

ter of serious concern, and a proper subject for the interposition of that House. A case had fallen under his special observation in which a district paymaster was a defaulter, and had failed for the sum of \$364,000, when the only bonds that he had given for the discharge of his duty, amounted only to \$60,000, in the aggregate. He would therefore, propose to amend the bill, so as to require bonds without penalty, for the due discharge of the duties imposed.

Mr. H. Nelson moved that the bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole to the end that its friends may have an opportunity to extricate it from all those difficulties in which it seems at present to be involved.

The question was taken on the motion to recommit, and carried.

Mr. Trimble submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the repair and preservation of the Cumberland Road, and for the establishment of toll gates thereon.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to enquire whether any, and if any, what further provision ought to be made by law, to enable the President of the United States to complete the survey and location of the proposed continuation of the Cumberland road, from Wheeling, in the state of Virginia, through the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, to the Mississippi river, and whether any, and if any, what provision ought to be made to enable the President to cause the said road to be constructed.

Resolved, That the President of the U. States be requested to cause this House to be informed whether the Commissioners appointed to lay out the continuation of the Cumberland road from Wheeling, in the state of Virginia through the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to the Mississippi river have completed the same, and, if not, completed the reason why their duties have been suspended.

Mr. Rich called for the consideration of the resolution by him submitted on a former day relative to the importation of wool.

The House agreed to consider the same and the question being on the motion to strike out that part thereof requesting the President of the U. States to cause information to be given &c. and to be inserted in lieu thereof, the words "that the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to report"—the amendment being supported by the mover was carried and the resolution adopted.

The order of the day was then taken up and ed motion by Mr. Rankin, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on a bill entitled "An act of paying the state of Missouri three per cent. of the proceeds of the sales of public lands in the same"—Mr. Hill in the chair.

The bill was supported by Mr. Rankin; and, no amendment having been offered to the same, the committee rose, and reported the said bill to the House, who concurred therein, and ordered the same to be engrossed, read the third time, and made the order of the day for tomorrow, And then the House adjourned.

December 19.
Mr. Baldwin submitted the following joint resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives be directed to adjourn their respective houses from Saturday the 22d inst. until Wednesday the 2d of January next.

On motion of Mr. H. Nelson, the rule of the House requiring the bill to lie on the table one day previous to its being voted upon, was dispensed with, and the resolution was twice read.

Mr. Rhea opposed the resolution. He moved that it be indefinitely postponed, and that the question of postponement be taken by yeas and nays. The latter motion was agreed to.

The question on the indefinite postponement of the resolution was taken and decided as follows:—yeas 124—nays 50.

So the House determined that the said resolution be indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed bill providing for paying to the state of Missouri three per cent. of the net proceeds arising from the sale of public lands within the state, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

TIME TO LAND DEBTORS.

The House, then, on motion of Mr. Rankin, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Smith of Maryland, in the chair, to take into consideration the following bill, which was yesterday reported by the committee on Public Lands:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all purchasers, and every legal holder of any certificate of the Public Lands of the U. States, who are entitled to and who have not availed themselves of, any of the provisions of the act of Congress of the 2d of March, 1821, entitled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of Public Lands prior to the 1st of July, 1820," be allowed until the 30th of September, 1822, to file their original certificates, and accept such other provisions of said act as are applicable to payments made after the 30th of September, 1821; and all such lands as would otherwise be forfeited for a failure to file the Register's certificate, and an acceptance of the provisions of said act, be exempted from forfeiture and sale until the 30th of September, 1820, and no longer.

No debate arising on this bill, and no amendment being proposed, the committee rose and reported the same to the House, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

SECURITIES FOR PUBLIC MONEYS.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, (Mr. Wright, of Maryland, in the chair) on the bill to revive and continue in force for a further time the bill providing for the relief of persons disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Hardin modified his motion of yesterday so as to propose now to amend the bill by taking away the limit proposed to the security given by pension agents leaving the amount of the bonds discretionary with the Secretary of War, and to add a proviso that nothing in the act should be so construed as to prevent a recovery of a penalty from any defaulter to the whole extent of his delinquency.

