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THE SECOND SESSION of the Fifteenth Congress, commenced this day at the City of Washington, conformably to the act, passed the eighteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, entitled “An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress;” and the Senate assembled,

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 1818.

PRESENT,

From the State of  
*New Hampshire,*

The honorable David L. Morrill.

From the State of  
*Massachusetts.*

The honorable Prentiss Mellen.

From the State of  
*Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.*

The honorable James Burrill, junior.

From the State of  
*Vermont.*

The honorable { Isaac Tichenor,  
William A Palmer.

From the State of  
*Connecticut.*

The honorable David Daggett.

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From the State of  
*New York.*

The honorable { Rufus King,  
                          { Nathan Sanford.

From the State of  
*New Jersey.*

The honorable { Mahlon Dickerson,  
                          { James J. Wilson.

From the State of  
*Pennsylvania.*

The honorable { Abner Lacock,  
                          { Jonathan Roberts.

From the State of  
*Maryland.*

The honorable Robert H. Goldsborough.

From the State of  
*Virginia.*

The honorable { James Barbour,  
                          { John W. Eppes.

From the State of  
*North Carolina.*

The honorable Nathaniel Macon.

From the State of  
*South Carolina.*

The honorable { John Gaillard,  
                          { William Smith.

From the State of  
*Tennessee.*

The honorable { John Williams,  
                          { John Henry Eaton.

From the State of  
*Ohio.*

The honorable Benjamin Ruggles.

From the State of  
*Louisiana.*

The honorable { Eligius Fromentin,  
                          { Henry Johnson.

From the State of  
*Indiana.*

The honorable { James Noble,  
Waller Taylor.

From the State of  
*Mississippi.*

The honorable { Walter Leake,  
Thomas H. Williams.

The honorable John Gaillard, President pro tempore, resumed the chair.

The honorable Prentiss Mellen, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the State of Massachusetts, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable Eli P. Ashmun; the honorable William A. Palmer, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the State of Vermont, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable James Fisk; and the honorable John Henry Eaton, appointed a Senator by the executive of the State of Tennessee, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable George W. Campbell, respectively produced their credentials, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law, was administered to them, and they took their seats in the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives, that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Macon and Mr. Daggett, be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such committee, as may be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him, that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communication which he may be pleased to make to them.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Resolved*, That each Senator, be supplied, during the present Session, with three such newspapers, printed in the United States,

as he may choose, provided the same be furnished at the usual rate, for the annual charge of such papers; and provided, also, that if any Senator, shall choose to take any newspapers, other than daily papers, he shall be supplied with as many such papers, as shall not exceed the price of three daily papers.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed for enrolled bills, jointly with such committee, as may be appointed by the House of Representatives.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Noble, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, agreeably to the 22d rule for conducting business in the Senate.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Dickerson, and Mr. Morrill, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—I am directed to inform the Senate, that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled, and ready to proceed to business. And he withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, agreeably to the 42d rule, for conducting business in the Senate.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lacock, Mr. Daggett, and Mr. Dickerson, be the committee.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following motion for consideration, which was read:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three members be appointed, who, with three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by that House, shall have the direction of the money appropriated to the purchase of books and maps, for the use of the two Houses of Congress.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading; and,

On motion,

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It was read a second time by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House.

On the question, " Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee, reported said resolution correctly engrossed.

On motion,

That it now be read a third time; it was objected to as against the rule.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have appointed a committee on their part, to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make them. And he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson submitted the following motion for consideration, which was read:

*Resolved*, That two chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress during the present Session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1818.

The honorable Jeremiah Morrow, from the state of Ohio, and the honorable Alexander C. Hanson, from the state of Maryland, severally arrived on the 16th instant, and attended this day.

The resolution for the appointment of chaplains to Congress was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House.



On the question, " Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee, reported said resolution correctly engrossed.

On motion,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

Mr. Macon reported, from the joint committee, that they had waited on the President of the United States, agreeably to order, and that the President of the United States informed the committee, that he would make a communication to the two Houses, this day.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following motion for consideration, which was read:

*Resolved*, That Mountjoy Bayly, door keeper and Sergeant-at-arms to the Senate, be, and he hereby is authorized to employ one assistant and two horses, for the purpose of performing such services, as are usually required by the doorkeeper of the Senate, which expense shall be paid out of the contingent fund.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The engrossed resolution for the appointment of a joint library committee, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dickerson, Mr. King, and Mr. Fromentin, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*Fellow-citizens of the Senate*

*and of the House of Representatives.*

The auspicious circumstances under which you will commence the duties of the present Session will lighten the burdens insepara-

ble from the high trust committed to you. The fruits of the earth have been unusually abundant: commerce has flourished; the revenue has exceeded the most favorable anticipation, and peace and amity are preserved with foreign nations on conditions just and honorable to our country. For these inestimable blessings we cannot but be grateful to that Providence which watches over the destiny of nations.

As the term limited for the operation of the commercial convention with Great Britain will expire early in the month of July next, and it was deemed important that there should be no interval, during which that portion of our commerce, which was provided for by that convention, should not be regulated, either by arrangement between the two governments, or by the authority of Congress, the minister of the United States at London was instructed, early in the last summer, to invite the attention of the British government to the subject, with a view to that object. He was instructed to propose, also, that the negotiation which it was wished to open, might extend to the general commerce of the two countries, and to every other interest and unsettled difference between them; particularly those relating to impressment, the fisheries, and boundaries, in the hope that an arrangement might be made, on principles of reciprocal advantage, which might comprehend, and provide, in a satisfactory manner, for all these high concerns. I have the satisfaction to state, that the proposal was received by the British government in the spirit which prompted it, and that a negotiation has been opened at London, embracing all these objects. On full consideration of the great extent and magnitude of the trust, it was thought proper to commit it to not less than two of our distinguished citizens, and, in consequence, the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States at Paris, has been associated with our envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at London; to both of whom corresponding instructions have been given; and they are now engaged in the discharge of its duties. It is proper to add, that, to prevent any inconvenience resulting from the delay incident to a negotiation on so many important subjects, it was agreed, before en-

tering on it, that the existing convention should be continued for a term not less than eight years.

Our relations with Spain remain nearly in the state in which they were at the close of the last session. The convention of 1802, providing for the adjustment of a certain portion of the claims of our citizens for injuries sustained by spoliation, and so long suspended by the Spanish government, has at length been ratified by it; but no arrangement has yet been made for the payment of another portion of like claims, not less extensive or well founded, or for other classes of claims, or for the settlement of boundaries. These subjects have again been brought under consideration in both countries, but no agreement has been entered into respecting them. In the mean time, events have occurred, which clearly prove the ill effect of the policy which that government has so long pursued, on the friendly relations of the two countries, which, it is presumed, it is at least of as much importance to Spain, as to the United States, to maintain. A state of things has existed in the Floridas, the tendency of which has been obvious to all who have paid the slightest attention to the progress of affairs in that quarter. Throughout the whole of those provinces to which the Spanish title extends, the government of Spain has scarcely been felt. Its authority has been confined almost exclusively to the walls of Pensacola and St. Augustine, within which only small garrisons have been maintained. Adventurers from every country, fugitives from justice, and absconding slaves have found an asylum there. Several tribes of Indians, strong in the number of their warriors, remarkable for their ferocity, and whose settlements extend to our limits, inhabit those provinces. These different hordes of people, connected together, disregarding, on the one side, the authority of Spain, and protected, on the other, by an imaginary line, which separates Florida from the United States, have violated our laws prohibiting the introduction of slaves, have practised various frauds on our revenue, and committed every kind of outrage on our peaceable citizens, which their proximity to us enabled them to perpetrate. The invasion of Amelia Island, last year, by a small band of adventurers, not exceeding one hundred and fifty in number, who wrested it from the inconsi-

derable Spanish force stationed there and held it several months, during which, a single feeble effort only was made to recover it, which failed, clearly proves how completely extinct the Spanish authority had become; as the conduct of those adventurers, while in possession of the island, as distinctly shows the pernicious purposes for which their combination had been formed.

This country had, in fact, become the theatre of every species of lawless adventure. With little population of its own, the Spanish authority almost extinct, and the colonial governments in a state of revolution, having no pretention to it, and sufficiently employed in their own concerns, it was in a great measure derelict, and the object of cupidity, to every adventurer. A system of bucanneering was rapidly organizing over it, which menaced, in its consequences, the lawful commerce of every nation, and particularly of the United States; while it presented a temptation to every people, on whose seduction its success principally depended. In regard to the United States, the pernicious effect of this unlawful combination, was not confined to the ocean. The Indian tribes have constituted the effective force in Florida. With these tribes, these adventurers had formed, at an early period, a connection, with a view to avail themselves of that force, to promote their own projects of accumulation and aggrandizement. It is to the interference of some of these adventurers, in misrepresenting the claims and titles of the Indians to land, and in practicing on their savage propensities, that the Seminole war is principally to be traced. Men who thus connect themselves with savage communities, and stimulate them to war, which is always attended, on their part, with acts of barbarity the most shocking, deserve to be viewed in a worse light than the savages. They would certainly have no claim to an immunity from the punishment, which, according to the rules of warfare practised by the savages, might justly be inflicted on the savages, themselves.

If the embarrassments of Spain prevented her from making an indemnity to our citizens, for so long a time, from her treasury, for their losses by spoilation, and otherwise, it was always in her power to have provided it, by the cession of this territory. Of this, her government has been repeatedly apprized, and the cession was the



more to have been anticipated, as Spain must have known that, in ceding it, she would, in effect, cede what had become of little value to her, and would likewise relieve herself from the important obligation secured by the treaty of 1795, and all other commitments respecting it. If the United States, from consideration of these embarrassments, declined pressing their claims in a spirit of hostility, the motive ought, at least, to have been duly appreciated by the government of Spain. It is well known to her government that other powers have made to the United States an indemnity for like losses, sustained by their citizens at the same epoch.

There is, nevertheless, a limit, beyond which this spirit of amity and forbearance can in no instance be justified. If it was proper to rely on amicable negotiation for an indemnity for losses, it would not have been so to have permitted the inability of Spain to fulfil her engagements, and to sustain her authority in the Floridas, to be perverted, by foreign adventurers and savages, to purposes so destructive to the lives of our fellow-citizens, and the highest interests of the United States. The right of self-defence never ceases. It is among the most sacred, and alike necessary to nations and to individuals. And, whether the attack be made by Spain herself, or by those who abuse her power, its obligation is not the less strong. The invaders of Amelia Island had assumed a popular and respected title, under which they might approach and wound us. As their object was distinctly seen, and the duty imposed on the executive, by an existing law, was profoundly felt, that mask was not permitted to protect them. It was thought incumbent on the United States to suppress the establishment, and it was accordingly done. The combination in Florida, for the unlawful purposes stated, the acts perpetrated by that combination, and, above all, the incitement of the Indians, to massacre our fellow-citizens, of every age, and of both sexes, merited a like treatment, and received it. In pursuing these savages to an imaginary line, in the woods, it would have been the height of folly to have suffered that line to protect them. Had that been done, the war could never cease. Even if the territory had been, exclusively, that of Spain, and her power complete over it, we had a right, by the law of nations, to follow the enemy on it,



and to subdue him there. But, the territory belonged, in a certain sense, at least, to the savage enemy who inhabited it; the power of Spain had ceased to exist over it, and protection was sought, under her title, by those who had committed on our citizens, hostilities which she was bound by treaty to have prevented, but had not the power to prevent. To have stopped at that line, would have given new encouragement to these savages, and new vigor to the whole combination existing there, in the prosecution of all its pernicious purposes.

In suppressing the establishment at Amelia Island, no unfriendliness was manifested towards Spain, because the post was taken from a force which had wrested it from her. The measure, it is true, was not adopted in concert with the Spanish government, or those in authority under it; because, in transactions connected with the war in which Spain and the colonies are engaged, it was thought proper, in doing justice to the United States, to maintain a strict impartiality towards both the belligerent parties, without consulting or acting in concert with either. It gives me pleasure to state, that the governments of Buenos Ayres and Venezuela, whose names were assumed, have explicitly disclaimed all participation in those measures, and even the knowledge of them, until communicated by this government, and have also expressed their satisfaction that a course of proceedings had been suppressed, which, if justly imputable to them, would dishonor their cause.

In authorizing major general Jackson to enter Florida, in pursuit of the Seminoles, care was taken, not to encroach on the rights of Spain. I regret to have to add, that, in executing this order, facts were disclosed, respecting the conduct of the officers of Spain, in authority there, in encouraging the war, furnishing munitions of war, and other supplies, to carry it on, and in other acts, not less marked, which evinced their participation in the hostile purposes of that combination, and justified the confidence, with which it inspired the savages, that, by those officers they would be protected. A conduct so incompatible with the friendly relations existing between the two countries, particularly with the positive obligation of the 5th article of the treaty of 1795, by which Spain

was bound to restrain, even by force, those savages, from acts of hostility against the United States, could not fail to excite surprise. The commanding general was convinced that he should fail in his object, that he should in effect accomplish nothing, if he did not deprive those savages of the resource on which they had calculated, and of the protection on which they had relied in making the war. As all the documents relating to this occurrence will be laid before Congress, it is not necessary to enter into further detail respecting it.

Although the reasons which induced major general Jackson to take these posts were duly appreciated, there was, nevertheless, no hesitation in deciding on the course which it became the government to pursue. As there was reason to believe that the commanders of these posts had violated their instructions, there was no disposition to impute to their government a conduct so unprovoked and hostile. An order was in consequence issued to the general in command there, to deliver the posts; Pensacola, unconditionally to any person duly authorized to receive it; and St. Marks, which is in the heart of the Indian country, on the arrival of a competent force, to defend it against those savages and their associates.

In entering Florida to suppress this combination, no idea was entertained of hostility to Spain, and, however justifiable the commanding general was, in consequence of the misconduct of the Spanish officers, in entering St. Marks and Pensacola, to terminate it, by proving to the savages and their associates, that they should not be protected, even there; yet the amicable relations, existing between the United States and Spain, could not be altered by that act alone. By ordering the restitution of the posts, those relations were preserved. To a change of them, the power of the executive is deemed incompetent. It is vested in Congress only.

By this measure, so promptly taken, due respect was shown to the government of Spain. The misconduct of her officers has not been imputed to her. She was enabled to review with candor, her relations with the United States, and her own situation, particularly in respect to the territory in question, with the dangers inseparable from it; and, regarding the losses we have sustained, for which in-

demnity has been so long withheld, and the injuries we have suffered through that territory, and her means of redress, she was likewise enabled to take, with honor, the course best calculated to do justice to the United States, and to promote her own welfare.

Copies of the instructions to the commanding general; of his correspondence with the Secretary of War, explaining his motives, and justifying his conduct, with a copy of the proceedings of the courts martial, in the trial of Arbuthnot and Ambristie; and of the correspondence between the Secretary of State and the minister plenipotentiary of Spain, near this government: and of the minister plenipotentiary of the United States, at Madrid, with the government of Spain, will be laid before Congress.

The civil war, which has so long prevailed between Spain, and the provinces in South America, still continues without any prospect of its speedy termination. The information respecting the condition of those countries, which has been collected by the Commissioners, recently returned from thence, will be laid before Congress, in copies of their reports, with such other information as has been received from other agents of the United States.

It appears, from these communications, that the government at Buenos Ayres declared itself independent in July, 1816, having previously exercised the power of an independent government, though in the name of the King of Spain, from the year 1810: that, the Banda Oriental, Entre Rios, and Paraguay, with the city of Santa Fee, all of which are also independent, are unconnected with the present government of Buenos Ayres: that Chili has declared itself independent, and is closely connected with Buenos Ayres: that Venezuela has also declared itself independent, and now maintains the conflict with various success; and that the remaining parts of South America, except Monte Video, and such other portions of the Eastern bank of the La Plata as are held by Portugal, are still in the possession of Spain, or, in a certain degree, under her influence.

By a circular note addressed by the ministers of Spain to the allied powers with whom they are respectively accredited, it appears that the allies have undertaken to mediate between Spain and the South American provinces, and that the manner and extent of their

interposition would be settled by a Congress, which was to have met at Aix-la-Chapelle in September last. From the general policy and course of proceeding observed by the allied powers in regard to this contest, it is inferred that they will confine their interposition to the expression of their sentiments; abstaining from the application of force. I state this impression, that force will not be applied, with the greater satisfaction, because it is a course more consistent with justice, and likewise authorizes a hope that the calamities of the war will be confined to the parties only, and will be of shorter duration.

From the view taken of this subject, founded on all the information that we have been able to obtain, there is good cause to be satisfied with the course heretofore pursued by the United States, in regard to this contest, and to conclude, that it is proper to adhere to it, especially in the present state of affairs.

I have great satisfaction in stating, that our relations with France, Russia, and other powers, continue on the most friendly basis.

In our domestic concerns we have ample cause of satisfaction. The receipts into the Treasury, during the three first quarters of the year, have exceeded seventeen millions of dollars.

After satisfying all the demands which have been made under existing appropriations, including the final extinction of the old six per cent. stock, and the redemption of a moiety of the Louisiana debt, it is estimated that there will remain in the Treasury, on the first day of January next, more than two millions of dollars.

It is ascertained that the gross revenue which has accrued from the customs during the same period amounts to twenty-one millions of dollars, and that the revenue of the whole year may be estimated at not less than twenty-six millions. The sale of the public lands during the year has also greatly exceeded, both in quantity and price, that of any former year; and there is just reason to expect a progressive improvement in that source of revenue.

It is gratifying to know, that, although the annual expenditure has been increased, by the act of the last session of Congress, providing for revolutionary pensions, to an amount about equal to the proceeds of the internal duties, which were then repealed, the reve-



nue for the ensuing year will be proportionally augmented, and that, whilst the public expenditure will probably remain stationary, each successive year will add to the national resources, by the ordinary increase of our population, and by the gradual development of our latent sources of national prosperity.

The strict execution of the revenue laws, resulting principally from the salutary provisions of the act of the 20th of April last, amending the several collection laws, has, it is presumed, secured to domestic manufactures all the relief that can be derived from the duties, which have been imposed upon foreign merchandise, for their protection. Under the influence of this relief, several branches of this important national interest have assumed greater activity, and, although it is hoped that others will gradually revive, and ultimately triumph over every obstacle, yet the expediency of granting further protection is submitted to your consideration.

