,000 dollars; and the bill was then ordered to be engrossed & read a third time to-day. The bill for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland Road was then taken up in Committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, the question being on Mr. BUCHANAN's motion to amend, Mr. BUCHANAN addressed the Committee at some length, and was followed by Mr. STORRS, in opposition. Mr. STORRS then obtained the floor, and the Committee rose.

January 20. In the Senate, to-day, the bill for the continuation of the Cumberland Road, westwardly from Zanesville, was ordered to a third reading. A bill amending the Judicial act of the United States, so as to authorize a less number of Judges of the Supreme Court than a quorum to adjourn the Court, from day to day, at any time after the day appointed for the meeting of the Court, was reported, from the Committee of the Judiciary, read twice, engrossed, passed, and sent to the House. The bill allowing \$2,762 to the heirs of Jacob Clement, deceased, for the damage of a vessel, at the port of Leguna, which vessel was chartered by the U. States, to convey provisions to that port, for the relief of the sufferers by the earthquake at Caracas, was debated for about two hours, and rejected, by a vote of 16 to 23.

A considerable time was spent to-day, in the House of Representatives, in receiving and disposing of Resolutions. The bill to authorize the establishment of the Territorial Government of Huron, being a special order of the day for to-day, was taken up; and after a short discussion, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow, by a vote of 123 to 70. The bill authorizing a subscription of 4,500 shares in the Washington Turnpike Company, was passed. The bill to continue the present mode of supplying the army, was taken up. An amendment proposed by the Committee on Military Affairs, to do away the present system of contracts, and to give to the Commissary General a discretionary power to purchase provisions, was rejected, and the bill was then ordered to a third reading. A bill from the Senate, the object of which is, to enable the Supreme Court to hold its sittings, should sickness or other causes prevent a quorum from being present, was carried through its several stages, and finally passed. Mr. MERCER made one or two attempts to get up the bill for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland Road, but was unsuccessful. A bill to authorize the cession of a tract of land, held by the United States, in South-Carolina, and called Mount Dearborn, to the State, was taken up, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.—*Nat. Journal.*

### Indiana Legislature.

January 17. In the Senate, the bill granting further time to purchasers of out-lots adjoining the town of Indianapolis, which passed the House of Representatives, has been indefinitely postponed. No decisive step has been taken in regard to the bill providing for the sale of the school sections, &c. A few days ago, the bill from the House of Representatives was stricken out from the enacting clause, and the Senate refused to insert in lieu of it any proposition presented—the whole subject was then, on motion of Mr. RARIDEN, re-committed to a select committee, which

committee this day reported an amendment to the bill, which is now under consideration. Mr. CLARK, from the Judiciary committee this day reported a bill, in pursuance of a resolution previously adopted, providing for the reduction of the salaries and fees of the several officers in this state making them one sixth lower than heretofore. The bill was re-committed to the Judiciary committee with instructions to report specifically, that is, how much each officer shall receive.—Business has been rapidly despatched for some days past, and it is thought the legislature will be ready to adjourn the last of next week.

In the House on Thursday, some discussion was had on the expediency of adopting the joint resolution relative to the extinguishment of the Indian title to lands within this State, it being argued that there were already more lands in market than met the demands of settlers, and that the aboriginal tribes would gradually continue to dwindle by the operation of natural causes—the motion to postpone the memorial failed by one vote. Much discussion was occasioned by the bill concerning medical societies—the gentlemen of the profession were not themselves agreed upon its details. It was lost by a considerable majority. The probate bill has been several times under consideration—as it now stands it provides for one Judge, who shall hold six terms each year, and receive \$3 per day while in session for his services, to be paid out of the state treasury—the bill contains fifty-nine sections, and has been ordered to be engrossed by a close vote. The bills for the formation of new circuits, were yesterday indefinitely postponed—some changes in the times of holding courts in the different circuits have been agreed to by the House. A resolution was yesterday offered by Mr. LOMAX declaring that the House would receive no new business after Monday next; which lies upon the table. The subject of adopting preliminary measures to change the site for the State House, was brought up again this morning; and after some debate, the joint resolution relative thereto was laid upon the table.

January 21. In the Senate, the vote indefinitely postponing the further consideration of the bill granting further time to purchasers of lots in and adjoining the town of Indianapolis, to complete their payments, was, on Saturday reconsidered and passed. The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, to organize Probate courts and defining the powers and duties of executors, and administrators, was twice read in the Senate on Monday. Mr. RARIDEN moved to postpone its further consideration till the first Monday in December next, which was negatived—ayes 9, noes 12. Mr. McKINNEY then moved to lay it on the table, which motion prevailed—ayes 11, noes 10. The bill was again taken up in the afternoon, and Mr. EWING moved to postpone indefinitely its further consideration, which motion did not prevail, there being 9 in the affirmative and 12 in the negative. It was then, on motion of Mr. MONTGOMERY, committed to a select committee, which committee, through Mr. STEVENS their chairman, reported the bill with sundry amendments, in all of which the Senate concurred. It was further amended in the Senate by increasing the pay of the Judges to four dollars per day, and was, on to-day, read a third time and passed, as amended. The question in relation to the point at which the Michigan road shall terminate, is now considered as settled. In the proceedings of Monday and to-day, which will be hereafter published, the reader will see the particulars. Suffice it here to say that the last step taken in the Senate, was to refuse to concur in an amendment of the House of Representatives, providing for taking the road directly from Columbus to the Falls, and that it is thought probable nothing more will be done on the subject. A bill providing five asylums for the reception of the poor, was this day read a third time and did not pass. A joint resolution from the House of Representatives, providing for taking preparatory steps for the removal of the State House, was postponed indefinitely in the Senate to-day. The School Bill has been read a third time and passed.

