

and honored me by their sufferings. When I received them last year, it is known to some of my anti-masonic friends to whom I wrote, that I desired them only on the basis I have stated on this occasion. I should be proud to receive them again if deemed entitled. If not, I shall be ready to do the same justice to the motives of all who withhold them as I should hope they will do to mine, in expressing the sentiments of this letter. They will expose me to abuse from the bank and masonry. I have had too much of the letter to regard the former, but shall stand doubly strong in self approbation from having again spoken my mind of the mischiefs of the one, as now of the usurpations of the other. I have no fears that this nation is to be struck down in all its prosperity, or checked in its great destinies, because the Bank may fail; but whatever evils may arise, I would prefer them all, and more, rather than see it go on with the slightest power or chance of repeating its unwarrantable acts.

I remain, gentlemen,  
With great respect,  
Your obedient servt.

RICHARD RUSH.  
To William Jackson, and John Robinson, Esq's.  
of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

From the Indiana Democrat.

#### INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Dec. 11.

On motion of Mr. Hardesty,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act authorizing boards of Commissioners to allow pay to supervisors out of the county treasury, so that they shall be entitled to no other compensation for their services, than an exemption from military duty and serving on grand and petit juries.

On motion of Mr. Bennett,

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of providing by law, for effecting the object of an imperative clause in the constitution in relation to asylums to accommodate all proper objects of charity throughout the State.

On motion of Mr. Dunning,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the several sections of the revenue act, as relates to the present mode of applying the taxable property of the several counties so as to transfer the same to one or more persons in the different townships, whose compensation shall be an exemption from the performance of military duty, for the year for which they may be appointed.—Messrs. Dunning, Guard and Parker, were appointed a committee in pursuance thereof.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law regulating the duties of Supervisors of Roads, as to make it necessary before receiving compensations for their services, that they file before the board doing county business an affidavit that they have discharged their duties according to law.

On motion of Mr. Howell,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what, amendments are necessary to the act entitled "an act regulating the taking up animals going astray and water-crafts and other articles of value adrift," approved Feb. 10, 1831.

On motion of Mr. Leslie,

Resolved, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act entitled "an act to provide for the commissioning of Sheriffs and Coroners and to regulate their duties," approved Feb. 7, 1824, as to allow jurors empanelled by Coroner, compensation for their services.

Mr. Smith of R. moved the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee of ways and means inquire into the expediency of enacting a law preparatory to an *ad valorem* system of taxation—On motion of Mr. Evans, said resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

*Memorials and Joint Resolutions presented.*—

By Mr. Willett, a joint resolution, concerning the appointment to office by the General Government, within this State; by Mr. Evans, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, to the President of the United States, on the subject of the extinguishment of title of the Miami tribe of Indians, to land within the said State; both of which were read the first time and ordered to a 2d reading on to morrow.

And the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, Dec. 12.

Mr. Brackenridge was added to the committee on canals and internal improvements; and

Mr. Vandever to the committee on military affairs.

*Bills reported from Committees.*

By Mr. Kilgore, from the judiciary committee, a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "an act, relative to crime and punishment;" approved Feb. 10, 1831.

On motion of Mr. Evans three several resolutions heretofore laid on the table, on the subject of assessing and collecting the revenue, were taken up and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Dunn was added to the committee on canals and internal improvements.

On motion of Mr. Smith of R.

Resolved, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 8th section of the act regulating fees and salaries, as to give constables the same authority to collect fee bills issuing from the circuit court, which is now given to sheriffs and coroners.

On motion of Mr. Willett,

Resolved, That the Canal committee inquire into the expediency of so modeling the Board of Canal Commissioners, as to dispense with the acting duties of part of the members, except as to the decision of final questions, and during the session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Guion,

Resolved, That the Military committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Militia law as to make it the duty of the constable who receives the list of fines, for collection to make the same return on each delinquent defendant, to the pay master as is required by law on returning an execution to a justice of the peace; also to allow said collector the same fees as in civil cases, and to repeal the 67th section of the Militia law, approved Feb. 10, 1831.

On motion of Mr. Pearson the resolution laid on the table on the 3d inst. on the subject of impris-

onment for debt, was taken up and adopted by the House.

*Bill Presented.*—By Mr. Dunn, a bill to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Indianapolis and Lawrenceburgh Rail Road Company."