The measures of defence, authorized by existing laws, have been pursued with the zeal and activity due to so important an object, and with all the despatch practicable in so extensive and great an undertaking. The survey of our maritime and inland frontiers has been continued; and, at the points where it was decided to erect fortifications, the work has been commenced, and, in some instances, considerable progress has been made. In compliance with resolutions of the last session, the board of commissioners were directed to examine in a particular manner the parts of the coast therein designated, and to report their opinion of the most suitable sites for two naval depots. This work is in a train of execution. The opinion of the board on this subject, with a plan of all the works necessary to a general system of defence, so far as it has been formed, will be laid before Congress, in a report from the proper department, as soon as it can be prepared.

In conformity with the appropriations of the last session, treaties have been formed with the Quapaw tribe of Indians, inhabiting the country on the Arkansaw, and with the Great and Little Osages north of the White river; with the tribes in the state of Indiana; with the several tribes within the state of Ohio, and the Michigan territory; and with the Chickasaws; by which very extensive



cessions of territory have been made to the United States. Negotiations are now depending with the tribes in the Illinois territory, and with the Choctaws, by which it is expected that other extensive cessions will be made. I take great interest in stating that the cessions already made, which are considered so important to the United States, have been obtained on conditions very satisfactory to the Indians.

With a view to the security of our inland frontiers, it has been thought expedient to establish strong posts at the mouth of the Yellow Stone River, and at the Mandan village, on the Missouri: and at the mouth of St. Peters, on the Mississippi, at no great distance from our northern boundaries. It can hardly be presumed, while such posts are maintained in the rear of the Indian tribes, that they will venture to attack our peaceable inhabitants. A strong hope is entertained that this measure will likewise be productive of much good to the tribes themselves; especially in promoting the great object of their civilization. Experience has clearly demonstrated, that independent savage communities cannot long exist within the limits of a civilized population. The progress of the latter has, almost invariably, terminated in the extinction of the former, especially of the tribes belonging to our portion of this hemisphere, among whom, loftiness of sentiment, and gallantry in action, have been conspicuous. To civilize them, and even to prevent their extinction, it seems to be indispensable that their independence, as communities, should cease, and that the control of the United States over them should be complete and undisputed. The hunter state will then be more easily abandoned, and recourse will be had to the acquisition and culture of land, and to other pursuits tending to dissolve the ties which connect them together as a savage community, and to give a new character to every individual. I present this subject to the consideration of Congress, on the presumption that it may be found expedient and practicable to adopt some benevolent provisions, having these objects in view, relative to the tribes within our settlements.

It has been necessary, during the present year, to maintain a strong naval force in the Mediterranean, and in the Gulf of Mexi-

co, and to send some public ships along the Southern coast, and to the Pacific Ocean. By these means, amicable relations with the Barbary powers have been preserved, our commerce has been protected, and our rights respected. The augmentation of our navy is advancing, with a steady progress, towards the limit contemplated by law.

I communicate, with great satisfaction, the accession of another state, Illinois, to our Union; because I perceive, from the proof afforded by the additions already made, the regular progress and sure consummation of a policy, of which history affords no example, and of which the good effect cannot be too highly estimated. By extending our government, on the principles of our constitution over the vast territory within our limits, on the Lakes and the Mississippi, and its numerous streams, new life and vigor are infused into every part of our system. By increasing the number of the states, the confidence of the state governments in their own security is increased, and their jealousy of the national government proportionally diminished. The impracticability of one consolidated government for this great and growing nation will be more apparent, and will be universally admitted. Incapable of exercising local authority, except for general purposes, the general government will no longer be dreaded. In those cases of a local nature, and for all the great purposes for which it was instituted, its authority will be cherished. Each government will acquire new force and a greater freedom of action, within its proper sphere. Other inestimable advantages will follow: our produce will be augmented to an incalculable amount, in articles of the greatest value for domestic use and foreign commerce. Our navigation will, in like degree be increased; and, as the shipping of the Atlantic states will be employed in the transportation of the vast produce of the western country, even those parts of the United States, which are most remote from each other, will be further bound together by the strongest ties which mutual interest can create.

The situation of this District, it is thought, requires the attention of Congress. By the constitution, the power of legislation is exclusively vested in the Congress of the United States. In the ex-

ercise of this power, in which the people have no participation, Congress legislate in all cases, directly on the local concerns of the District. As this is a departure, for a special purpose, from the general principles of our system, it may merit consideration, whether an arrangement better adapted to the principles of our government, and to the particular interests of the people, may not be devised, which will neither infringe the constitution, nor affect the object which the provision in question was intended to secure. The growing population, already considerable, and the increasing business of the District, which it is believed already interferes with the deliberations of Congress on great national concerns, furnish additional motives for recommending this subject to your consideration.

When we view the great blessings with which our country has been favored, those which we now enjoy, and the means which we possess of handing them down, unimpaired, to our latest posterity, our attention is irresistibly drawn to the source from whence they flow. Let us then unite in offering our most grateful acknowledgments for these blessings to the Divine Author of all good.

JAMES MONROE.

*November 16th, 1818.*

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Orderd,* Ordered that two thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1818.

The honorable Harrison Gray Otis, from the state of Massachusetts, arrived on the 17th instant, and attended this day.

Mr. Sanford submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved,* That the committee on public lands, inquire into the propriety of amending the existing laws, in such manner, that the

signature of the President of the United States, shall not be requisite to patents for land.

The resolution to authorize the Doorkeeper and Sergeant-at-arms to the Senate, to employ one assistant and two horses, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House.

On the question, " Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee, reported said resolution correctly engrossed.

On motion,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

*Resolved*, That the standing committees to be appointed by the Senate, consist of five members each, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise; and,

On his motion,

*Resolved*, That the Senate will, on Friday next, at 12 o'clock, proceed to the appointment of the standing committees of this House.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives concur in the resolution of the Senate, for the appointment of a joint committee for enrolled bills, and have appointed a committee on their part.

They also concur in the resolution of the Senate, for the appointment of chaplains.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1818.

The honorable John J. Crittenden from the state of Kentucky, arrived on the 18th instant, and attended this day.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk.

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have appointed the reverend Burgess Allison, chaplain on their part.

They have also concurred in the resolution of the Senate, for the appointment of a joint committee on the arrangements for the Library, and have appointed a committee on their part. And he withdrew.

Mr. Sanford submitted the following motions for consideration:

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to foreign affairs, be referred to the committee on foreign relations.

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to finance, be referred to the committee of finance.

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to commerce and manufactures, be referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to the District of Columbia, be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to the Indian tribes, be referred to a select committee, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The Senate proceeded to the appointment of a chaplain on their part, and on the ballots having been counted, it appeared that the reverend John Clark had a majority, and was elected.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1818.

The honorable Clement Storer, from the state of New Hampshire, arrived on the 19th instant, and attended this day.

Agreeably to order, the Senate proceeded to the appointment of the following standing committees; and,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Macon, Mr. Barbour, Mr. King, Mr. Lacock, and Mr. Daggett, be the committee on foreign relations.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Eppes, Mr. Talbot, Mr. King, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Eaton, be the committee on finance.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sanford, Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Burrill, Mr. Horsey, and Mr. Morrill, be the committee on commerce and manufactures.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, Mr. Lacock, Mr. Tichenor, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Storer, be the committee on military affairs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Noble, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Storer, be the committee on the militia.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sanford, Mr. Tait, Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, Mr. Daggett, and Mr. Crittenden, be the committee on naval affairs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morrow, Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Johnson, be the committee on public lands.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ruggles, and Mr. Morrill, be the committee of claims.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Burrill, Mr. Crittenden, Mr. Otis, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Leake, be the committee on the judiciary.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stokes, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Mellen, and Mr. Ruggles, be the committee on the post office and post roads.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lacock, Mr. Noble, Mr. Van Dyke, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Storer, be the committee on pensions.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Daggett, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Eppes, and Mr. Hanson, be the committee for the District of Columbia.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motions of the 19th instant, for referring the message of the President of the United States, to different committees, and agreed thereto; and,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morrow, Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Crittenden, be the committee on so much of the message, as relates to the Indian tribes, in pursuance of the last resolution.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23d, 1818.

The honorable Nicholas Van Dyke, from the state of Delaware, arrived the 20th instant, and attended this day; and the honorable John Forsyth, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Georgia, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable George M. Troup, produced his credentials, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him; and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Daggett presented the petition of Samuel F. Hooker, of the state of New York, praying indemnification for certian property captured and condemned by the enemy during the late war, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of Luce Cottineau, of the state of Georgia, praying a pension, in consideration of the services of her late husband; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts also presented the petition of John Brown of the city of Philadelphia, praying a pension, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 18th instant, "that the committee on public lands inquire into the propriety of amending the existing laws in such manner, that the signature of the President of the United States shall not be requisite to patents for land;" and agreed thereto.

Mr. Dickerson gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the removal of the Library of Congress to the north wing of the Capitol.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1818.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, prepared in obedience to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Treasury Department;" which was read.

Mr. Fromentin submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, such information as he may possess, touching the execution of so much of the first article of the late treaty of peace and amity between his Britannic majesty and the United States of America, as relates to the restitution of slaves, and which has not heretofore been communicated.

Mr. Otis presented the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others, of Boston, owners of the ship *Ariadne*, and her cargo, which have been condemned in the supreme court of the United States, having been captured by the United States brig *Argus*, praying relief for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Barbour gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill to increase the salaries of certain officers of Government.

Mr. Daggett presented the petition of Hannah Douglas, of Branford, Connecticut, widow and relict of colonel William Douglas, deceased, praying relief, in consideration of the services of her late husband during the revolutionary war; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Burrill presented the petition of Joseph Aborn, surveyor of the port of Patuxet, within the district of Providence, in the state of Rhode Island, praying an increase of salary, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dickerson presented the memorial of William Lambert, relating to the establishment of a first meridian for the United States, at the seat of their government, according to the original plan of the city of Washington; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dickerson, Mr. King, and Mr. Burrill, be the committee.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Thomas Chapman, collector of the customs for Georgetown district, in the state of South Carolina, praying the restoration of a certain sum of money, as his proportion of the cargo of the brig Diana, a Swedish vessel, forfeited for a violation of the revenue laws, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on public lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force the act, entitled "An act to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands

for failure in completing the payments thereon," until the 31st day of March, 1821.

Mr. Mellen submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary, be instructed to inquire as to the expediency of establishing, by law, a circuit court of the United States, to be holden at Portland, within, and for the District of Maine.

Mr. Goldsborough gave notice, that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a resolution, to erect a monument over the remains of the late general George Washington, where they now lie.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Dickerson asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to provide for the removal of the library of Congress, to the north wing of the capitol; and the bill was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1818.

The honorable Outerbridge Horsey, from the state of Delaware, arrived on the 24th instant, and attended this day.

The President communicated the memorial of Matthew Lyon, of Eddyville, in the state of Kentucky, praying reimbursement of a certain fine, imposed in the year 1798, at the suit of the United States; together with the costs and other losses attending the same, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Barbour asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to increase the salaries of certain officers of government; and the bill was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Forsyth presented the petition of Richard H. Wilde, praying that the sum of 1171 dollars 80 cents, may be passed to the credit of James Wilde, deceased, in the settlement of his accounts as pay.



master in the service of the United States, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Forsyth,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Burrill presented the memorial of Nicholas Brown, and Thomas P. Ives, of Providence, in the state of Rhode Island, praying reimbursement of certain duties paid by them on the cargo of the ship *Charlotte*, imported in the spring of the year A. D. 1816, from the coast of Africa, for reasons stated in memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Burrill also presented the petition of John Slocum, of Providence, in the state of Rhode Island, praying an increase of pension; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrill presented the petition of George Stone, of the state of New Hampshire, praying a pension; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford offered the following proceedings and instructions of the legislature of the state of New York, which were received and read.

*State of New York, in Senate, April 14, 1818.*

Whereas the legislature of the State of North Carolina, hath proposed an amendment to the constitution of the United States, in the words following, to wit:

“That, for the purpose of choosing representatives in the Congress of the United States, each state, shall, by its legislature, be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of representatives to which said state may be entitled. The districts shall be

formed of contiguous territory, and contain as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the constitution to be represented. In each district the qualified voters shall elect one representative and no more. That for the purpose of appointing electors for the President and Vice President of the United States, in each district entitled to elect a representative in the Congress of the United States, the persons qualified to vote for representatives shall appoint one elector and no more. The additional two electors, to which each state is entitled, shall be appointed in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct. The electors when convened, shall have power in case any of them appointed as above prescribed, shall fail to attend for the purposes of their said appointment, on the day prescribed for giving their votes for President and Vice President of the United States, to appoint another or others, to act in the place of him or them, so failing to attend. Neither the districts for choosing representatives, nor those for appointing electors, shall be altered in any state, until a census and apportionment of representatives under it, subsequent to the division of the states into districts shall be made. The division of states into districts, hereby provided for, shall take place immediately after this amendment shall be adopted; and afterwards, whenever a census and apportionment of representatives under it shall be made. The division of each state into districts, for the purposes both of choosing representatives and of appointing electors, shall be altered agreeable to the provisions of this amendment, and on no other occasion." Thereupon,

*Resolved*, (if the honorable the assembly concur herein,) That our Senators in the Congress of the United States, be instructed, and our representatives requested, to endeavor to obtain the said amendment to the constitution of the United States.

*Resolved*, (if the honorable the assembly concur herein,) That his excellency the governor of this state, be requested to forward a copy of the preceding resolution to each of our Senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States; and also to the governors of the several states, with a request that the same may be laid before their respective legislatures for their consideration and adoption.

*Ordered*, That the clerk deliver a copy of the said resolutions and recital, to the honorable the assembly.

JOHN F. BACON, Clerk.

*State of New York, in Assembly, April 16, 1818.*

*Resolved*, That the assembly do concur with the honorable the senate in all of their preceding resolutions with the recital.

*Ordered*, That the clerk deliver a copy of the preceding resolution of concurrence to the honorable the senate.

*By Order of the Assembly,*

AARON CLARK, Clerk.

(A Copy.)

Mr. Storer offered the following proceedings and instructions of the legislature of the state of New Hampshire, which were also received and read.

*State of New Hampshire, in Senate, June 26—In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.*

Whereas the general assembly of the state of New Jersey hath proposed an amendment to the constitution of the United States, in the following words, to wit:

“That, for the purpose of choosing representatives in the Congress of the United States, each state shall, by its legislature, be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of representatives to which such state may be entitled. The districts shall be formed of contiguous territory and contain as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the constitution to be represented. In each district the qualified voters shall elect one Representative and no more. That for the purpose of appointing electors for the President and Vice President of the United States, in each district entitled to elect a representative in the Congress of the United States, the persons qualified to vote for representatives shall appoint one elector and no more; the additional two electors to which each state is entitled, shall be appointed in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct. The electors, when convened, shall have power in case any of them appointed as above prescribed shall fail to attend for the purposes of their said appoint-

ment, on the day prescribed for giving their votes for President and Vice President of the United States, to appoint another or others, to act in the place of him or them so failing to attend. Neither the districts for choosing representatives nor those for appointing electors shall be altered in any state, until a census and appointment of representatives under it, subsequent to the division of the states into districts shall be made. The division of states into districts, hereby provided for, shall take place immediately after this amendment shall be adopted and ratified as a part of the constitution of the United States; and successively immediately afterwards, whenever a census and apportionment of representatives under it shall be made. The division of each state into districts for the purposes both of choosing representatives and of appointing electors, shall be altered agreeable to the provisions of this amendment, and on no other occasion."

*Resolved*, That our Senators in the Congress of the United States be instructed, and our representatives requested, to endeavor to obtain the said amendment to the constitution of the United States.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor of this state be requested to forward a copy of the preceding resolution to each of our Senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States, and also to the governors of the several states, with a request that the same may be laid before their respective legislatures for their consideration and adoption.

Sent down for concurrence,

JONATHAN HARVEY, *President*:

In the House of Representatives, June 30th, 1818—Read and concurred.

MATTHEW HARVEY, *Speaker*.

In Senate, June 30, 1818—Read and concurred.

JONATHAN HARVEY, *President*.

Same day, by the governor approved.

WILLIAM PLUMER.

A true copy,

Attest, SAMUEL SPARHAWK, *Secretary*.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have passed a resolution, declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said resolution was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Goldsborough asked and obtained leave to introduce a resolution to erect a monument over the remains of the late General George Washington where they now lie; and the resolution was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on military affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of the officers, noncommissioned officers, musicians and privates, of the army of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 24th instant, "That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire as to the expediency of establishing by law, a circuit court of the United States, to be holden at Portland, within and for the District of Maine;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 24th instant, "That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, such information as he may possess, touching the execution of so much of the first article of the late treaty of peace and amity between his Britannic majesty and the United States of America, as relates to the restitution of slaves, and which has not been communicated;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 24th instant, "That the committee on public lands be instructed to in-



quire into the expediency of continuing in force the act, entitled "An act to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon," until the 31st day of March, 1821; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for the removal of the Library of Congress to the north wing of the Capitol, and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1818.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report showing the organization and strength of the militia of the several states and territories, as far as returns have been made, together with such militia laws as have been received by that Department, conformably to a resolution of the Senate, of March 17th, 1818; and the communications were read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on the militia, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Barbour presented the petition of John Jamison, Indian agent at Natchitoches, praying an increase of compensation, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to Indian affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morril presented the petition of James Pike, of New Hampshire, praying a pension; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Morril,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of William Crawford, of Indiana, praying a pension; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrill presented the petition of Stephen Fuller, of New Hampshire, praying an increase of pension; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Burrill submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before the Senate copies of the several documents and papers referred to in his message to Congress, at the commencement of this session.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee, reported the bill to provide for the removal of the Library of Congress to the north wing of the Capitol, correctly engrossed; and it was read a third time, and the blank filled with "2,000."

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to provide for the removal of the Library of Congress to the north wing of the Capitol."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 25th instant, "That the committee on military affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the army of the United States;" and agreed thereto.