The House on Saturday evening passed the probate bill by one vote; it has since been returned from the Senate with thirteen amendments, the most important of which are the allowing an appeal directly to the Supreme Court—authorizing the Probate Courts to empanel a jury for the trial of issues—and giving the Judge \$4 per day. The House agreed to all except the last. On the same day, the Canal bill was lost, but on this day that vote was reconsidered, and by a contrary decision the bill was ordered to a third reading on to-morrow. Mr. DUMONT from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported on Monday a preamble and resolution touching the use and manufacture of domestic fabrics, in pursuance of the resolution offered by Mr. RITCHIE. The committee of free conference on the Michigan road bill, reported a disagreement, and were discharged.

ged: the House then adhered to its amendment: of which the Senate was informed, the bill afterwards came down from the Senate with a modification which gave rise to a question of order, producing some debate and the offer by Mr. DUNN of a resolution declaring that the act of the Senate was unparliamentary and asking a conference in relation to the premises. The specific appropriation bill has passed the House; some difference of opinion was manifested this morning upon a motion by Mr. JUDAH to insert in it \$1500 as an appropriation to the canal commissioners to prosecute their surveys, which resulted in a negative decision—ayes 24, noes 24, the House not being full.

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### LIST OF ACTS, RESOLUTIONS, &c. passed by the Legislature of Indiana, at the late session.

- A Memorial to Congress on the subject of improving the mail route from Louisville to St. Louis
- A joint resolution relative to purchasers of public land.
- A joint resolution relative to the reserved lands of the United States on the margin of, and contiguous to the Wabash canal.
- A joint resolution of the state of Indiana.
- A joint resolution relative to the 3 per centum fund.
- A joint resolution concerning the road from Louisville via Vincennes, to St. Louis.
- A Memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, on the subject of the continuation of the Cumberland road and the removal of the timber out of the same.
- A joint resolution on the subject of the right which the state of Indiana has to the unappropriated lands within her boundaries.
- A joint resolution relative to the laws of Congress remaining in the office of the Secretary of State.
- An act supplemental to an act to incorporate county Libraries, approved Jan. 28, 1824.
- For the formation of Cass County.
- To incorporate the Eel river Seminary society.
- To vacate the town of Owenille.
- For the benefit of Sam'l McGeorge.
- Supplementary to the act for the relief of insolvent debtors, approved January 28, 1828.
- Providing for a state road in the county of Allen.
- Authorizing the surveying and marking the boundary line between Clark and Scott counties.
- Establishing a state road from G. Thomas in Daviess county, to intersect the state road at R. Weaver's in said county.
- Relative to the Switzerland county Seminary.
- To amend the act entitled an act for the election of electors of President of the United States, approved January 14, 1824.
- For the relief of Messrs. Henry, Bond and Stone.
- Authorizing a ware house in the town of Rome.
- On the subject of the sufferers by the burning of the Court House in Dearborn county.
- Authorizing the Montgomery Circuit Court to hold a special session.
- For the relief of the heirs of Westley Harrison
- Regulating the inspection of tobacco.
- For a state road from Greencastle to Franklin.
- To amend the act subjecting real and personal estate to execution.
- To amend the act, attaching certain territories to the counties therein named.
- Supplemental to the act authorizing the Montgomery Circuit Court to hold a special session.
- Legalizing the proceedings of the Commissioners of Vigo county.
- To amend the law authorizing domestic attachments.
- Amendatory to the act, declaring Bus-sara creek a public highway.
- Authorizing the Board of Justices of Bartholomew county to lay an additional tax.
- For a state road from Mount Vernon in a direction to Vandalia, Ill.
- To amend an act for the better advancement of justice.
- Relative to the seat of justice of Lawrence county.
- Relocating part of Winchester state road.
- Allowing additional compensation for extra work on the Governor's House.
- Concerning the town of Fort Wayne.
- Giving time to the Wabash canal Commissioners to make their report.
- To incorporate Hanover Academy.
- To locate a state road from the Ohio line by Abington and Waterloo to Connersville.
- For the relief of the securities of the deceased Collector of Jackson county.
- To authorize William Youse to build a toll bridge across the east fork of White water.
- To change the state road from Rockport to Bloomington.