The House then went into consideration of the orders of the day. Several bills were read a 2d time and ordered to be engrossed—none however were passed.

And the House adjourned.

IN SENATE—Dec. 13.

Mr. Hillis from the committee of ways and means to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of Asylums, relative to an imperial clause in the Constitution on the subject, reported that it would be inexpedient to legislate on that subject at this time; which report was concurred in and the committee discharged.

Mr. Thompson submitted for adoption a resolution that the judiciary committee inquire whether any amendments to the law regulating writs of *ne exeat* are necessary.

Mr. Payne of H. moved to modify the resolution by instructing the committee to inquire whether Circuit courts have power to issue writs of *ne exeat*, upon debts which are not due; which was accepted by Mr. Thompson, and the resolution so modified, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Sigler,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provisions by law, for relief in favor of the surety or securities to the bond of any justice of the peace, or other officer, judiciary or ministerial, where such surety shall discover or believe, that such justice or other officer, is in any way abusing his official trust, and hereby endangering such surety, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Embree,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to crimes and punishments, so as to make it obligatory on each and every person who may hereafter steal a horse or mule, or other articles of value, and is found guilty of the same, and is sentenced to hard labor in the State prison, to pay, in addition to the time and imprisonment all necessary expenses which the person may be at in getting such stolen property, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

And the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Thompson from the judiciary committee reported a bill to amend an act entitled "an act regulating divorces," approved Jan. 17, 1831—which passed to a second reading.

Mr. Colerick from the select Committee, to which had been referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to that subject, reported a bill for the appointment of Senator and Representative in certain counties and territories therein named.

Mr. Dunning having obtained leave presented a bill to amend the "act authorizing the loaning of the Seminary funds," approved Jan. 24, 1828—all of which above mentioned bills passed to a 2d reading.

On motion of Mr. Howell,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of memorializing Congress for the passage of an act for the gradual reduction of the price of the public lands, where the same shall have been a reasonable time unsold in market, under such regulations as will encourage actual settlers, prevent speculation and best comport with the public interest.—Whereupon Messrs. Howell, Breckenridge, Willett, DePauw and Fairman, were appointed a committee in pursuance of Messrs. Huntington, Brackenridge, Craig, Leavenworth and Guard.

On motion of Mr. Hughs,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing witnesses mileage for each and every mile they travel, over and above the first four miles next to the place where they are subpoenaed to attend, and that they shall have four cents per mile.

On motion of Mr. Wright of P.

*Resolved*, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the acts to provide for the inspection of salt, beef and flour, approved Jan. 24, 1828, so as to authorize the boards doing county business in the several counties to appoint an inspector of whiskey.

On motion of Mr. Foster,

*Resolved*, That the committee of Ways and Means be requested to inquire whether any amendments to the present revenue law is necessary, so as to compel collectors of taxes, to receive from any individuals, certificates of jurors, in payment of tax due such county.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

*Resolved*, That the committee on education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of memorializing Congress, for the reduction of the price of the refused lands, within the limits of this State.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law as to provide for the inspection of the constable who receives the list of fines, for collection to make the same return on each delinquent defendant, to the pay master as is required by law on returning an execution to a justice of the peace.

On motion of Mr. Smith of F.

*Resolved*, That the committee on education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act regulating county Seminaries, as to repeal that part of said act, which requires a majority or the voters of the county, to vote for Seminary Trustees in order to render the election of such Trustees valid.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the act to provide for the commissioning of Sheriffs and Coroners, and regulating their duties, so as to authorize Sheriffs and Coroners to execute subpoenas on witnesses and summonses on jurors by copy.

On motion of Mr. Crume,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to inquire if any, and if any what amendments are necessary to the law now in force regulating Mills and Millers, and whether 25 cents would not be an ample compensation for grinding and packing flour—whereupon Messrs. Crume, Bigger and Clark, were appointed that committee.

IN SENATE—Dec. 14.

Mr. Farington, from the committee on the judiciary made the following report.

Mr. President.—The committee on the judiciary to whom were referred the following resolutions and petitions, viz.

The resolution directing an inquiry into the expediency of reviving the usury law, and to repeal all legal privileges to loan money at a higher rate of interest than six per cent, per annum.