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit, of the state of Louisiana, praying the confirmation of their

title to a certain tract of land in said state; the memorial of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana, relative to the land claims of Florida, and also the representation and protest of certain members of the legislature of the state of Louisiana, against the memorial of said legislature, respecting titles to lands in the Florida district, which were before the Senate at the last session, be severally referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The resolution to erect a monument over the remains of the late General George Washington, where they now lie, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to encrease the salaries of certain officers of government; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk.

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountain;" also a resolution authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage; in which bill and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill and resolution last mentioned, were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The said resolution was read the second time by unanimous consent.

Mr. Macon submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on naval affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to cause a survey to be made of the shoals of Cape Hatteras, Cape Lookout, and the Frying Pans; and to have such an examination made of them respectively as will ascertain the

practicability of erecting a light house, lighted beacon, or buoy, on, or near the extreme points of them, or either of them.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th 1818.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I lay before the Senate, a report from the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, made in compliance with a resolution of the 28th of January last, requiring a statement of the expenditures upon the Public Buildings, and an account of their progress, to be annually exhibited to Congress.

JAMES MONROE.

November 26, 1818.

The message and accompanying report were read.

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Storer presented the petition of James H. Clark, a purser in the navy of the United States, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts, in consequence of his having been robbed of a certain sum of money, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Storer,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled “An act to provide for the removal of the Library of Congress to the north wing of the Capitol.”

They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions;" a bill, entitled "An act concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania;" and a bill, entitled "An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three last mentioned bills were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

The bill, entitled "An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson presented the petition of Rosalie P. Deslonde, the petition of J. Pellet, the petition of Joseph Lefevre, the petition of Jacques Villere, the petition of Barthelemy Duverge, the petition of Francis B. Languille, the petition of John Rodreguez, the petition of Joseph M'Neil, the petition of B. & P. Jourdan, the petition of Lewis H. Guerlin, the petition of Thaddeus Mayherr, the petition of L. B. Macarty; the petition of Pierce Dennis de la Ronde, and the petition of Alexander Milne, of the state of Louisiana, praying indemnification for losses sustained by them during the late war, by invasion of the enemy, as stated in the several petitions; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That they be severally referred to the committee of claims to consider and report thereon.



Mr. Johnson also presented the petition of Nathaniel Amory, of Boston, and John Carrere and Henry Messonier, of Baltimore, praying confirmation of their title to a tract of land in the state of Louisiana, known by Bastrop's Grant; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Mellen presented the petition of John G. Brown, praying the remission of duties on certain goods imported into the United States, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mellen,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance to consider and report thereon.

The bill to increase the salaries of certain officers of the government, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, and the blanks having been filled;

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the motion of the 26th instant, "That the President of the United States be requested to lay before the Senate, copies of the several documents and papers, referred to in his message to Congress, at the commencement of this session;" and,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 26th instant, for instructing the committee on naval affairs to inquire into the expediency of causing a survey to be made of the shoals of Cape Hatteras, Cape Lookout, and the Frying Pans, &c.; and agreed thereto.

The bill entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountain," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union.

On motion by Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the resolution authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage; and,

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the post office and post roads, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the resolution to erect a monument over the remains of the late General George Washington, where they now lie; and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

It was agreed, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1818.

The honorable Isham Talbot, from the state of Kentucky, arrived on the 27th instant, and attended this day.

Mr. Tichenor submitted the following motion for consideration.

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the present judicial system of the United States, so far as to provide for the gradual diminution of the number of the judges who at present compose the supreme court; for the restricting the functions and duties of the judges of that court to the holding the sessions thereof, and the other duties incidental thereto; of establishing and organizing a circuit court

in each state in the Union; and of providing for the appointment of a competent number of judges for the holding the said courts.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Lacock presented the petition of the mayor, aldermen, and common council, of the City of Washington, praying for a renewal of the act of incorporation, and the several supplements thereto, with certain amendments; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Matthew Barrow, of Tennessee, praying remuneration for a certain sum recovered of him, acting as principal forage master for major general William Carrol's division of militia, in the fall of the year 1814, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Matthew Lyon, of Eddyville, in the state of Kentucky; praying reimbursement of a certain fine imposed in the year 1798, at the suit of the United States; together with the costs and other losses attending the same, reported, that the petition ought not to be granted; and the report was read.

Mr. Sanford submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee of finance inquire into the expediency of continuing in force, the act of the 29th April, 1816, regulating the currency of certain foreign coins, within the United States.

Mr. Daggett gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill, further to extend the judicial system of United States.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

In compliance with the resolution of the 17th of April, I transmit to the Senate, a report from the acting Secretary of the Navy, which, with the documents accompanying it, will be found to contain all the information required.

JAMES MONROE.

*November 30th, 1818.*

The message, together with the report and accompanying documents, were read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 26th instant, "That the President of the United States be requested to lay before the Senate, copies of the several documents and papers referred to in his message to Congress, at the commencement of this session; and agreed thereto.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution to erect a monument over the remains of the late General George Washington, where they now lie; and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Burrill, be the committee.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on the post office and post roads, to whom was referred the resolution authorizing the trans-

mission of certain documents free of postage, reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.*

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; and the bill was read.

*Ordered, That it pass to a second reading.*

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1818.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Daggett asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill further to extend the judicial system of the United States; and the bill was read.

*Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.*

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered, That the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the petition of James H. Clark, a purser in the navy of the United States, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.*

Mr. Dickerson gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Daggett gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill, more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes.

Mr. Forsyth submitted the following motion for consideration:



*Resolved*, That the committee on finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the exportation of the gold, silver, and copper, coins of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 30th ultimo, "That the committee of finance inquire into the expediency of continuing in force, the act of the 29th of April, 1816, regulating the currency of certain foreign coins within the United States;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported the bill to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage, together with the amendment reported thereto, by the committee on the post office and post roads; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the resolution the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Matthew Lyon, of Eddyville, in the state of Kentucky.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The resolution declaring the admission of the state Illinois into the Union, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the petition of Joseph Forrest, of the city of Washington, praying compensation for the loss of a certain schooner, called the William Yeaton, chartered in the month of

May, 1812, to the agent of the United States, to take a cargo of provisions from New York to La Guira, which was seized and condemned, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel F. Hooker, of New York, made a report; which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough also reported a bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the motion of the 30th ultimo, for instructing the committee on the judiciary to inquire into the expediency of changing the present judicial system of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Tichenor,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2d, 1818.

The honorable Montfort Stokes, from the state of North Carolina, arrived the 1st instant, and attended this day.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution to erect a monument over the remains of the late general George Washington, where they now lie, reported the same amended, as follows: strike out the word "*Resolved*," wherever it occurs, and to insert in lieu thereof, "*Be it enacted*;" and the amendment was read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Richard H. Wilde, made a report accompanied by a bill to authorize the settlement of the account of James Wilde; and the report and bill were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading.

Mr. Sanford, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a resolution directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina; and the resolution was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Sanford submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions inquire into the propriety of granting a pension to George Bell.

Mr. Ruggles submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on military affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, for clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufactures.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Dickerson asked and obtained leave to introduce a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States; and the resolution was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Leake submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on public lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the several laws providing for the disposal of public lands, as to divide the fractions into quarter sections, where the same is practicable; and to authorize the sale of fractions in quarter sections, in the same manner as the other lands of the United States.

And also where lands have reverted to the United States for nonpayment, to direct the sale thereof again at public sale, upon the same terms and conditions of all other public sales, unless the same shall have been sold, within six months after such reversion, at private sale, for a price not less than that, for which it had before been sold.

On request, Mr. Tichenor had leave to withdraw the motion submitted by him, on the 30th ultimo, for instructing the committee on the judiciary, to inquire into the expediency of changing the present judicial system of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 1st instant, "That the committee on finance, be instructed to inquire into

the expediency of prohibiting the exportation of the gold, silver, and copper coins of the United States;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the report of the committee on the judiciary, on the memorial of Matthew Lyon, of Eddyville, in the state of Kentucky.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof, be further postponed until to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Daggett asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the removal of the library of Congress, to the north wing of the capitol;" and also a resolution declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of George Stone, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Lacock, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Brown, made report, accompanied by the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Lacock from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Luce Cottineau, also made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That she have leave to withdraw her petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. King presented the memorial of the governors of the New York Hospital, relative to distressed American seamen, relieved by that institution; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, entitled "An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendment to the resolution authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the resolution was read a third time, as amended.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3d, 1818.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk.

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed an enrolled bill, and also an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate, for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate, to the resolution authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act granting to Mehitabel Cole, the lands therein mentioned;" and a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned, were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill, and the enrolled resolu-



tion last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, of the 16th of April last, in relation to the offices of the customs, which it may be proper to suppress; and,

The report, together with the accompanying documents were read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Gabriel Godfroy, of Michigan territory, praying compensation for the destruction of his property, during the late war with Great Britain; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Mary Cassin, of South Carolina, praying payment of arrearages of certain soldiers pay, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Jacksonsburgh, in the county of Wayne, to the county seat for Randolph county, state of Indiana.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit to the Senate, copies of such of the documents referred to in the message of the 17th of last month, as have been prepared since that period. They contain a copy of the reports of Mr. Rodney, and Mr. Graham, two of the commissioners to South

America, who returned first from the mission, and of the papers connected with those reports. They also present a full view of the operations of our troops employed in the Seminole war in Florida.

It would have been gratifying to me, to have communicated with the message, all the documents referred to in it, but as two of our commissioners, from South America, made their reports, a few days only before the meeting of Congress, and the third, on the day of its meeting, it was impossible to transmit, at that time, more than one copy of the two reports first made.

The residue of the documents, will be communicated as soon as they are prepared.

JAMES MONROE.

*December 2d, 1818.*

The message and accompanying documents were read.

The following written message was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 25th of last month, requesting to be furnished with such information as may be possessed by the executive, touching the execution of so much of the first article of the late treaty of peace and amity between his Britannic Majesty and the United States, as relates to the restitution of slaves, and which has not heretofore been communicated, I lay before the Senate, a report made by the Secretary of State on the 1st instant, in relation to that subject.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, December 2d, 1818.*

The message and accompanying report were read.

The bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the report of the committee on the judiciary, on the memorial of Matthew Lyon, of Eddyville, in the state of Kentucky; and,

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof, be further postponed until Monday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1818.

The honorable William Hunter, from the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, arrived the 3d instant, and attended this day.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred the petition of John G. Brown, made a report, accompanied with the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Fuller, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That he have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had on the third instant, laid before the President of the United States, the enrolled bill and the enrolled resolution, last reported to have been examined, and that they had examined and found correctly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War;" and also the resolution, authorizing the transmission of certain documents, free of postage.

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountain," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Matthew Barrow; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Wilson submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a joint committee of the two Houses of Congress, be appointed to consider and report, whether any, and, if any, what further provisions by law, are necessary to insure despatch, accuracy, and neatness in the printing done by order of the two Houses respectively; and that they have leave to report by bill.

Mr. Lacock submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the message of the President and documents relative to the Seminole war, be referred to a select committee, who shall have authority, if necessary, to send for persons and papers.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That five hundred copies of the message of the President of the United States, of the 2d instant, together with the documents relative to the Seminole war, be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, on the 3d instant, approved and signed, "An act to provide for the removal of the library of Congress to the north wing of the Capitol."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Lacock submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That no paper or document shall hereafter be printed for the use of the Senate, but by special order, except messages from the President of the United States, or communications from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Mellen presented the petition of John G. Brown, praying the passage of an act, to authorize the payment of a forfeiture remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Mellen,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill further to suspend for a

Limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure, in completing the payment thereon; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 2d instant, "That the committee on military affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, for clothing the army of the United States, in domestic manufactures;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 2d instant, "That the committee on pensions, inquire into the propriety of granting a pension to George Bell;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 2d instant, for instructing the committee on public lands, to inquire into the expediency of amending the several laws, providing for the disposal of public lands; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resume the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of George Stone; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States on the 3d instant, approved and signed, a resolution declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed an enrolled bill, and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate, for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill, and enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

The honorable Ninian Edwards, and the honorable Jesse B. Thomas, respectively appointed Senators by the legislature of the state of Illinois, produced their credentials, which were read, and the oath prescribed by law, was administered to them; and they took their seats in the Senate.



On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Resolved*, That the Senate proceed to ascertain the classes in which the Senators of the state of Illinois, shall be inserted, in conformity to the resolution of the 14th of May, 1789, and as the constitution requires.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary put into the ballot box, two papers of equal size, numbered 1 and 3, each of the said Senators, shall draw out one paper. The Senator who shall draw No. 1, shall be inserted in the class of Senators, whose term of service will expire; on the 3d of March, 1819; and the Senator who shall draw No. 3, in the class of Senators, whose term of service will expire on the 3d of March, 1823.

Whereupon,

The numbers abovementioned were, by the Secretary, rolled up and put into the box; when Mr. Edwards, drew No. 1, and is accordingly of the class of Senators, whose terms of service will expire on the 3d of March, 1819; and Mr. Thomas drew No. 3, and is accordingly of the class, whose terms of service will expire on the 3d of March, 1823.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Brown; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Luce Cottleau; and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until the second Monday in January next.

The bill further to extend the judicial system of the United States, was read the second time; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Monday next,

The bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker, was read the second time.

The bill to authorize the settlement of the account of James Wilde, was read the second time.

The resolution directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, was read the second time.

The resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in Congress of the United States, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Edwards, Mr. King, Mr. Barbour, and Mr. Macon, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act granting to Mehitabel Cole, the lands therein mentioned;" was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark," was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution to erect a monument over the remains of the late general George Washington, where they now lie, together with the amendment reported thereto by a select committee; and the amendment having been agreed to;

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

It was agreed, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That the message from the President of the United States, of April 20, 1818, received at the last session, together with the rules, regulations and instructions, for the naval service, prepared by the Board of Navy Commissioners, in obedience to an act of Congress, passed 7th of February, 1815, entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a Navy Department by adding thereto a Board of Commissioners," transmitted therewith, be referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 1818.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to resolution of the Senate, of the 15th of April last, requiring him to procure from the bank of the United States, sundry statements of its concerns and transactions, and to lay them before the Senate; which was read.

The President also communicated a letter from John Gardiner, presenting the Senate, maps of the Alabama territory; and of the military bounty lands in the Missouri territory; and the letter was read.

Mr. Daggett communicated the following resolutions of the legislature of the state of Connecticut, which were read:

*At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, held at Hartford, in said State, on the second Thursday of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.*

*Resolved by this Assembly*, That for the purpose of choosing

representatives in the Congress of the United States, each state shall, by its legislature, be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of representatives to which such state may be entitled: The districts shall be formed of contiguous territory, and contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the constitution to be represented. In each district the qualified voters shall elect one representative, and no more. That for the purpose of appointing electors for the President and Vice President of the United States, in each district entitled to elect a representative in the Congress of the United States, the persons qualified to vote for representatives, shall appoint one elector, and no more. The additional two electors to which each state is entitled shall be appointed in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct. The electors when convened, shall have power, in case any of them appointed as above prescribed shall fail to attend for the purposes of their said appointment, on the day prescribed for giving their votes for President and Vice President of the United States, to appoint another, or others, to act in the place of him or them so failing to attend.

Neither the districts for choosing representatives, nor those for appointing electors, shall be altered in any state until a census and apportionment of representatives under it, subsequent to the division of the states into districts, shall be made. The division of states into districts hereby provided for, shall take place immediately after this amendment shall be adopted, and ratified as a part of the constitution of the United States; and successively, immediately afterwards, whenever a census and apportionment of representatives under it shall be made. The division of each state into districts, for the purposes both of choosing representatives and of appointing electors, shall be altered agreeable to the provisions of this amendment, and on no other occasion.

*Resolved*, That our Senators in the Congress of the United States be instructed, and our representatives requested, to endeavor to obtain the said amendment to the constitution of the United States.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor of this state, be requested to forward a copy of the preceding resolution to each of our

Senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States, and also to the governors of the several states, with a request, that the same may be laid before their respective legislatures, for their consideration and adoption.

A true copy of record.

Examined by

THOMAS DAY, *Secretary.*

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, presented the petition of merchants, traders, and inhabitants of St. Stephens, in the Alabama territory, praying to be made a port of entry; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrill presented the petition of David Stephens, of Ohio, praying the privilege of re-entering a certain quarter section of land for the original consideration; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson presented the petition of Solomon Provost, praying compensation for property taken for the use of the army of the United States; the petition of Noel Destrahan, for and in behalf of the heirs of E. Macarty, praying indemnification for property destroyed during the late war; and also the petition of Peter Lacoste, praying indemnification for the loss of slaves, taken away by the British during the late war; and the petitions were respectively read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered,* That they be severally referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved,* That the committee on military affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law, authorizing the the President of the United States to take provisional possession of East Florida, or of such parts of it, as he may deem essential, now



or hereafter to control the Indians, and to prevent them from committing hostilities against the citizens of the United States.

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had on the 5th instant, laid before the President of the United States, the enrolled bill and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the judiciary, on the memorial of Matthew Lyon; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed until to-morrow.

The bill for the relief of Matthew Barrow was read the second time.

The bill further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure, in completing the payment thereon, was read the second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further to extend the judicial system of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; and,

Mr. Barbour having submitted a motion to recommit the bill to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States on the 5th instant, approved and signed “An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War;” and also a resolution, authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 4th instant, for the appointment of a joint committee, to consider and report, whether any further provisions by law are necessary, in relation to the printing done by order of Congress; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 4th instant, “That the message of the President and documents relative to Seminole war, be referred to a select committee, who shall have authority, if necessary, to send for persons and papers;” and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 4th instant, “That no paper or document shall hereafter be printed, for the use of the Senate, but by special order, except messages from the President of the United States, or communications from the House of Representatives;” and agreed thereto.

The bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution to erect a monument over the remains of the late general George Washington, where they now lie; and,

On motion by Mr. Hanson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until this day fortnight.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker; and,

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until this day fortnight.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on finance, to whom was referred the petition of John G. Brown; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Fuller; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That he have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the settlement of the account of James Wilde; and,

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be recommitted to the committee of claims, further to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution, directing the survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina; and the same having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountain;" and,

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until this day fortnight.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1818.**

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of

the Treasury, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 18th of April last, referring the reports of the commissioners for the districts east and west of Pearl river, in West Florida, relative to land claims, together with the memorials, petitions, and other papers addressed to the Senate upon the same subject, to the Secretary of the Treasury, and directing him to report a plan to the Senate at their next session, for the adjustment of the claims to lands in said districts, accompanied by a draught of a bill for that purpose; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Macon presented the petition of John D. Hamilton, and others, of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post route; and the petition was read,

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the post office and post roads, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, to authorize the settlement of the account of James Wilde, reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Wilson, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Chapman, collector of the customs for George Town District, in the state of South Carolina, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Sanford, from the committee on commerce and manufactures, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to increase the compensation of the surveyor of the port of Patuxet, in Rhode Island; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Burrill gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill, respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee, reported the resolution di-

recting a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, correctly engrossed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 3d instant, "That the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Jacksonsburch, in the county of Wayne, to the county seat for Randolph county, state of Indiana;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Matthew Lyon, of Eddyville, in the state of Kentucky, praying reimbursement of a certain fine, imposed in the year 1798, at the suit of the United States, together with the costs, and other losses attending the same, to wit: "That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted."

Whereupon,

Mr. Crittenden submitted the following motion as an amendment:

*Resolved*, That all persons, who were prosecuted and fined under and by virtue of the second section of the act of Congress, commonly called the sedition law, approved the 14th day of July, 1798, and entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,'" ought to be reimbursed, and indemnified out of the public Treasury, to the amount of the fines imposed upon, and paid by them, respectively.

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

It was agreed to take the question by yeas and nays; and,  
After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time, the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1818.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the director of the mint, giving the result of sundry assays made of the several species of foreign gold and silver coins made current in the United States, by an act



of Congress, passed the 29th of April, 1816; and the letter and report were read.

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate, and that they be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 4th instant, for referring to a select committee, the message of the President, and documents relative to the Seminole war; and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.

The Senate resumed the motion of the 7th instant, for instructing the committee on military affairs, to inquire into the expediency of passing a law, authorizing the President of the United States, to take provisional possession of East Florida.

Whereupon,

Mr. Johnson asked, and obtained leave to withdraw said motion; and,

He submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States, be requested to lay before the Senate, copies of the correspondence between the government of the United States, and the government of Spain, relative to the session of the Floridas to the United States, which has not already been communicated, and which, in his opinion, may be communicated with safety to the public interest.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Burrill asked, and obtained leave, to introduce a bill, respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Chapman, collector of the customs for the George Town District, in the state of South Carolina; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consid-

eration of the bill, to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges, together with the motion to recommit the bill with instructions; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Smith,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Matthew Lyon, of Eddyville, in the state of Kentucky, praying reimbursement of a certain fine, imposed in the year 1798, at the suit of the United States, together with the costs, and other losses attending the same, together with the amendment proposed thereto; and,

The proposed amendment having been amended, by striking out the words, "*reimbursed and;*"

On the question to agree to said proposed amendment, as amended,

It was determined in the negative, yeas 17, nays 20.

It having been previously agreed, to take the question by yeas and nays, those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Stokes,
Crittenden,	Morrow,	Talbot,
Edwards,	Palmer,	Thomas,
Eppes,	Roberts,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Forsyth,	Ruggles,	Wilson.
Lacock,	Sanford,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Smith,
Daggett,	King,	Storer,
Eaton,	Leake,	Taylor,
Fromentin,	Mellen,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Morrill,	Van Dyke,
Hanson,	Noble,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Hunter,	Otis,	

Whereupon,  
In concurrence with the said report,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of William Barton;” a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of William King;” a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of the heirs of Adolphus Burghart, deceased;” and also a bill, entitled “An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and to make good a deficit in the appropriation for holding treaties with the Indians;” in which bills, they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have concurred in the resolution of the Senate, for the appointment of a joint committee, to consider and report whether any further provisions by law, are necessary, relative to the printing done by order of Congress, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolution last mentioned; and,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Lacock, and Mr. Burrill, be the committee on their part.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The four bills last brought up for concurrence, were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The engrossed resolution directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate, resumed as in committee of the whole, the consid-

eration of the bill for the relief of Matthew Barrow; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,]

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure, in completing the payment thereon; and,

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act respecting invalids;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Lewis," and a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Brown;" in which bills, they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1818.

Mr. Otis presented the memorial of the representatives of the yearly meeting of the friends of New England, representing the condition of the Indian natives, within and near the United States, and praying the fostering aid of the government; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to Indian affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Otis also presented the petition of Joseph Marquand, collector of the customs, for the port of Newburyport, praying additional compensation for services performed; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Noble presented the memorial of Jonathan Parker, and others, inhabitants of the states of Indiana and Ohio, praying an extension of the act of March, 1817, to suspend the sale or forfeiture of lands; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The three bills last brought up yesterday for concurrence, were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 9th instant, requesting a copy of the correspondence relative to the session of the Floridas to the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until this day four weeks.

The bill to increase the compensation of the surveyor of the port of Patuxet, in Rhode Island, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Barton," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William King," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Adolphus Burghart," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for



the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and to make good a deficit, in the appropriation for holding treaties with the Indians;" was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, to authorize the settlement of the account of James Wilde, together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee of claims; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House, amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark;" and,

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until Wednesday next.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, to whom was referred the memorial of the governors of the New York hospital, relative to distressed American seamen, relieved by that institution; and the report was read.

On motion by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That the said report, together with the memorial, be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee, reported the bill for the relief of Matthew Barrow, correctly engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until Monday next.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 1818.

The honorable Charles Tait, from the state of Georgia, arrived on the 10th instant, and attended this day.

Mr. Mellen submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation now by law, allowed to the postmaster at Kennebec, in the district of Maine.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of William Robertson, of the city of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, praying for an addition to his pension; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of John H. Clarke, a purser in the navy of the United States, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the eighth instant, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, of the 18th of April last, of a plan for the adjustment of the claims to land in the districts east and west of Pearl river, in West Florida, together with a draught of the bill for that purpose, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Tait presented the memorial of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Alabama territory, praying admission into the Union, as a state; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Tait, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, be the committee.

Mr. Hunter presented the petition of Thomas Arnold, of Rhode Island, praying payment of the commutation, provided by law, for the officers serving in the revolutionary war, and erroneously surrendered by the petitioner, from a mistake of the law; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act granting to Mehitabel Cole, the lands therein mentioned," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Barton," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation, for the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand

eight hundred and nineteen, and to make good a deficit in the appropriation for holding treaties with the Indians;" reported the same without amendment; and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

It was read a third time by unanibus consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the motion of the 4th instant, for referring to a select committee, the message of the President of the United States, and documents relative to the Seminole war; and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof, be further postponed until Monday next.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning invalids," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Lewis," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Brown," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, to increase the compensation of the surveyor of the port of Patuxet, in Rhode Island; and no amendment having been thereto, the President reported it to the House; and the blank having been filled with "two hundred;"

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, to authorize the settlement of the account of James Wilde, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof, be "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of James Wilde,"

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Shubael Conant, praying the remission of certain duties upon goods, transported from New York to Detroit, by the way of Canada; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

It was agreed, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1818.

Mr. Tait presented the memorial of M. B. Forsyth, and others, inspectors for the port and district of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, praying some further provision to be made for them; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon,

Mr. Sanford submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary, inquire what provisions may be necessary, to give effect to the laws of the United States, in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Leake presented the memorial of the Mississippi conven-



tion, praying an extension of the limits of that state; and also the memorial of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Alabama territory, against the said extension; and the memorials were respectively read.

On motion by Mr. Leake,

*Ordered*, That they be severally referred to the committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Alabama territory, praying to be admitted into the Union, as a state, to consider and report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Nicholas Perkins, of Nashville, in the state of Tennessee, praying to be confirmed in his title to a certain tract of land in the Alabama territory; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tait presented the memorial of Andrew Jackson, and others, proprietors of land, in the northern district of the Alabama territory, praying the adoption of measures, by Congress, for the improvement of the navigation of the Tennessee river at the Muscle Shoals; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tait presented the memorial of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Alabama territory, praying certain amendments to their judicial system; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the motion, for referring the message of the President of the United States, and documents relative to the Seminole war, to a select committee; and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof, be further postponed until Wednesday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 11th instant, "That the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation now by law allowed to the postmaster at Kennebunk, in the district of Maine;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of James H. Clarke, a purser in the navy of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That the report, together with the petition, be recommended to the committee of claims, further to consider and report thereon.

The bill respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure, in completing the payment thereon.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until Thursday next.

Mr. Noble, reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act concerning the western district Court of Pennsylvania;" and also the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and to make good a deficit in the appropriation for holding treaties with the Indians."

Mr. Eaton submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to inquire if any, and what amendments are necessary, to the present existing laws, the more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States.

Mr. King submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee of finance, be, and are hereby, instructed, to inquire into the expediency of such alteration in the laws concerning the coasting trade, as shall authorize ships and vessels of twenty tons and upwards, licensed to trade between the

different districts of the United States, to carry on such trade between the said districts, in the manner, and subject only to the regulations, required to be observed in carrying on trade from district to district, in the same state, or from a district in one state, to a district in the next adjoining state.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Barton;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported the bill to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act granting to Mehitabel Cole, the lands therein mentioned;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported the bill to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The engrossed bill for the relief of Matthew Barrow, was read a third time,

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to increase the compensation of the surveyor of the port of Patuxet, in Rhode Island, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to increase the compensation of the surveyor of the port of Patuxet, in Rhode Island."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. King presented the petition of Thomas Ludlow Ogden, of the city of New York, in behalf of himself and others, praying compensation and indemnity, for the use and occupation of certain real estate near Sackett's Harbour, by the troops of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1818.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House Representatives, having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate, for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have appointed a committee on their part, conformably with the provisions of the resolution, for the appointment of a joint committee, to inquire and report, upon the subject of the public printing.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning widows of the militia;" and also a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money, among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren;" in which bills, they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned, were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the two enrolled bills, last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was re-committed the report of said committee, on the petition of James H. Clarke, a purser in the navy of the United States, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Stokes submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on post offices and post roads be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the town of Fredericksburg, by Cartersville, Cumberland court house; Prince Edward court house, Charlotte court house, and Halifax court house, in Virginia; by the towns of Milton, Salisbury, and Charlotte, in North Carolina, by Mason's ferry, to York court house, Pinckneyville, Union court

house, Lawrence court house, Swansey's ferry, and Abbiville court house, in South Carolina; and by Petersburg, Washington, Hamilton, and Sparta, to Milledgeville, in Georgia.

Mr. King presented the memorial of Aquilla Giles, who was a major in the revolutionary army, stating that in December, 1782, he received a warrant from the War Office, drawn on the paymaster general of the army, for five hundred dollars, being the amount of pay due him for that year, which was not paid, the paymaster not having funds, and praying the passage of an act, authorizing the officers of the Treasury, to pay the same, together with interest thereon; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 14th instant, "That a committee be appointed, to inquire if any, and what amendments are necessary, to the present existing laws, the more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States;" and agreed thereto; and,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Eaton, Mr. Burrill, Mr. Smith, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Horsey, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last appointed, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 14th instant, "That the committee on the judiciary, inquire, what provisions may be necessary, to give effect to the laws of the United States, in the state of Illinois;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 14th instant, for instructing the committee of finance, to inquire into the expediency of altering the laws concerning the coasting trade, and agreed thereto.

Mr. Dickerson, from the committee, to whom was referred the resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice



President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States, reported the same with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions, be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of Caleb Austin.

Mr. Fromentin submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on military affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the right to a bounty in lands, to the soldiers who were enlisted to serve in the company of bombardiers, sappers and miners, and in the corps of ordnance.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Barton," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act granting to Mehitabel Cole, the lands therein mentioned," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit to the Senate, copies of the remainder of the documents referred to in the message of the 17th of last month.

JAMES MONROE.

*December 15th, 1818.*

The message and accompanying documents were read.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Marquand, collector of the customs for the port of Newburyport; and the report was read.

Mr. Edwards presented the petition of John Rice Jones, of the territory of Missouri, praying compensation for services rendered, as interpreter and translator to the board of commissioners, appointed under the act of Congress, of 20th February, 1812, for the revision of former confirmations, and for confirming certain claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Alexander Macomb, praying to be confirmed in his title to certain islands situate at the mouth of the river Detroit; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1818.

Mr. Sanford submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee of commerce and manufactures, consider and report, what provisions may be proper, for obtaining more accurate statements of the annual exports and imports of the United States.

Mr. Lacock submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States, be requested to lay before the Senate, copies of the correspondence between the government of the United States, and the government of Spain, relative to the Seminole war, and the execution of Arbuthnot and Ambrister; and also copies of the correspondence between the government of the United States, and general Andrew Jackson, on the subject of the destruction of the Chehaw village, and the conduct of captain Wright, on that occasion; together with copies of the correspondence of this government, with governor Rabun, of Georgia, on that subject, or such part thereof, as in the opinion of the President, may be communicated with safety to the government.

Mr. King presented the memorial of the Religious Society of Friends, in the state of New York, and parts adjacent, respecting the Indians; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee, to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to Indian affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the motion of the 4th instant, for referring to a select committee, the message of the President, and documents relative to the Seminole war; and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until Friday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 15th instant, "That the committee on pensions, be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of Caleb Austin;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 15th instant, for instructing the committee on the post office and post roads, to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Fredericksburg, to Milledgeville, in Georgia, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 15th instant, for instructing the committee on military affairs, to inquire into the expediency of extending the right to a bounty in lands, to certain soldiers therein mentioned; and agreed thereto.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren;" was read the second time.

On motion by Mr Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning widows of the militia," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of James H. Clarke, a purser in the navy of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Storer,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges, together with the motion to recommit the bill with instructions; and,

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until Wednesday next.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Louis and Antoine Dequindre, and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Eppes, from the same committee, communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, with a statement, giving a comparative view of the duties which have accrued upon imports and tonnage, during the two first quarters of the years 1817 and 1818, which were read; and,

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark;" and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and,

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 29, nays 6.

On motion by Mr. Smith,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Stokes,
Crittenden,	King,	Storer,
Dickerson,	Leake,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Mellen,	Taylor,
Edwards,	Morril,	Thomas,
Forsyth,	Morrow,	Tichenor,
Fromentin,	Otis,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Gaillard,	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Horsey,	Ruggles,	Wilson.
Hunter,	Sanford,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Eppes,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Roberts,
Lacock,	Noble,	Smith.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in Congress of the United States, together with the amendment reported thereto by a select committee; and the amendment having been agreed to;

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, the first Monday in January next, and that it be printed, as amended, for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Noble reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 15th instant, laid before the President of the United States, the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1818.

Mr. Morrow presented the memorial of the representatives of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Baltimore, for the western



shore of Maryland, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respecting the Indian tribes, bordering on the western and northwestern frontiers of the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to Indian affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee of finance, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others, formerly owners of the ship *Ariadne*, and her cargo, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought *not* to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Alabama territory, praying for certain amendments in their judicial system, made a report; which was read.

Mr. Burrill, from the same committee, reported a bill, prescribing the mode of commencing, prosecuting, and deciding controversies between two or more states; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Burrill, from the same committee, reported a bill for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Illinois; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Eaton presented the memorial of the receiver and register of the land office at Huntsville, in the Alabama territory, praying a revision of the act of the 20th of April, 1818, entitled "An act for changing the compensation of the receivers and registers of the land offices," and that it may be so altered, as to allow them sufficient compensation for their services; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 16th

instant, "That the committee of commerce and manufactures consider and report what provisions may be proper for obtaining more accurate statements of the annual exports and imports of the United States;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 16th instant, for requesting of the President of the United States, copies of certain documents, relative to the Seminole war; and the same having been modified, was agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States, be requested to lay before the Senate, copies of the correspondence between this and the government of Spain, and any of her officers, with the officers of this government in relation to the Seminole war, and the execution of Arbuthnott and Armbrister, with the orders which authorized major general Jackson to advance into Florida; also copies of the correspondence between this government and major general Jackson, on the subject of the destruction of the Chehaw village, and the conduct of captain Wright, on that occasion, with governor Rabun's correspondence, or such parts thereof, as may be communicated with a view to public safety.

The bill for the relief of Louis and Antoine Dequindre, was read the second time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States on the 16th instant, approved and signed, "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1819, and to make good a deficit in the appropriation for holding treaties with the Indians;" and also, "An act concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania."

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers, who died, or were killed, in the late war;" a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company, to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of the Potomac, between eleventh and twelfth streets east, in the city Washington;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish," and a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel H.

Harper;" in which bills, they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The four bills last mentioned, were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payment thereon.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark," correctly engrossed.

Mr. Wilson, from the joint committee on the subject of the public printing, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That when any printing is done by virtue of a joint rule or resolution of the two Houses, the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and when ordered by either House, the Secretary and Clerk respectively, be authorized and required to employ such printer or printers, as will most expedite its execution, and allow him or them the same prices now allowed to the printer employed by the said Secretary and Clerk, giving the latter *the preference*, when it shall be *practicable* for him to execute and deliver it as soon as it can be done by any other printer or printers.

The report and resolution were read, and agreed to.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1818.

The President communicated the petition of the "Saint Andrew's Society of the City of Charleston," in the state of South Carolina, praying the remission of duties on a set of chandeliers imported for the use of said society; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Daggett.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tait, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to enable the people of the Alabama territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Wilson submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the subject of the slave trade, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law "to prevent the transportation of slaves, or servants of color, from any state, to any other part of the United States, in cases where, by the laws of such state, such transportation is prohibited."

Mr. Morrill submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee for the District of Columbia be requested to inquire into the expediency of making some further provision by law, for preventing and extinguishing fires, which may happen in this city.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That five hundred copies of the message of the President of the United States, of the 15th instant, together with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 4th instant, for referring to a select committee the message from the President, and documents, relative to the Seminole war; and,

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

The same having been amended, was agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the message of the President, and documents, relative to the Seminole war, be referred to a select committee, who shall have authority, if necessary, to send for persons and papers: That said committee, inquire relative to the advance of the United States' troops into West Florida; whether the officers in command, at Pensacola and St. Marks were amenable to, and under the control of Spain; and particularly, what circumstances existed, to authorize or justify the commanding general in taking possession of those posts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lacock, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. King and Mr. Burrill, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to extend, for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans, of the officers and soldiers who died, or were killed in the late war;" was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company, to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of the Potomac, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, east, in the city of Washington," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Illinois, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

The bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark," was read a third time as amended.