Upon this motion arose a debate: Mr. Buchanan was in favor of the first part of the amendment; but opposed to the remainder. Mr. B. was willing to have the extent of the security left discretionary with the Secretary of War; and he was altogether opposed, on a bill of so trifling a nature, to alter a general law, the bearing of which might lead to such important results. He would therefore call for a division of the question.

The question being thereupon divided, the first part of the amendment was put and carried.

The question was then taken on the latter clause, for extending the responsibility beyond the penalty, and negatived.

The committee rose and reported progress—but, on motion of Mr. Little, was refused leave to sit again.

In the House—Mr. Swan moved to recommit the bill to the committee on the Judiciary, which was opposed by Messrs. Rhea and H. Nelson, and lost.

The amendment was on motion of Mr. H. Nelson, concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; and

The House adjourned.

December 20.

Mr. Wright submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House pay to the representatives of Thomas Claxton, deceased late the door-keeper of the House, the sum of 200 dollars out of the contingent fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of his funeral.

After some remarks by Mr. Cooke, the Speaker, and Mr. Mallory, with respect to the constitutional power of the House, to appropriate public monies in this manner, the question was put and the resolution negatived.

CUMBERLAND ROAD, &c.

Mr. Trimble called for the consideration of the resolution submitted by him on Thursday relative to the progress and completion of the Cumberland road.

The question was taken on the passage of the resolves, and decided affirmatively without objection.

Mr. Campbell called for the consideration of the resolution he had submitted in an early part of the session, for the appointment of a committee on the subject of apportioning the number of Representatives of the United States, according to the fourth census.

The House agreed to consider the resolution, adopted the same and ordered that it consist of one member from each state.

Mr. Speaker presented a communication from the Department of State, on the subject of the fourth census, which together with the documents, was ordered to be printed, and referred to the committee just appointed.

Mr. Rankin gave notice that he should not call for the consideration of the bill entitled "An act for the relief of certain

purchasers of public lands," until the first week in January next.

Mr. Cook wished the subject to be taken up, in order to give him an opportunity of proposing an amendment, more important in his opinion, than the bill itself, as it then stood.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the said bill, Mr. Condict in the chair.

Mr. Cook after a few prefatory remarks, moved that the following amendment:

"Section 2. And be it further enacted That it shall be lawful for the legal holder of any certificate as aforesaid, who may have filed his declaration with the proper officer, and accepted the provisions of the before recited act, so as to be entitled to the further credit therein granted, before the said 30th of September, 1822, to relinquish any such land to the U. States, and apply the payments made thereupon in the same manner that it might have been done prior to the 30th of September, last, in case no such declaration had been filed: Provided, however, that in all such cases, the party relinquishing shall be held bound to pay such interests as may have accrued by a failure to pay any instalment which by virtue of the act aforesaid, may have become due and payable."

Mr. Hardin also submitted the following as a proviso to the bill:

Provided, That whenever a relinquishment shall be made under the provisions of this act, the credit the person shall be entitled to in consequence of said relinquishment shall be applied equally to each instalment.

Mr. Cook assented to adopt the proviso as part of his motion; and thereupon the committee rose and reported, and obtained leave to sit again.

In the House, Mr. Cook moved that the motion he had submitted, and the proviso he had adopted in committee of the whole be printed: which motion was agreed to; and

The House adjourned.

December 21.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, submitted a joint resolution, which was read twice, and ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution having been engrossed, on motion was read a third time and passed, in the words following:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be instructed to furnish to each Member of the present Congress, and the Delegates from Territories, the President and Vice-President of the U. States, the Executive of the State and Territory, the Attorney General and Judges of the Courts of the United States and the Colleges in the United States, each one copy; for the use of the Departments, viz. State, Treasury, War, and Navy, five copies each; for the use of the Senate, five copies; and for the use of the House of Representatives, ten copies, of the Marshal's returns of the fourth census, and that the residue of the copies of the said returns be deposited in the library of Congress.