The resolution directing an inquiry into the expediency of so amending the laws regulating the jurisdiction and duties of justices of the peace, so as to provide for the collection of debts by the institution of suit, in ordinary cases in the proper townships, in which the defendant shall actually reside.

The resolution directing an inquiry into the expediency of extending prison bounds to the boundaries of the counties in which debtors reside.

The resolution directing an inquiry, whether it would better comport with the public good to provide some legislative enactment tending to lessen the number of voluntary oaths, unnecessarily made in this state; and that no individual shall be entitled to recover in any action of slander in such cases, should the truth of such affidavits, certificates or statements be questioned.

The resolution directing inquiries into the expediency of enacting a law which will give to mechanics a lien upon such buildings as they may erect, for the purpose of securing to them their just claims.

Report, that they have had the aforesaid resolutions and petitions under consideration, and deem it inexpedient to make any legislative enactments upon the subject embraced by the said resolutions and petitions, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Wallace,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to crimes and punishments, so as to make it obligatory on each and every person who may hereafter steal a horse or mule, or other articles of value, and is found guilty of the same, and is sentenced to hard labor in the State prison, to pay, in addition to the time and imprisonment all necessary expenses which the person may be at in getting such stolen property, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

And the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Mr. Colerick from the select Committee, to which had been referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to that subject, reported a bill for the appointment of Senator and Representative in certain counties and territories therein named.

Mr. Dunning having obtained leave presented a bill to amend the "act authorizing the loaning of the Seminary funds," approved Jan. 24, 1828—all of which above mentioned bills passed to a 2d reading.

On motion of Mr. Howell,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of memorializing Congress for the passage of an act for the gradual reduction of the price of the public lands, where the same shall have been a reasonable time unsold in market, under such regulations as will encourage actual settlers, prevent speculation and best comport with the public interest.—Whereupon Messrs. Howell, Breckenridge, Willett, DePauw and Fairman, were appointed a committee in pursuance of Messrs. Huntington, Brackenridge, Craig, Leavenworth and Guard.

On motion of Mr. Hughs,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing witnesses mileage for each and every mile they travel, over and above the first four miles next to the place where they are subpoenaed to attend, and that they shall have four cents per mile.

On motion of Mr. Brown of T.

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of memorializing Congress for appropriations in land or money to remove obstructions in the navigation of the Wabash and White rivers—whereupon Messrs. Brown of T., Willett, McDonald, Evans, and Brady were added to the select committee on national hospitals; Mr. Barber to the committee on roads, and Mr. Leavenworth to the committee on canals and internal improvements.

Bill reported.—By Mr. Smith of F. from the committee on the judiciary, to prevent the sale of ardent spirits to the Indians, and to repeal an act entitled "an act to prevent the sale of ardent spirits to Indians," approved Feb. 3, 1832—which bill passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wright of P.

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to inquire whether any amendments to the present revenue law is necessary, so as to compel collectors of taxes, to receive from any individuals, certificates of jurors, in payment of tax due such county.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in cases of trespass and replevin to fifty dollars.

On motion of Mr. Dunn,

House then then proceeded to consider bills on their third reading.

BILLS OF THE HOUSE PASSED.—A bill to locate the Connersville and Brookville state road—to amend an act entitled "an act for the safe keeping of prisoners under the authority of the United States, in any of the jails of this State, and for other purposes," approved January 21, 1818—to facilitate the business of the legislature—to amend an act entitled "an act to appropriate part of the 3 per cent. fund," approved Jan. 31, 1833, and a bill in addition to an act, entitled "an act to incorporate the town of New Albany," approved Feb. 3, 1832.

Engrossed bill of the Senate passed.

An act to incorporate the Evansville and Lafayette railroad company.

Bills on the third reading being through.

Mr. Smith of R. moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire if a law is necessary to be passed, providing a mode of relief for resident citizens of this State whose lands or town lots may have been double listed and returned by the collector of any county to the school commissioner thereof, as non-resident lands or town lots by their numbers—and to provide by law a mode that such mistakes and false enlistments may be corrected before return shall be made.

On motion of Mr. Bramwell,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so

amending the 4th section of "an act to regulate marriages," approved February 4, 1831, as to leave the damages imposed on clerks for issuing marriage license to minors living within this State, to the sound discretion of the court or jury trying the case.

And the House adjourned.

#### OHIO DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

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