*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of finance, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others, formerly owners of the ship *Ariadne*, and her cargo.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Alabama territory, praying certain amendments in their judicial system; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payment thereon.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That James Pike have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. King submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on public lands be, and hereby are, instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the laws concerning the sale of the public lands, that from and after the — day — credit shall not be given on such sales, but the public lands shall be sold for money only.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Joseph Marquand, collector of the customs for the port of Newburyport, praying additional compensation, together with the report of the Secretary of the Treasury

thereon, be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, for the relief of Louis and Antoine Dequindre; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported the bill to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1818.

Mr. Lacock presented the memorial of a number of citizens of the United States, residing in New York and Pennsylvania, praying a revision and amendment of the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place, within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, 1808;" and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th instant, "to inquire if any, and what, amendments are necessary to the present existing laws, the more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States;" to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hunter presented the memorial of Christopher Fowler, of New Port, in the state of Rhode Island, surviving administrator of the estate of Samuel Fowler, deceased, praying indemnification for certain final settlement certificates as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lacock presented the petition of Charles Higgins, contractor for the supply of rations to the United States' troops, stationed within the state of Pennsylvania, stating that the sum of two thou-

sand dollars, had been illegally paid to Jared Irwin, and debited to him, on the books of the War Department, and praying relief; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of John Troop, of New York, who was owner of a certain ship, called the New York, with her cargo, which has been libelled and condemned as forfeited to the United States, in violation of the nonintercourse laws, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Storer presented the petition of Abner Greenleaf, of Portsmouth, in the state of New Hampshire, praying an additional allowance for brass and copper foundery and plumbing work, furnished for the United States' ship Washington, built at the navy yard at Portsmouth, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Storer,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the public lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the "act to enable the people of the Indiana territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states," as to authorize the legislature of the state of Indiana, at their discretion, to locate the lands granted to the said state, for the purpose of fixing their seat of government, in quarter sections and fractions.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Brown;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Adolphus Burghart;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William King;" and also the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Lewis;" reported the same severally without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the communications from the Secretary of the Treasury, to the committee of claims, relative to the said four bills, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning widows of the militia;" and also the bill, entitled "An act to extend, for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers, who died or were killed in the late war," reported the same severally without amendment.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Aquilla Giles; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Arnold, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the report, together with the communications from the Secretary of the Treasury relative thereto, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, comprehending the statements relating to the internal duties and direct tax, required by the 33d section of the act of Congresss, of the 22d July, 1813; and the report was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 18th instant, for instructing the committee on the subject of the slave trade, to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, to prevent the transportation of slaves, or servants of color, from any state, to any other part of the United States, in certain cases; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 18th instant, "That the committee for the District of Columbia, be required to inquire into the expediency of making some further pro-

vision by law, for preventing and extinguishing fires in this city;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 18th instant, for instructing the committee on public lands, to inquire into the expediency of altering the laws concerning the sale of public lands; and agreed thereto.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions inquire into the propriety of placing Martha Whitmore, upon the pension list, and that the documents and papers in relation to her claim be referred to said committee.

The bill, to enable the people of the Alabama territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states, was read the second time.

Mr. Daggett submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," approved on the 18th of March, 1818, as that lieutenants of marines, acting under a warrant, shall be considered as entitled to the provision therein made for lieutenants of the navy, acting under a commission.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of finance, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others, formerly owners of the ship *Ariadne*, and her cargo.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in January next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of James H. Clarke, a purser in the navy of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Storer,

To amend the resolution reported by the committee, so as to



read "*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted."

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

It was agreed to take the question by yeas and nays; and,  
After debate,

On motion by Mr. Storer,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in January next.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, comprehending statements of the sales of public lands, during the year 1817, and the three first quarters of the year 1818; and the report was read.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payment thereon; and,

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Alleghany mountain."

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, with the letter and proceedings of the delegation in the Virginia assembly, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Illinois, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Illinois."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Louis and Antoine Dequindre, having

been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Louis and Antoine Dequindre."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of William Morgan;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Doctor Mattrom Ball;" a bill, entitled "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels;" and a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The said four bills were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution, to erect a monument over the remains of the late general George Washington, where they now lie; and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22d, 1818.

Mr. Tait, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the distribution of a

sum of money, among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren," reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 21st instant, to instruct the committee on public lands, to inquire into the expediency of amending the act, authorizing a state constitution in Indiana; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 21st instant, to instruct the committee on pensions to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of the 18th of March, 1818, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" and agreed thereto.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the memorial of John Davis, and others, praying to be invested with the power, to make a turnpike road from the City of Washington, to the boundary line of the District of Columbia, in the direction to Rockville, Maryland; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Aquilla Giles was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Doctor Mattrom Ball," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act directing the payment of certain bills, drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of William Morgan," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Arnold; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until this day three weeks.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states; and,

After progress,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23d, 1818.

Mr. Ruggles presented the memorial of the representatives of the Religious Society of Friends, in the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, praying the adoption of measures, for the civilization and improvement of the Indians; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to Indian affairs, to consider and report thereon, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of John Clark, of York, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for services ren-

dered during the revolutionary war, as stipulated and agreed upon by the Board of Treasury of the United States, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the petition of Michael Hogan, of the city of New York, praying indemnification for damages sustained by him, in consequence of the use and occupation of a valuable house, belonging to him, in the village of Utica, by a detachment of United States' troops, on their march from Buffalo to Sackett's Harbor, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Talbot presented the memorial of the inhabitants of the county of Macomb, in the territory of Michigan, praying a delegate in Congress, to represent said territory; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of William Bell, of Ohio, praying the confirmation of his title to a piece of land therein described; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble, reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Barton;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark;" and also the bill, entitled "An act granting to Mehitabel Cole, the lands therein mentioned."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives,



having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to to the Senate, for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner, and Nathaniel H. Heath;" and also a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year eighteen hundred and nineteen;" in which bills, they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the three enrolled bills, last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of John Rice Jones, and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Lacoste, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on public lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting by law, to the state of Mississippi, certain portions of the public lands, for the seat of government, and for the support of seminaries of learning, within the said state.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of N. Amory, and others, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that they have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

The bill, prescribing the mode of commencing, prosecuting and deciding controversies, between two or more states, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states; and,

On motion by Mr. Leake,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, to provide for the convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; and,

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in January next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, for failure, in completing the payment thereon; and,

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Brown;" and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Adolphus Burghart;" and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William King;" and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Lewis;" and,

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning widows of the militia;" and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Tuesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers, who died, or were killed in the late war;" and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Tuesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren;" and,

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Aquila Giles; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 1818.

Mr. Sanford presented the memorial of the New York Society, for promoting the manumission for slaves, and for protecting such of them, as have been, or may be liberated; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th instant, to inquire if any, and what amendments are necessary to the present existing laws, the more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States," to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrill presented the petition of Daniel Merrill, praying compensation for his services during the revolutionary war; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Stokes, from the committee on the post office and post roads, who were instructed by a resolution of the 14th instant, to "inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation by law allowed to the postmaster of Kennebunk, in the District of Maine;" made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient at this time, to increase the compensation allowed by law to the postmaster at Kennebunk, in the District of Maine.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year eighteen hundred and nineteen," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner, and Nathaniel H. Heath," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 23d instant, for instructing the committee on public lands, to inquire into the expediency of granting by law to the state of Mississippi certain portions of the public lands for certain purposes; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill prescribing the mode of commencing, prosecuting and deciding controversies between two or more states; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in January next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker; and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the Senate, information relative to the effect of an act to suspend for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, of the 18th of April last, upon the receipts into the Treasury, and the probable effect, by continuing in force the act aforesaid for one year, with a condition "that if the purchasers complete their payments on or before the expiration of the period aforesaid, interest shall only be required on the instalments due, from the time that they became due until paid.



On motion by Mr. Sanford,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The bill for the relief of John Rice Jones, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Aquila Giles, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Aquila Giles."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Lacoste; and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1818.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the petition of Richard J. Jones, praying compensation for certain property destroyed by the enemy during the late war with Great Britain; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," reported the same with amendments; which were read,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Robertson for an addition to his pension, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be

referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions, inquire into the propriety of granting a pension to Michael Bannon.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Martha Whitmore, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and,

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition and documents.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the committee on pensions, who were instructed to inquire into the propriety of granting a pension to Gerge Bell, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and,

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his documents.

Mr. Forsyth presented the petition of Samuel J. Axson, a surgeon in the revolutionary army, praying the half pay and land, to which he states himself to be entitled; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Forsyth,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of Jacob Whetzel, of Franklin county, in the state of Indiana, praying compensation for his expenses in voluntarily opening a road in said state; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. King gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Samuel Ward.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Forrest, of the City of Washington, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest; and,

The report and bill were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Brookville to Vernon, from thence to Brownstown, and Salem, and from thence to Geneva, state of Indiana.

Mr. Noble reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 24th instant, laid before the President of the United States, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act granting to Mehitabel Cole, the lands therein mentioned;" the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark;" and also the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Barton."

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States;*

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of the 17th instant, I transmit to that House, a report from the Secretary of State, with the papers and documents accompanying it.

JAMES MONROE.

*December 28th, 1818.*

The message and accompanying documents were read.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee, to whom was referred on the 18th instant, the message of the President and documents relative to the Seminole war, to consider and report thereon; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That five hundred copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, on the petition of Peter Lacoste; and,

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the post office and post roads, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation by law allowed to the postmaster of Kennebunk, in the District of Maine; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That it is *inexpedient* at this time to increase the compensation by law allowed to the postmaster of Kennebunk, in the District of Maine.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states; and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of the American Convention for promoting the abolition of slavery, and improving the condition of the African race; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed the 15th instant, to inquire into the necessity of amending the laws, the more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker; and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in March next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or

forfeiture of lands for failure, in completing the payment thereon; and,

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Brown;" and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Adolphus Burghart;" and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the second Monday in March next.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William King;" and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the second Monday in March next.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Lewis;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren;" and,

On motion by Mr. Tait,



*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution to erect a monument over the remains of the late general George Washington, where they now lie; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of John Rice Jones; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Leake submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to William R. Chamblis.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, presented the petition of John B. Timberlake, praying provision for an equitable adjustment of his accounts, as purser, with the Navy Department; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1818.**

Mr. Ruggles presented the memorial of the representatives of the Religious Society of Friends in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and

the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, representing the condition of the African race, and praying amendments to the acts of Congress therein referred to; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th December, to inquire if any, and what amendments are necessary to the existing laws, the more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States; to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tichenor presented the petition of Daniel Pettibore, praying the renewal of a patent, issued in the year 1806, for his improvements in the art of forming edge tools; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Tichenor,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, Mr. King, Mr. Daggett, and Mr. Tichenor, be the committee.

Mr. Roberts submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on naval affairs, be and they are hereby, instructed to inquire whether the rules, regulations and instructions for the naval service of the United States, communicated to the Senate, by the message of the President of the 20th of April last, are conformable to the provisions of the act, entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a Navy Department, by adding thereto a board of commissioners;" and whether, or not, they inconveniently interfere with other acts of Congress relating to the naval establishment; and how far they may appear to be expedient; and also whether any, and if any, what legislative provision may be necessary to give them the force and effect of law.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted yesterday, "that the committee on pensions, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of of granting a pension to William R. Chamblis;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted yesterday, "that the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route

from Brookville to Vernon, from thence Brownstown and Salem, and from thence to Geveva, state of Indiana;" and agreed thereto.

The bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest, was read the second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers, who died, or were killed in the late war; and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning widows of the militia;" and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," together with the amendments reported thereto, by the committee on pensions.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The bill for the relief of John Rice Jones, was reported by the committee correctly engrossed, and read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of John Rice Jones."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. King asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of Samuel Ward; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased," was read the third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Lewis;" was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

The said bill was amended by unanimous consent.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 1818.

Mr. Lacock presented the memorial of a number of citizens of the United States, residing at Carlisle, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying an amendment of the laws, to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th instant, to inquire if any, and what amendments are necessary to the existing laws, the more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States," to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Mark and Conant, of Detroit, praying reimbursement of a certain sum of money, advanced by them to promote the public service during the late war with Great Britain, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tichenor presented the memorial of Paul Beck, junr. and Thomas Sparks, of the city of Philadelphia, manufacturers of shot, praying an additional duty on imported shot, for reasons stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Tichenor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Forsyth presented the petition of Joseph Thorn, a citizen of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, praying the remission of certain duties paid, and the actual expense incurred by him, in the prosecution of his claim, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Forsyth,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble, reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Lewis;" and also the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased."

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Troop, of New York, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Tait, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Abner Greenleaf, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post offices and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Lawrenceburgh, state of Indiana, to Petersburg and Burlington, state of Kentucky.

Mr. Tait submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on naval affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law, the purchase of



live oak timber, suitable for building sloops of war, or other small vessels necessary for the naval service.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 29th instant, for instructing the committee on naval affairs, relative to the rules, regulations, and instructions for the naval service of the United States, communicated to the Senate by the message of the President of the United States of the 20th of April last; and agreed thereto.

The bill for the relief of Samuel Ward, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, on the 28th instant, approved and signed “An act for the relief of major general John Stark;” “An act granting to Mehitabel Cole, the lands therein mentioned;” and also “An act for the relief of William Barton.”

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the resolution which originated in the Senate, directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina.

They have concurred in the amendment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of William B. Lewis.”

They have passed a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Harold Smyth;” a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker;” a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Sampson S. King;” a bill, entitled “An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory;” and also the bill, entitled “An act to authorize the payment, in certain cases, on amount of Treasury notes which have been lost or destroyed;” in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1818.

On request,

Mr. Goldsborough, had leave to withdraw the report of the committee of claims, on the petition of Joseph Troop, of New York.

Mr. King presented the petition of Augustus Sacket, praying compensation for certain property destroyed by the enemy, during the late war with Great Britain; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lacock presented the petition of Rees Hill, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Storer moved to reconsider the vote on postponing the further consideration of the bill, for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker, until the first Monday in March next; and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—I am directed to announce to the Senate, the death of the honorable George Mumford, late a member of the House of Representatives, from the state of North Carolina, and that his funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Senate will attend the funeral of the honorable George Mumford, late a member of the House of Re-

representatives, from the state of North Carolina, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock; and as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, they will go into mourning, and wear a black crape round the left arm for thirty days.

On motion by Mr. King,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1819.

Mr. Sanford, from the committee on commerce and manufactures, to whom was referred the memorial of Nicholas Brown, and Thomas P. Ives, of Providence, in the state of Rhode Island, made a report; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office and post roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of empowering the post-master general to contract for the transportation of the mail of the United States in steam boats.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I lay before the Senate, a report from the Secretary of State, accompanied with a copy of a letter from governor Rabun, which was not communicated on a former occasion from that Department.

JAMES MONROE.

*January 4th, 1819.*

The message and accompanying documents were read.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee, to whom was

referred on the 18th of last month, the message of the President and documents relative to the Seminole war, to consider and report thereon; and that five hundred copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, presented the petition of Frederick C. Warnack, agent for the heirs of his uncle Frederick C. Warnack, deceased, who served as a lieutenant colonel of a corps of engineers, in the Virginia line, during the revolutionary war; and in consideration of his services, was entitled under the laws of the state of Virginia, to six thousand acres of land, which his heirs, being aliens, cannot inherit, and praying relief from Congress; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of a number of citizens of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, praying an amendment of the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States;" and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th of last month, to inquire if any, and what amendments are necessary to the present existing laws, the more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States; to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of Robert Sewall, praying compensation for a house, which, with the furniture therein, was destroyed by the enemy, on their invasion of the City of Washington, in August, 1814, in consequence of it having been converted into a military fortress, as stated in the petition; which was read:

On motion by Mr. Hanson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tichenor submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before the Senate, as soon as may be, a statement of the effective force *now*

composing the military establishment of the United States: Also a statement of the different posts and garrisons, at and within which troops are stationed, and the *actual number* of officers, noncommissioned officers and privates at each post and garrison respectively: Also to designate in such statement the number of artillerists, and the number and calibre of ordnance, at each of the said posts and garrisons.

Mr. Tait, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the petition of William Robertson, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Mellen submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the District of Columbia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of surrounding the *capitol square* with a *stone side walk*, of a suitable width for foot passengers, and having the same completed before the meeting of the next Congress.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 30th of last month, "That the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Lawrenceburg, state of Indiana, to Petersburg and Burlington, state of Kentucky;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 30th of last month, "That the committee on naval affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law, the purchase of live oak timber, suitable for building sloops of war, or other small vessels, necessary for the naval service;" and agreed thereto.

The five bills brought up on the 30th of last month for concurrence were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion, made on the 31st of last month, to reconsider the vote of the Senate on postponing the further consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker until the first Monday in March next; and,

On the question to agree thereto.

It was determined in the negative.



The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on finance, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others; and,

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Lacoste; and,

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday, the 18th instant.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of James H. Clarke, a purser in the navy of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Abner Greenleaf; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, at it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; and,

The question recurring on the following motion submitted by Mr. Barbour:

“Resolved, That the bill be recommitted to the committee that brought it in, with instructions so to amend it as to abolish the circuit courts, and transfer their jurisdiction to the district courts, to authorize an appeal directly from such courts, to the supreme court and enlarge the right of appeal, by reducing the amount on which that right may be exercised.”

It was determined in the negative, yeas 11, nays 23.