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IN SENATE.

Monday, Dec. 31.

Mr. Cotton introduced a bill supplemental to the act authorizing the issuing a writ of quo warranto against the Bank of Vincennes, which was three times read and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. amending and confirming the act regulating the fees of the officers and persons therein named, was read the third time as amended, and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. amendatory to the several acts regulating the assessment and collection of Revenue, was read the third time, as amended, and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. to provide for Judicial Circuits, and fixing the times of holding courts, was read the third time, as amended, and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. attaching part of the County of Jackson to the county of Lawrence, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. supplemental to the act locating certain roads therein, was read the third time, as amended, and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. to repeal the act adopting the Bank of Vincennes as the State Bank of Indiana, was rejected.

The bill from the H. of Rep. regulating petitions for divorces, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. for the relief of Ann Ludlow, was read three times and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. to amend the act regulating divorces, was read three times and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. supplemental to the act providing for the incorporation of towns, was three times read and passed.

Tuesday, Jan. 1.

The bill from the H. of Rep. relative to the state prison at Jeffersonville, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. to provide for the sale of the Seminary Township in Gibson county, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Cotton introduced a bill to declare in force a law on the subject of fees, which was twice read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill from the H. of Rep. supplemental to the act to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools and salt springs, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to declare in force a law on the subject of fees, was read the third time and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. to establish a permanent road from Leavenworth to Terre Haute, was read the third time and rejected.

The bill from the H. of Rep. authorizing called sessions of the Circuit Courts, was read three times and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. authorizing county Commissioners to appoint their own clerks, was postponed indefinitely.

The bill from the H. of Rep. to amend the act for carrying the laws into effect in new counties, was postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Slaughter introduced a joint resolution for the benefit of Bluff Adams, which was three times read and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. attaching Wabash county to the counties of Pike and Putnam, was read three times and passed.

The Senate reconsidered their vote which rejected the bill for a permanent road from Leavenworth to Terre Haute, and the same was read the third time, as amended and passed.

Mr. Harrison introduced a bill supplemental to the act for dividing the state into Congressional Districts for the election of members to the Congress of the United States, which was read, and a motion to postpone the further consideration was decided in the negative.

The bill from the H. of Rep. authorizing the agent of Indianapolis to lease a ferry and for other purposes, was read the third time as amended, and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. for the disbursement of the Laws and Journals, was read the third time as amended, and passed.

Wednesday, Jan. 2.

The bill supplemental to the act for dividing the state into Congressional Districts for the election of members to Congress, was postponed indefinitely.

The bill from the H. of Rep. supplemental to the act establishing certain roads and appropriating \$100,000 of the three per cent fund for opening the same was postponed indefinitely.

The joint resolution from the H. of Rep. respecting the revision of the laws, was read three times as amended, and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. amendatory to the act to reduce into one, all acts and parts of acts relative to crimes and punishments, was read the third time, as amended and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. attaching part of Clark county to the county of Washington, was postponed indefinitely.

The bill from the H. of Rep. to amend the act defining the duties of constables, was read the third time as amended and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. respecting county Laureates and county Agents, was read three times and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. amending the act locating permanent roads therein named, was postponed indefinitely.

The bill from the H. of Rep. appointing Commissioners to lay out a road from Lawrenceburg through Vevy to Madison, was postponed indefinitely.

The bill from the H. of Rep. for laying out certain permanent roads was postponed indefinitely.

The joint resolution from the H. of Rep. for the benefit of Bluff Adams, and for other purposes, was read the third time and passed. (One bill in the rent of a house for the last year.)

The bill to amend the act authorizing the mode of proof of non-residence, was read three times and passed.

The bill from the H. of Rep. making appropriations for the year 1822, was amended in the committee, to which the