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Taylor,
Dickerson,	Sanford,	Thomas,
Lacock,	Smith,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Macon,	Stokes,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Palmer,
Daggett,	Johnson,	Storer,
Eaton,	King,	Tait,
Edwards,	Leake,	Talbot,
Fromentin,	Mellen,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Morril,	Van Dyke,
Goldsborough,	Morrow,	Williams, <i>of Ten</i>
Horsey,	Otis,	

After further progress,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time, the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1819.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Troop, of New York, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the memorial of the Presidents of the Marine Insurance Companies of the City of Baltimore, praying the improvement of the navigation of the river Patapsco, and of the Chesapeake Bay; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of John Buchanan, and Hugh Milling, officers in the revolutionary war, praying grants of lands in the Alabama territory, in lieu of those granted them in the state of Ohio; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated the memorial of Benjamin H. Latrobe, late surveyor of the public buildings in the City of Washington, in vindication of his professional character; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the District of Columbia, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Hunter presented the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of New Port, Rhode Island, praying amendments to the act to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th of last month, to inquire if any, and what, amendments are necessary to the present existing laws, the more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States; to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford, from the committee on commerce and manufactures, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to provide relief for sick and disabled seamen; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, to whom was referred the memorial of the governors of the New York hospital, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the committee on pensions, who were instructed to inquire into the propriety of granting a pension to Michael Bannon, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and,

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That he have leave to withdraw his papers.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Doctor Mottrom Ball," reported the same with an amendment.

Mr. Otis gave notice, that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill, to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper," reported the same without amendment.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of the army register of this date, for each member of the Senate, conformably to a resolution of the Senate, of December 15th, 1815; and the letter was read.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Harold Smyth," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment, in certain cases, on account of Treasury notes, which have been lost or destroyed," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sampson S. King," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 4th instant, for instructing the committee on the District of Columbia, to inquire into the expediency of surrounding the *capitol square*, with a stone side walk, for foot passengers; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 4th instant, for information respecting the military establishment of the United States; and the same having been amended, was agreed to as follows:

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States, be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, as soon as may be, a statement of the effective force now composing the military establishment of the United States: Also a statement of the different posts and garrisons, at, and within which, troops are stationed, and the actual number of officers, noncommissioned officers and privates, at each post and garrison respectively: Also to designate in such statement, the number of artillerists, and the number and calibre of ordnance, at each of the said posts and garrisons.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the com-



mittee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of James H. Clarke, a purser in the navy of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Storer,

The resolution having been amended; it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

On motion by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That the committee of claims, be instructed to report a bill accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the petition of William Robertson; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next, and that the Secretary of the Senate, be authorized to furnish the circuit court for the District of Columbia, with the papers filed therewith, to be used in evidence, in a suit pending in said court.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; and,

After further progress,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit to Congress, a proclamation dated the 22d of last

month, of the convention made and concluded at Madrid, between the plenipotentiaries of the United States, and his catholic majesty, on the 11th of August, 1802; the ratifications of which, were not exchanged until the 21st ultimo, together with the translation of a letter from the minister of Spain, to the Secretary of State.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 4th January, 1819.*

The message and accompanying documents were read.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting fifty copies of the naval register for the use of the Senate of the United States, in compliance with their resolution of the 13th of December, 1815; and the letter was read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill prescribing the mode of commencing, prosecuting, and deciding controversies between two or more states; and,

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Brown;" and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in:

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states, together with a proposed amendment; and,

After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning to which time, the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1819.

The honorable Daniel D. Tompkins, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate, attended, and took the chair.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of the American Convention, for promoting the abolition of slavery, and improving the condition of the African race; and the memorial was read.

Mr. Ruggles presented the memorial of a number of inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying amendments to the laws, to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th of last month, to inquire if any, and what, amendments are necessary to the present existing laws, the more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles also presented the petition of a number of inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying an extension of the time for completing the payments for public lands, purchased by them, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

Mr. Noble reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the resolution directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Whetzell, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to a resolution of the 24th ultimo, directing him to lay before the Senate, information relative to the effect of an act, to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, of the 18th of April last, upon the receipts into the Treas-

sury, and the probable effect by continuing in force the act aforesaid for one year, with a certain condition; and the report was read.

On motion by Mr. Gaillard,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of last session, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" so as to provide for a more certain and uniform rule of taking testimony, and more effectually to guard against abuses that may be committed under the said act.

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes; reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Burrill, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill further to extend the judicial system of the United States; reported the same without amendment.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Otis asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Troop, of New York; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; and the bill having been further amended, and a motion being made to recommit it with instructions:

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Brown," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia;" a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Provident association of clerks in the civil Department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia;" a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the corporation of the City of Washington, to open and extend certain streets in said city, through a public reservation;" and a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President and managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, of the state of Maryland, to extend and make their turnpike road to, or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said district to the line thereof;" and also a resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics, to be deposited in the library; in which bills and resolution, they request the concurrence of the Senate.



And he withdrew.

The four bills and resolution last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time, the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1819.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Higgins, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the said report, together with accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, pursuant to instructions, reported a bill for the relief of James H. Clark; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Daggett presented the petition of William Prout, of the City of Washington, praying payment for certain property in said city, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, presented the petition of Elizabeth B. H. Forsyth, widow of colonel Benjamin Forsyth, praying the extension of the term, to which the act, granting pensions to the

widows and orphans of deceased officers and soldiers was limited; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountain," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on commerce and manufactures, to whom was referred the memorial of Nicholas Brown and Thomas P. Ives, of Providence in the state of Rhode Island; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday, the 25th instant.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Whetzell; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on finance, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others, formerly owners of the ship *Ariadne* and her cargo; and,

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred a resolution of the 2d of last month, directing an inquiry into the expediency of making provision by law, for clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufactures, made a report, that it is inexpedient to make any provision by law on this subject; and the report was read.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the corporation of the City of Washington, to open and extend certain streets in said city, through a public reservation," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President and managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company of the state of Maryland, to extend, and made their turnpike road to, or from the boundary of the City of Washington in the District of Columbia, through the said district to the line thereof," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the civil Department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics, to be deposited in the library; was read the second time.

The bill to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents; was read the second time.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory," reported the same with an amendment, which was read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill prescribing the

mode of commencing, prosecuting, and deciding controversies between two or more states; and,

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; and,

On the question to agree to the following motion submitted yesterday, by Mr. Roberts:

"That the bill be recommitted to the committee who reported it, with instructions to provide in lieu of the provisions of the bill for the appointment of two additional district judges in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, who with the district judges, now in commission, shall hold the circuit court in those states, with the jurisdiction those courts now exercise."

It was determined in the negative, yeas 9, nays 29.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Sanford,
Dickerson,	Noble,	Smith,
Lacock,	Roberts,	Taylor,

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Horsey,	Mr. Ruggles,
Crittenden	Hunter,	Storer,
Daggett,	Johnson,	Tait,
Eaton,	King,	Talbot,
Edwards,	Leake,	Thomas,
Forsyth,	Mellen,	Tichenor,
Fromentin,	Morril,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Morrow,	Williams, of Miss.
Goldsborough,	Otis,	Williams, of Ten.
Hanson,	Palmer.	

Mr Roberts having submitted another motion to recommit the bill to the committee who reported it, with instructions:

On motion by Mr. Forsyth,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Goldsborough gave notice, that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill, supplemental to an act, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1819.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of Eli Hart, praying compensation for property destroyed by the enemy during the late war with Great Britain; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford presented the memorial of Joseph Landon, praying compensation for property destroyed by the enemy during the late war with Great Britain; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford also presented the petition of Vincent Grant, praying compensation for property destroyed by the enemy during the late war with Great Britain; and the petitions was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith presented the memorial of Elihu Hall Bay, of South Carolina, praying to be confirmed in his title to certain tracts of land in the Alabama territory; and the memorial was read.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the memorial of John Mason, and others, praying the repeal of an act of Congress, exempting the



City of Washington from taxation for county purposes; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson presented the petition of the heirs and executors of John O'Conner, praying to be confirmed in their claim to a certain tract of land on Buffalo Creek in the state of Mississippi; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 9th of last month, "That the President of the United States, be requested to lay before the Senate, copies of the correspondence between the government of the United States and the government of Spain, relative to the cession of the Floridas to the United States, which has not already been communicated, and which in his opinion, may be communicated with safety to the public interest;" and,

On request,

Mr. Johnson had leave to withdraw the same, the object having been attained, by a transmission of said correspondence on the 28th of last month.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on military affairs, on the subject of clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufactures; and,

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on public lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill to provide for sick and disabled seamen, was read the second time.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Goldsborough asked and ob-

tained leave to bring in a bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges, together with the motion to recommit the bill with instructions; and,

On motion by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The bill for the relief of James H. Clarke, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution to erect a monument over the remains of the late general George Washington, where they now lie; and,

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

"That it be recommitted to the committee to whom it was referred on the 30th November, 1818, with instructions to report a bill appropriating money for the erection of an equestrian statue of general Washington, in conformity with the resolution of Congress, in 1783."

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 30, nays 6.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hovey,	Mr. Sanford,
Burrill,	Hunter,	Stokes,
Crittenden,	Johnson,	Storer,
Daggett,	King,	Tait,
Eaton,	Leake,	Talbot,
Edwards,	Macon,	Taylor,
Forsyth,	Mellen,	Thomas,
Fromentin,	Morril,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Otis,	Van Dyke,
Goldsborough,	Palmer,	Williams, of Miss.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Lacock,  
Morrow,

Mr. Noble,  
Roberts,

Mr. Ruggles,  
Smith.

Mr. Talbot, from the committee on finance, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sampson S. King," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

The President communicated three several annual reports from the Secretary of the Navy, to viz: comprehending contracts made by the Navy Commissioners, showing the names and salaries of clerks employed in that office, and on the expenditure and application of moneys; and the reports were respectively read.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That they be severally referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon; and that they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President communicated a letter from William Lambert, transmitting fifty copies of a work, entitled Abstracts of Calculations to Ascertain the Longitude of the Capitol, in the City of Washington, from the Greenwich Observatory in England, for the disposition of the Senate; and the letter was read.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of John Buchanan and Hugh Milling, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Morrow presented the memorial of the legislature of the Missouri territory, in relation to pre-emption claims, and the extension of the same; and also the memorial of George Gill, and others;

praying the right of pre-emption to certain lands; and the memorials were respectively read.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That they be severally referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1819.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee for the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President and managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, of the state of Maryland, to extend and make their turnpike road to, or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said district, to the line thereof," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia;" reported the same with amendments, which were read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the civil department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Barbour called up the memorial of Richard Bland Lee, commissioner under the claims' law, presented at the last session, praying additional compensation for his services; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of William N. Perry, and Mark Burnett, praying to be confirmed in their title to a certain tract of land; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of sundry citizens of Murfreesborough, Tennessee, praying for the establishment of certain mail routes, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the post office and post roads, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford, from the committee on commerce and manufactures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels," reported the same with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Sanford submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the attorney general procure and lay before the Senate, at the commencement of their next session, accurate lists of all causes, which may be depending on the ——— day of ——— in the several district and circuit courts, and in the supreme court of the United States; distinguishing therein, civil and criminal cases; suits between citizens of different states; suits to which the United States are parties, stating separately suits for duties; original causes, and causes removed by appeal or writ of error; with the times of the commencement of the suits, in the several courts; and such other statements or explanations, as may appear to him proper, to exhibit the actual state and amount, of the business depending in the several courts.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Noble reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 9th instant, laid before the President of the United States, the two enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, on the petition of Lucy Cottineau, and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That she have leave to withdraw her petition.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the com.



mittee on finance, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others; and,

On motion by Mr. Talbott,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Otis submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, any information in his possession, and which, in his opinion, the public interest may permit to disclose, relating to the seizure and detention of the property of American citizens, by the government of the Island of Hayti, and the state of any negotiation or attempts at negotiation to procure restitution.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of John Buchanan and Hugh Milling, and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Daggett presented the memorial of a number of citizens of the United States, residing at Hartford, Connecticut, praying amendments to the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th of last month, on the subject, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on military affairs, on the subject of clothing the army of the United States, in domestic manufactures.

Mr. Ruggles having submitted a motion to recommit the report, with instructions "to report a bill to authorize and require the Secretary at War, to supply the army of the United States, with clothing of domestic manufacture, in all cases where the same can be procured of suitable quality, and on terms equal (exclusive of the cost of transportation,) to that of foreign manufacture."

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states; and,

On the question to agree to the following amendment, proposed by Mr. Leake:

After the word "*the*," in the ninth line of the second section, strike out the remaining part of the ninth line, and the first part of the tenth line, to the word "*to*," in the said tenth line, and insert: "*Cotton Gin Port on Tombigbee river; thence down the same, to the Mobile Bay; thence through the same, between Mobile Point and Dauphine Island.*"

It was determined in the negative, yeas 3, nays 32.

On motion by Mr. Leake,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Leake,	Mr. Williams, of Miss.
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Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Sanford,
Burrill,	King,	Smith,
Crittenden,	Lacock,	Stokes,
Daggett,	Macon,	Tait,
Dickerson,	Mellen,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Morril,	Taylor,
Eppes,	Morrow,	Thomas,
Forsyth,	Otis,	Tichenor,
Fromentin,	Palmer,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Roberts,	Williams, of Ten.
Horsey,	Ruggles,	

Whereupon,

Mr. Leake moved to strike out of the tenth line of the second section, the words "*due south*," and insert, "*along the line established by an act of the assembly of the Mississippi territory, between the*

counties of *Wayne, Green and Jackson, on the one side, and the counties of Washington, Baldwin and Mobile, on the other side;*" and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative, yeas 3, nays 32.

On motion by Mr. Leake,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Leake,            Mr. Williams, *of Miss.*    Mr. Williams, *of Ten.*

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Roberts,
Burrill,	Johnson,	Ruggles,
Crittenden,	King,	Sanford,
Daggett,	Lacock,	Smith,
Dickerson,	Macon,	Stokes,
Eaton,	Mellen,	Tait,
Eppes,	Morril,	Talbot,
Forsyth,	Morrow,	Taylor,
Fromentin,	Noble,	Thomas,
Gaillard,	Otis,	Van Dyke.
Horsey,	Palmer.	

The bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in:

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr Crittenden,

*Ordered,* That the bill prescribing the mode of commencing, prosecuting, and deciding controversies between two or more states, be recommitted to the committee on the judiciary, further to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1819.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of the Religious Society of Friends, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and part of Maryland, representing the condition of the Indian Tribes, and praying for their improvement; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee, to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to Indian affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of Alexander M. Cormick, of the City of Washington, praying indemnity for losses sustained by the destruction of his property by the invading enemy in August, 1814, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. King presented the petition of Nathan Ford, of the state of New York, praying compensation for property lost during the late war with Great Britain, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. King

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Crittenden presented the petition of Jacob Purkhill, of Kentucky, praying compensation for the loss of a negro man, pressed into the service of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of the states of Ohio and Indiana praying the extension of the time allowed for payments of public lands, for reasons stated in the memorial; which was read.

Mr. Storer presented the petition of John A. Dix, a lieutenant in the army of the United States, praying compensation for extra services, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Storer,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of John Haslett, of the City of Charleston, praying the remission of penalties by him innocently incurred on the importation of thirty-six puncheons of rum in the brig Margaret, captain Halm, from Porto Rico, in July, 1812, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill prescribing the mode of commencing, prosecuting, and deciding controversies between two or more states; reported the same with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Clark, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of John Clark; and the report and bill were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading; and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Tichenor submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, a statement, showing the measures that have been taken to collect the balances, stated to be due from the several supervisors and collectors of the *old* direct tax of two millions: Also a similar statement of the balances due from the officers of the *old* internal revenue, and to designate in such statement, the persons who have been entrusted with the collection of said debts, and the sums by them respectively collected, and the time when the same were collected.



The bill to enable the people of the Alabama territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill providing for a grant of land for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state; and the bill was read.

*Ordered* That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Arnold; and,

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 11th instant, for information touching our relations with the government of the Island of Hayti; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 11th instant, for information in relation to the business depending in the courts of the United States; and the same having been modified:

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The bill for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans, was read the second time.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 5th instant, requesting me "to cause to be laid before it, a statement of the effective force composing the military establishment of the United States: Also a statement of the different posts and garrisons, at and within which, troops are stationed, and the actual number of officers, noncommissioned officers and privates, at each post and garrison respectively: Also, to designate in such statement, the number of artillerists, and the number and calibre of ordnance, at each of the said posts and garrisons," I transmit a report from the Secretary of War, which, with the documents accompanying it, contains all the information required.

JAMES MONROE.

*January 11th, 1819.*

The message together with the accompanying documents were read.

The bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington," was read the second time.

The bill supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; and,

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payment thereon:

On motion by Mr. Noble,

To amend the bill, by inserting after the word "*states*" in the tenth line, the following:

"And that on the instalments which are, or may become due before the 31st day of March, 1820, interest shall not be charged, except from the time they became due until paid; but in failure to pay the said instalments, on the said 31st of March, 1820, interest shall be charged thereon, in conformity with the provisions heretofore in force, from the date of the purchase."

It was determined in the negative, yeas 7, nays 29.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Ruggles,	Mr. Thomas
Morril,	Taylor,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Noble,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Horsey,	Mr. Roberts,
Burrill,	Hunter,	Sanford,
Crittenden,	Johnson,	Smith,
Daggett,	King,	Stokes,
Dickerson,	Lacock,	Storer,
Eaton,	Leake,	Talbot,
Forsyth,	Macon,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Mellen,	Van Dyke,
Goldsborough,	Morrow,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Hanson,	Otis,	

And no amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, on the 8th instant, approved and signed, “An act for the relief of William B. Lewis;” and also, “An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased.”

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Frederick Brown.”

They have passed a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey;” a bill, entitled “An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year eighteen hundred and nineteen;” and also a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Daniel Moss;” in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The said three bills were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President communicated a report of the commissioners of the navy pension fund, containing statements in relation to that fund, made in obedience to the “Act for the better government of the United States;” and the report was read.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled “An act to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers, who died, or were killed in the late war;” and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled “An act concerning widows of the militia;” and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper;" and,

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Doctor Mot-trom Ball," together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee of claims; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House, amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in:

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1819.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the corporation of the City of Washington, to open and extend certain streets," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Absolom Litt, praying the passage of an act to enable him to enter a section of land, in lieu of one erroneously made, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of William Langston, praying a pension, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,



*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from York court house, in South Carolina, by Fullenwidiers' store, at Gorden's old place, to Lincolnton, and thence to Morganton, in North Carolina.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Bland Lee, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted. The report and resolution were read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 12th instant, for information in relation to the measures that have been taken to collect the balances stated to be due from the several supervisors and collectors of the old direct tax of two millions, and of the balances due from the officers of the old internal revenue; and agreed thereto.

The bill for the relief of John Clark, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Moss," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year eighteen hundred and nineteen," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals; and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics to be deposited in the library; and the same having been amended, the President reported it to the House, accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure, in completing the payment thereon, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure, in completing the payment thereon."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Doctor Mottrom Ball," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States; and the same having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in:

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 28, nays 11.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Lacock,	Mr. Smith,
Crittenden,	Macon,	Stokes,
Dickerson,	Mellen,	Storer,
Eaton,	Morril,	Talbot,
Edwards,	Morrow,	Thomas,
Fromentin,	Noble,	Tichenor,
Goldsborough,	Otis,	Van Dyke,
Hunter,	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Johnson,	Sanford,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
King,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Ruggles,
Daggett,	Horsey,	Tait,
Eppes,	Leake,	Taylor.
Forsyth,	Roberts,	

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, comprehending statements of the expenditure and application of all such sums of money as have been drawn from the Treasury by the Secretary of War, from the 1st of October, 1817, to the 30th of September, 1818, inclusive, conformably to "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," passed the 3d of March, 1809; and the report was read.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1819.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military

affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of John A. Dix; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Brown;" and also the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Doctor Mottrom Ball."

Mr. Forsyth submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prescribing by law, the mode of quartering soldiers, during war in the houses of citizens, when the public exigencies may make it necessary, and the mode by which private property may be taken for public use; designating particularly, by whose orders property may be taken, the manner of ascertaining its value, and the mode by which the owner shall receive with the least possible delay, the just compensation for the same, to which he is entitled by the constitution of the United States.

Mr. Sanford submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That in lieu of the nineteenth of the standing rules of the Senate, the following shall henceforth be one of the standing rules of the Senate.

"All bills on a second reading, shall first be considered by the Senate in the same manner as if the Senate were in committee of the whole, before they shall be taken up and proceeded on by the Senate, agreeably to the standing rules, unless otherwise ordered.

"And when the Senate shall consider a treaty, bill, or resolution as in committee of the whole, the Vice President, or President pro tempore, may call a member to fill the chair during the time the Senate shall remain in committee of the whole; and the chairman so called, shall, during such time, have all the powers of Vice President or President pro tempore."

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Bland Lee, and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 13th instant, for instructing the committee on the post office and post

roads, to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road in South Carolina; and agreed thereto.

Mr. Johnson presented the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of Louisiana, praying the confirmation of certain titles to lands therein, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tait, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of John B. Timberlake; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges; and,

On the question to agree to the following motion submitted by Mr. Roberts:

“That the bill be recommitted to the committee who reported it, with instructions to provide in the bill for the appointment of one or more additional justices of the supreme court; and so to alter the present divisions of the United States into circuits, as to provide for the more speedy administration of justice in the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana, Indiana, Mississippi and Illinois.”

It was determined in the negative, yeas 11, nays 23.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Dickerson,

Mr. Macon,

Mr. Smith,

Eppes,

Noble,

Stokes,

Forsyth,

Roberts,

Taylor.

Lacock,

Sanford,

Those who voted in the negative, are



Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Ruggles,
Burrill,	Johnson,	Storer,
Crittenden,	King,	Tait,
Daggett,	Leake,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Mellen,	Thomas,
Edwards,	Morril,	Tichenor,
Fromentin,	Morrow,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Otis,	Williams, <i>of Miss</i>
Goldsborough,	Palmer,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Horsey,		

The bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 25, nays 14.

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Horsey,	Mr. Ruggles,
Crittenden,	Hunter,	Storer,
Daggett,	Johnson,	Tait,
Eaton,	King,	Talbot,
Edwards,	Leake,	Tichenor,
Forsyth,	Mellen,	Van Dyke,
Fromentin,	Morrow,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Gaillard,	Otis,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Goldsborough,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Smith,
Dickerson,	Noble,	Stokes,
Eppes,	Palmer,	Taylor,
Lacock,	Roberts,	Thomas,
Macon,	Sanford,	

Mr. Dickerson, from the committee, reported the resolution

proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States, correctly engrossed.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th, 1819.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Samuel Ward; and also the bill entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker," reported the same respectively without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on public lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit, in their claims to a tract of land; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of David Henly, late of Knoxville, Tennessee, praying compensation for a number of arms impressed into the service of the United States, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented the memorial of the Columbian United Abolition Society, praying the passage of an act more effectually to protect persons of color entitled to freedom; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th of last month, on the resolution of the Senate respecting the slave trade, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Daggett presented the petition of James Simpson, American consul at Morocco, praying that he may be allowed for his ser-

vices at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum, with house rent in addition; and the petition was read

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on foreign relations, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Tichenor,

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions, be instructed to report on the expediency of placing John Sargent on the pension list.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate, directing an inquiry as to the propriety of extending the act of the last session relative to revolutionary officers and soldiers, so as to provide for placing the warrant officers in the naval service, on the same footing as to the amount of pension, as other officers in that service; made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Lacock, from the same committee, who were directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of Caleb Austin, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Macomb, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner, so far as it relates to Stoney Island, ought to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amend-

ment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Doctor Mottrom Ball."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the the relief of Benjamin Pool;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Davis;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Adam Kinsley, Thomas French, and Charles S. Leonard;" a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the officers and crews of gunboats No. one hundred and forty nine, and one hundred and fifty four;" a bill, entitled "An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased;" and also a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth," in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The six bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

It was agreed to reconsider the vote of the Senate, on engrossing and passing to a third reading, the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States; and the consideration of the same, having been resumed, as in committee of the whole:

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

"That the resolution be referred to a select committee, with instructions, so to modify it, that in the event of the happening of any of the contingencies in the constitution, by which the election devolves on the House of Representatives, the choice of President shall be made by plurality of votes and not by states."

It was determined in the negative, yeas 6, nays 32.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,  
Eppes,

Mr. Roberts,  
Ruggles,

Mr. Sanford,  
Taylor.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Burrill,  
Crittenden,

Mr. Johnson,  
King,

Mr. Smith,  
Stokes,

Daggett,

Lacock,

Storer,

Dickerson,

Leake,

Tait,

Eaton,

Macon,

Talbot,

Edwards,

Mellen,

Thomas,

Forsyth,

Morril,

Tichenor,

Fromentin,

Morrow,

Van Dyke,

Gaillard,

Noble,

Williams, *of Miss.*

Goldsborough,

Otis,

Williams, *of Ten.*

Hunter,

Palmer,

The resolution having been amended:

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Resolved*, That it be recommitted to a select committee, to consist of five members, further to consider and report thereon; and,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dickerson, Mr. King, Mr. Macon, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Barbour, be the committee.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The amendment to the resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics to be deposited in the library, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the resolution was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, to whom was committed the resolution to erect a monument over the remains of the late general George Washington, where they now lie, with instructions, and in conformity therewith, reported a bill to erect an Equestrian Statue of general Washington, in the capitol square; and the bill was read.



*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 14th instant, for altering and amending the nineteenth of the standing rules of the Senate; and agreed thereto.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1819.

Mr. Gaillard presented the memorial of Archibald B. Lord, and others, in behalf of the officers and crew of the United States cutter Boxer, praying that one-fourth of the proceeds of the brig Diana, and her cargo, libelled and condemned for a violation of the nonintercourse law, may be distributed among them, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Gaillard,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Burrill presented the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of New Bedford, in the state of Massachusetts, praying amendments to the act prohibiting the importation of slaves.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed to consider the subject on the 15th December last.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of Edward Pyle, of Crawford county, state of Indiana, praying permission to withdraw his entry of a section of land, and that the sum paid therefor, may be placed to his credit, on account of a section subsequently entered; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act respecting invalids," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was refer

red the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment, in certain cases, on account of Treasury notes, which have been lost or destroyed," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Eppes, from the same committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Joseph Thorne; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Macon communicated attested copies of two acts of the legislature of the state of North Carolina, entitled "An act for removing logs, shoals, and other impediments in the Tar river, below the town of Washington, in the county of Beaufort; and for other purposes;" and "An act to amend an act, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, entitled 'An act for removing logs, shoals, and other impediments in the Tar river, below the town of Washington, in the county of Beaufort, and for other purposes,'" requesting the consent of the Congress thereto; and also the report of the select joint committee of the legislature of that state, to whom was referred so much of the governor's message as relates to the decision of the supreme court of the United States on the claim of that state, to perfect titles to certain lands within the state of Tennessee; and the acts and report were read.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred the petition of John Haslett, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The resolution was read.

Mr. Eppes, from the same committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the St. Andrews Society of Charleston, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The resolution was read.

Mr. Tichenor, from the committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Daniel Pettibone; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to the "Act of March 3d, 1809, further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," containing the several statements thereby required; and the report was read.

He also communicated a statement exhibiting the amount received by each clerk in the several offices of the Treasury Department, for services rendered during the year 1819; which was read.

The bill providing for a grant of land for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of John A. Dix, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of John B. Timberlake, was read the second time.

The bill to erect an Equestrian Statue of general Washington, in the capitol square, was read the second time.

The bill confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit, in their claim to a tract of land, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Davis," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief Benjamin Pool," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Adam Kinsley, Thomas French, and Charles S. Leonard," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Mellen,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the officers and crews of gunboats No. one hundred and forty-nine, and one hundred and fifty-four," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and the blanks having been filled:

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 22, nays 14.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Storer,
Crittenden,	Johnson,	Tait,
Daggett,	Leake,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Mellen,	Tichenor,
Edwards,	Morrow,	Van Dyke,
Fromentin,	Otis,	Williams, of Miss.
Gaillard,	Ruggles,	Williams, of Ten.
Goldsborough,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Eppes,	Mr. Macon,
Dickerson,	Lacock,	Noble,

Mr. Palmer,  
Roberts,  
Sanford,

Mr. Smith,  
Stokes,  
Taylor,

Mr. Thomas,  
Wilson.

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, on the petition of Peter Lacoste; and,

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1819," reported the same with amendments; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Merrill, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 11th instant, for information in relation to the business depending in the courts of the United States; and the same was agreed to modified as follows:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, at the commencement of their next session, accurate lists of all causes, which may be depending on the first day of September next, in the several district and circuit courts, and in the supreme court of the United States; distinguishing therein, civil and criminal cases; admiralty and maritime cases; suits between citizens of different states; suits to which the



United States are parties, stating separately, suits for duties; original causes, and causes removed by appeal or writ of error; with the times of the commencement of the suits, in the several courts; and such other statements or explanations, as may appear to him proper, to exhibit the actual state and amount of the business depending in those several courts; together with a statement of the fees and emoluments of the marshals, district attorneys, clerks, and other officers of the district and circuit courts for the last two years, and the tables or rules by which such fees have been taxed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Higgins; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1819.

Mr. Sanford presented the memorial of the members of the various Religious Societies, in New York, praying the adoption of such measures as may best promote the security, preservation and improvement of the Indians; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to Indian affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Joseph Thorne, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Daniel Pettibone, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Arnold; and,

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, relative to the extension of the provisions of the act of last session, providing for revolutionary officers and soldiers; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Macomb; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner, so far as it relates to Stoney Island, ought to be granted.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the committee on public lands, be instructed to report a bill accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Merrill; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on finance, to whom was referred the petition of John Haslett; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought *not* to be granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on finance, to whom was referred the memorial of the St. Andrew's Society of Charleston; and,

On motion by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 14th instant, for instructing the committee on the judiciary, to inquire into the expediency of prescribing by law, the mode of quartering soldiers during war, &c.; and,

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next; and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers, who died, or were killed in the late war;" and,

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning widows of the militia;" and,

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," together with the amendments reported thereto, by the committee on pensions; and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819," together with the amendment reported thereto, by the committee on finance; and,

On motion by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Fromentin submitted the following motion for consideration.

*Resolved*, That the rule adopted by the Senate, during the present session, the purport of which, is to prevent the printing of any motion or resolution offered to the Senate, except on special order, be rescinded.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, made in pursuance of the 5th section of the act of the 3d of March, 1809, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," showing the expenditure of moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment, for the year 1818; and the report was read.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1819.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States, the two enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined.

A message, from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, did, on the 19th instant, approve and sign a resolution directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the petition of Francis Le Baron, of New York, praying permission for himself and his associates, to lease for a term of years, from the Chippewa nation of Indians, residing on the south side of Lake Superior, a certain tract of country for the sole purpose of working any copper mines, which he has or may discover thereon, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented the memorial of the general assembly of the state of Indiana, praying the appointment of an additional surveyor general, whose duties shall be confined to the superintendence of the public surveying in that state alone, for reasons set forth in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dickerson presented the memorial and remonstrance of sundry citizens of the United States, residing in the state of New Jersey, praying amendments to the act prohibiting the importation of slaves so as more effectually to prevent their introduction into the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th of December last, on the subject of the slave trade.

Mr. Dickerson also presented the petition of William M. Farland, late a corporal in the ninth regiment of infantry, praying an increase of pension; for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dickerson also presented the petition of Rachael Sturgis, praying that provision may be made for the maintenance and education of the three orphan children of John T. Bentley, formerly a captain in the sixth regiment of infantry, who died in service in the year 1808, whilst under the command of general Wilkinson, in the vicinity of New Orleans, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dickerson also presented the petition of Ann Vreeland, and others, surviving executors of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased,



praying payment for a certificate issued in 1778, to the deceased by Benjamin Thompson, commissioner for the state of New Jersey for 245 dollars and 66 cents, bearing interest from 1st of January, of that year, which was accidentally destroyed; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the public lands, be instructed inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the division of the territories, recently ceded by the Indians in the states of Ohio, and Indiana, into suitable districts, and for the establishment of land offices for the sale thereof.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee of finance, to whom was referred the bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of William Morgan," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Tait, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the officers and crews of gunboats No. 149, and 154," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of B. and P. Jourdan, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers; and the report and bill were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander M. Cormick, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted; and,

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Purkhill, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition; and,

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the three reports last made be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Storer submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on finance be, and hereby are, instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the amount of compensation to certain collectors of the customs, as shall make the same more commensurate with the duties required of them.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, on the propriety of placing Caleb Austin on the pension list; and,

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of finance, on the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett.

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted yesterday by Mr. Fromentin, to rescind a late rule of the Senate, respecting the printing; and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper," was read the third time; and,

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on military affairs, on the expediency of providing by law, for clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufactures,

together with the motion to recommit the same submitted by Mr. Ruggles; and,

On request,

Mr. Ruggles obtained leave to withdraw said motion.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the report, be postponed to the 4th day of March next.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States, be requested to cause a report to be laid before the Senate, at their next session, of such facts as it may be within the means of the government to obtain, showing how far it may be expedient or not, to provide by law, for the clothing of the army with articles manufactured in the United States.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1819.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, on the 19th instant, approved and signed “An act for the relief of Doctor Mottram Ball;” and also “An act for the relief of Frederick Brown.”

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate, to the resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics to be deposited in the library.

They have passed a bill, entitled “An act explanatory of the act, entitled ‘An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri;’” a bill, entitled “An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey;” a bill, entitled “An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne;” a bill,

entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the President and managers of the Washington Turnpike Company of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road to or from George Town, in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof;" and also a bill, entitled "An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of land warrants;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The five bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military affairs, reported a bill for the better organization of the military academy; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Williams also communicated an estimate of the increased expense of the military academy, proposed by said bill; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of James Greene, and company, manufacturers of copperas, in New Jersey, praying an increase of duty on the importation of copperas; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of John Anderson, of the territory of Michigan, praying compensation for property destroyed during the late war, as stated in the petition which was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Taylor presented the memorial of the trustees of the Vincennes University, praying for the sale of the remainder of the seminary lands in Gibson county, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, exhibiting the names of the clerks employed in that Department, and the sums given to each, in the last year; and the report was read.

The President also communicated the petition of Cornelia Schoonmaker, administratrix, and Peter Marius Green, administrator of the estate of Zacchariah Schoonmaker, praying relief in the settlement of the deceased's accounts, as paymaster of the second regiment of United States' volunteer artillery; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Adam Kingsley and Thomas French," reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 19th instant, "That the rule adopted by the Senate during the present session, the purport of which is to prevent the printing of any motion or resolution offered to the Senate, except on special order, be rescinded;" and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics to be deposited in the library.

The President signed the said enrolled resolution, and it was delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions, be instructed to in-



quire into the expediency of placing Peter Francisco on the list of United States' pensioners.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, pursuant to instructions, reported a bill confirming the claim of Alexander Maccomb, to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Macon presented the petition of Benjamin Putney, praying relief on account of his services in the revolutionary war; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrow presented three memorials of a number of the inhabitants of Ohio, praying the adoption of measures for the improvement of the Indians; and the memorials were read.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That they be respectively referred to the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to Indian affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 20th instant, for instructing the committee on finance, to inquire into the expediency of altering the amount of compensation to certain collectors of the customs; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on finance, on the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others; and,

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish," together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee of claims; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in:

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further to extend the judicial system of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

On motion,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1819," together with the amendments reported thereto by the committee on finance; the second amendment having been agreed to; and,

On the question to agree to the first amendment reported as follows: Strike out the 19th, 20th and 21st lines to wit: *For extra pay to noncommissioned officers and soldiers, employed in the construction and repairs of military roads, ten thousand dollars.*"

It was determined in the negative, yeas 18, nays 18.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Leake,	Mr. Smith,
Daggett,	Macon,	Stokes,
Eaton,	Mellen,	Talbot,
Eppes,	Morril,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Palmer,	Williams, of Miss.
Goldsborough,	Roberts,	Williams, of Ten.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Crittenden,	Mr. Lacock,	Mr. Storer,
Dickerson,	Morrow,	Tait,
Forsyth,	Noble,	Taylor,
Fromentin,	Otis,	Thomas,
Hunter,	Ruggles,	Van Dyke,
Johnson,	Sanford,	Wilson.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1819.

Mr. Tait, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1819," reported the same with amendments; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Stokes, from the committee on the post office and post roads, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to repeal part of an act passed on the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the President and managers of the Washington Turnpike Company, of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road to, or from George Town, in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof,'" was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act explanatory of the act, entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri,'" was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Mellen,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers, was read the second time.

The bill confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb, to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan, was read the second time.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of Philadelphia, praying amendments to the act prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th of last month, on that subject, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Michael Hogan; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Roberts, from the same committee, to whom was referred

the petition of Thomas L. Ogden, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Palmer presented the petition of Otho Stephens, of Vermont, praying a pension; and also the petition of Experians Fisk, of Vermont, praying for a pension; and the petitions were severally read.

On motion by Mr. Palmer,

*Ordered*, That they be respectively referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrill, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool," reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on finance, to whom was referred the memorial of the St. Andrew's Society of Charleston; and,

On motion by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee for the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, from the southern termination of Eleventh Street east, in the City of Washington," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Morrow presented the petition of Jacob Cooper, praying relief in consideration of an erroneous entry of a certain quarter section of land, as stated in the petition; which was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander M. Cormick; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the com-



mittee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Purkhill;

Whereupon,

Mr. Crittenden proposed the following as an amendment:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and that the committee of claims, be instructed to bring in a bill for his relief.

On motion by Mr. Macon,

To substitute the following for the latter clause thereof, "that the committee of claims be, and they are hereby, instructed to bring in a bill providing for the payment of slaves lost to their owners, by being impressed into the military service of the United States."

It was determined in the negative, yeas 12, nays 22.

On motion by Mr. Macon,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Eppes,	Mr. Lacock,	Mr. Smith,
Forsyth,	Macon,	Stokes,
Fromentin,	Roberts,	Tait,
Johnson,	Ruggles,	Williams, of Miss,

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Leake,	Mr. Talbot,
Crittenden,	Mellen,	Taylor,
Daggett,	Morril,	Thomas,
Dickerson,	Otis,	Tichenor,
Eaton,	Palmer,	Van Dyke,
Edwards,	Sanford,	Williams, of Ten.
Goldsborough,	Storer,	Wilson.
Hunter,		

The question recurring on Mr. Crittenden's proposition:

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 24, nays 11.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Crittenden,	Mr. Goldsborough,	Mr. Stokes,
Daggett,	Johnson,	Tait,
Eaton,	Leake,	Talbot,
Edwards,	Macon,	Taylor,
Eppes,	Mellen,	Thomas,
Forsyth,	Otis,	Van Dyke,
Fromquain,	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Gaillard,	Sanford,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Storer,
Dickerson,	Roberts,	Tichenor,
Hunter,	Ruggles,	Wilson.
Lacock,	Smith,	

So it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and that the committee of claims be instructed to bring in a bill for his relief.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled “An act supplementary to the act, entitled ‘An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts;’” and also a bill, entitled “An act authorizing the Post Master General to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky;” in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The said two bills were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On request by Mr. Gaillard,

Mr. Smith obtained leave of absence, from and after the 31st of this month, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Macon submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee of claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill, to provide for the payment of slaves impressed into the public service, and lost in the said service.

Mr. Dickerson, from the committee, to whom was referred the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States, reported the same with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Lacock submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure and cause to be printed ——— copies of the documents accompanying the report of a committee of the House of Representatives on the subject of the national bank: Provided, The same can be procured at the usual rate of allowance for printing similar documents.

Mr. Edwards presented the petition of John Hay, and others, citizens of the village of Cahokia, praying the confirmation of the title in fee simple estate of certain land laid off as a common of said village, whereon a town has been laid off, named "Illinois City;" and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Davis," reported the same without amendment.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1819;" and the bill

having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in:

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time, as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance communicated sundry estimates of moneys required for the expenses of the War Department, and military service of the United States for the year 1819; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning, to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1819.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate a copy of the rules and regulations adopted for the government of the military academy at West Point: Also how many cadets have been admitted into the academy; the term of the residence of each cadet, at that institution; and how many of them have been appointed officers in the army and navy of the United States.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Sewall made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee that they had, on the 23d instant, laid before the President of the United States, the resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics to be deposited in the library.

Mr. Wilson presented the memorial of a number of citizens of the United States, residing in the city of Trenton, and state of New Jersey, praying amendments to the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th of last month, on the subject of the slave trade, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the establishment of a district court within the territory of Michigan.

Mr. Roberts submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing all criminal prosecutions and suits in which the United States shall be a party, and the officers of the United States, who commence such suits and prosecutions, under the supervision and direction of the Attorney General; and whether it be expedient to provide for the appointment of an assisstant attorney general, who shall perform the duties of district attorney for the District of Columbia, and such other duties as may be assigned him by law.

Mr. Talbot, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate, to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law the exportation of the gold, silver, and copper coins of the United States, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:



*Resolved*, That it is not expedient for Congress to adopt any regulations for preventing the exportation of the gold, silver, or copper coins of the United States.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That they be printed, together with a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury on that subject, therewith communicated, for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Gaillard presented the petition of Henry Ingraham, and others, praying to be exonerated from the payment of interest on a balance due the government, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Gaillard,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts,'" was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Postmaster General to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats, between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the post office and post roads, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the better organization of the military academy, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Michael Hogan, was read the second time.

The bill to repeal part of an act passed on the twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act regulating the post office establishment,'" was read the second time.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Eppes, from the same committee, communicated sundry documents in relation to the same subject, which were read.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*. That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Edward M. Carty; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, pursuant to instructions, reported a bill for the benefit of Jacob Purkhill; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1819," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819," together with the amendments reported thereto by the committee on naval affairs; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House, amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time, as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of commerce and manufactures, to whom was referred the memorial of Nicholas Brown and Thomas P. Ives, and concurred therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Lacoste; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas I. Ogden; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on finance, to whom was referred the memorial of the St. Andrew's Society of Charleston; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 22d instant, for instructing the committee of claims to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to provide for the payment of slaves impressed into the public service, and lost in the said service; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 22d instant, for printing certain documents; and the same having been amended, was agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure and cause to be printed, five hundred copies of the report and of the documents accompanying the report of a committee of the House of Representatives on the subject of the national bank: Provided, The same can be procured at the usual rate of allowance for printing similar documents.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Ed-

ward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported the bill to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further to extend the judicial system of the United States; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath," together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee of claims; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time, as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported the bill to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consid-

eration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sampson S. King," together with an amendment reported thereto by the committee of claims; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time, as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Mellen submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on finance be instructed to inquire whether it is expedient to make any alteration of, or addition to, the act passed on the 18th of January, 1815, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying expenses of Government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill respecting the location of certain sections of land to be granted for the seat of government, in the state of Indiana; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of William Bell, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of William N. Perry and Mark Barnett, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Lacock presented the petition of James Brady, of Pennsylvania, praying the renewal of two warrants for revolutionary bounty lands, stated to have been deposited by his order, in the land office, and which cannot now be found; and the petition was read.



On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Resolved*, That the committee on military affairs be instructed to prepare and report a bill to regulate the compensation and other allowances made to officers and soldiers employed on fatigue duty.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1819.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of William Edgar and Alexander Macomb, of the city and state of New York, stating that they had in the year 1787, purchased lands belonging to the United States to a large amount, for which they paid into the Treasury thereof, thirty thousand dollars; that being unable to complete their payment on account of said purchase, the said lands reverted to the United States, and the sum thus paid was declared forfeited, praying that this sum may be refunded, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Rees Hill, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Rees Hill; and the report and bill were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee of claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Taylor submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a committee on the post office and post roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Jeffersolle, Indiana, by Greenville, Fredericksburg, Paoli and Washin to Vincennes; and likewise another route from Corydon, by Hunt Sterling, Portersville, Petersburg, and Columbia, to Princen.

Mr. Lacock, of the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Rachael Sturges, made a report, accompanied by the following reution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Lacock, of the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Ot Stephens, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Morrow from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants," reported the same without amendment.

The bill to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces, was read the second time.

The bill for the benefit of Jacob Purkill, was read the second time.

The bill respecting the location of certain sections of lands to be granted for the use of government in the state of Indiana, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of the heirs of Edward M. Carty, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment, in

certain cases, on account of the Treasurytes, which have been lost or destroyed," together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee on finance; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Stokes, from the committee on the post office and post roads, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Post Master General to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats between New Orleans in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sampson S. King," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Edward Pre-

ble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill further to extend the judicial system of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act further to extend the judicial system of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States to cases arising under the law relating to patents."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Resolved*, That the committee on public lands be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what amendments are necessary to be made to the act, entitled "An act for changing the compensation of receivers and registers of the land offices;" and to report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson presented the petition of Ferdinand L. Amelung, captain in the first infantry in the United States' army, praying a proportion of certain prize money arising from seizures for violations of the revenue laws, in the western parts of the state of Louisiana, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Johnson, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Burrill, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, on the 23d instant, approved and signed a resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics to be deposited in the library.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act regulating the payments to invalid pensioners;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Phœbe Stuart;" and a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jouett;" and also a resolution respectfully requesting the Senate to permit two of its members to attend, as witnesses, a select committee of the House; in which bills and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The said three bills and resolution were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountain;" together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee on the judiciary; and the amendment having been agreed to, and the bill having been further amended, the President reported it to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in,

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,



*Ordered*, That the consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee, be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military affairs, pursuant to instructions, reported a bill to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill prescribing the mode of commencing, prosecuting, and deciding controversies between two or more states, together with the amendments reported thereto by the committee on the judiciary; and the amendments having been agreed to;

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

Mr. Tait, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill authorizing the purchase of live oak timber for naval purposes; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1819.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Archibald B. Lord, and others, in behalf of the officers and crew of the revenue cutter Boxer, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Macon, from the committee on foreign relations, communicated three acts of the Parliament of Great Britain, one entitled "An act to consolidate and extend the several laws now in force for allowing the importation of certain goods and merchandise into, and from certain ports of the West Indies," passed the 27th June, 1805; and one, entitled "An act to allow British plantation sugar and coffee, imported into Bermuda in British ships, to be exported to the territories of the United States of America, in foreign ships or vessels; and to permit articles, the production of the said United States, to be imported into the said Island in foreign ships or vessels," passed the 1st July, 1812; and the other, entitled "An act to permit the importation of certain articles into his majesty's colonies or plantations in the West Indies, or on the continent of South America, and also certain articles into certain ports in the West Indies," passed the 23d May, 1818; and the acts were read.

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill, entitled "An act regulating the pay of invalid pensioners," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Mellen,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Phoebe Stuart," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jouett," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office and post roads be instructed to inquire as to the expediency of making an addition-

al allowance to the postmaster at Georgetown, in Sussex county, in the state of Delaware.

The bill for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde, was read the second time.

The bill to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Rees Hill, was read the second time

The bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, was read the second time.

The bill authorizing the purchase of live oak timber for naval purposes was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee on pensions, on the petition of William Bell, and also the report of the same committee on the petition of William N. Perry and Mark Barnett, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The resolution from the House of Representatives, respectfully requesting the Senate to permit two of its members to attend, as witnesses, a select committee of the House, was read the second time and considered.

Whereupon,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Resolved*, That the honorable David Daggett and William Hunter, members of the Senate, have leave to attend a committee of the House of Representatives, appointed to inquire into the official conduct of William P. Van Ness, and Matthias B. Tallmadge, to be examined, touching the subject of said inquiry, agreeably to a resolution of said House, passed on the 26th instant, requesting that such leave may be granted.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on finance, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others, formerly owners of the ship Ariadne, and her cargo; and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined affirmative, yeas 32, nays 4.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Leake,	Mr. Storer,
Crittenden,	Macon,	Tait,
Dickerson,	Morril,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Morrow,	Taylor,
Eppes,	Noble,	Thomas,
Forsyth,	Palmer,	Tichenor,
Fromentin,	Roberts,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Ruggles,	Williams, of Miss.
Goldsborough,	Sanford,	Willims, of Ten.
Johnson,	Smith,	Wilson.
Lacock,	Stokes,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. King,	Mr. Otis.
Daggett,		

So it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment, in certain cases, on account of Treasury notes, which have been lost or destroyed," having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountain," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, on the propriety of placing Caleb Austin on the pension list; and,

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until next Monday week.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Arnold; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Sewall; and in concurrence therewith;

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Tait gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing the President of the United States to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 25th instant, for instructing the committee on the judiciary to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the establishment of a district court within the territory of Michigan; and agreed thereto.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1819.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey;" the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey;" and also the bill, entitled "An act making provision



for the claim of M. de Vienne," reported the same respectively without amendment.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Gabriel Godfroy, of the Michigan territory, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Gabriel Godfroy; and the report and bill were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading, and that the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Tait asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill authorizing the President of the United States to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Eli Hart, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a bill be reported allowing to the petitioner the appraised value of his buildings.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of a number of inhabitants of the county of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying amendments to the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th of last month, on the subject of the slave trade, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts also presented the petition of a number of inhabitants of Chester county, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying the establishment of certain post offices and post roads; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the post office and post roads. to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Cornelia Schoonmaker, widow and administratrix, and Peter Marius Green, administrator of Zacchariah Schoonmaker, deceased, late paymaster of the 2d regiment of United States' volunteer artillery, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Noble reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper;" and also the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish."

The President communicated the credentials of the honorable Walter Lowrie, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next; and they were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 25th instant, for instructing the committee on the judiciary to inquire into the expediency of placing all criminal prosecutions in which the United States shall be a party, under the direction of the Attorney General, and whether it be expedient to provide for the appointment of an assistant Attorney General; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 25th instant, for instructing the committee on finance, to inquire whether it is expedient to make any alteration of, or addition to, the act passed on the 18th of January, 1815, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of Government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 26th instant, for instructing the committee on the post office and post roads to inquire into the expediency of establishing a certain post route; and agreed thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States; together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the resolution to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Daggett, from the committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the petition of William Prout, reported a bill to authorize William Prout to institute a bill in equity before the circuit court for the District of Columbia, against the Superintendent of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Nathan Ford; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of David Henley, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of David Henley; and the report and bill were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading, and that the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of William N. Perry, and Mark Barnett; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of William Bell; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes;

Mr. Gaillard was requested to take the chair; and the bill having been amended, the President resumed the chair, and it was reported to the House amended accordingly, and the amendment being concurred in:

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of State, exhibiting the number of clerks and the amount paid to each, employed in that department, during the year 1818; and the report was read.

Mr. Tichenor gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill prescribing the mode of commencing, prosecuting, and deciding controversies between two or more states;

Mr. Macon was requested to take the chair; and,

After debate,



On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1819.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the case of Peter Francisco, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Mark and Conant, of Detroit, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Cassin, of South Carolina, praying payment of arrearages of certain soldiers' pay, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Eaton, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, reported a bill respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the reports of the committee on pensions, on the petitions of William M. Farland, Rachael Sturges, and Otho Stephens, be postponed until to-morrow, and that they be respectively printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was refer-



red the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts,'" reported the same without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That the committee on finance who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate, to inquire into the expediency of so altering the amount of compensations to certain collectors of the customs as shall make the same more commensurate with the duties required of them, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The bill authorizing the President of the United States to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the third of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Gabriel Godfroy, was read the second time.

The bill to authorize William Prout to institute a bill in equity before the circuit court for the District of Columbia, against the Superintendent of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Nathan Ford, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of David Henley, was read the second time.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Tichenor asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department, and the bill was read the first and second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill prescribing the mode of commencing, prosecuting, and deciding controversies between two or more states;

Mr. Macon was requested to take the chair; and,

The bill having been amended.

On motion, by Mr. Eppes,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 4th of March next.

It was determined in the negative, yeas 14, nays 16.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Stokes,
Eaton,	Mellen,	Tait,
Eppes,	Palmer,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
King,	Roberts,	Wilson.
Lacock,	Sanford,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barrill,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Talbot,
Crittenden,	Leake,	Taylor,
Daggett,	Morrow,	Thomas,
Dickerson,	Noble,	Van Dyke
Goldsborough,	Otis,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Horsey,		

On motion by Mr. Otis.

It was agreed, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1819.

Mr. Goldsborough from the committee of claims to whom was referred the petition of Pierre Lacoste, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Ingraham, and others, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom the several subjects were referred, reported a bill for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslande; a bill for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain; a bill for the relief of Francis B. Languille; and also a bill for the relief of Joseph M. Neil; and the bills were respectively read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Barbour submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States be requested to employ a skilful artist to ascertain the latitude of 36 degrees 30 minutes north, on the west bank of Tennessee river, and from that point to cause a line to be run and marked due west along and with the said parallel to the Mississippi river.

The resolution was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sampson S. King;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment, in certain cases, on account of Treasury notes, which have been lost or destroyed;" and also the bill, entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountain."

Mr. Daggett presented the petition of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth, praying the relinquishment of the title and interest of the United States, acquired by the levy of an execution on certain lands purchased by the petitioners, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Daggett.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Daggett also presented the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of Middletown, in the state of Connecticut, praying amendments to the laws prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th of December last, to consider the subject of the slave trade, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the 3d of December last, respecting the suppression of certain custom house offices, be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed;

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be recommitted to the committee to whom it was referred on the 15th of last month, further to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dickerson, from the committee to whom the said resolution was recommitted, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of a company of rangers, commanded by James Biggar, praying further compensation for services rendered by the said company, in the late war with Great Britain; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana, was read the second time.



The bill respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale or to be held to labor, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Arnold; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, on the petition of William M. Farland; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, on the petition of Rachael Sturges; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, on the petition of Otho Stephens; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That he have leave to withdraw his petition.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sampson S. King;" to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountain;" to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment, in certain cases, on account of Treasury notes which have been lost or destroyed;" to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819;" and to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath."



They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents;" and,

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and Luther Frink;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The last mentioned bill was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of making a general law on the subject.

The President signed the six enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on finance, to whom was referred a resolution to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law, the exportation of the gold, silver, and copper coins of the United States; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That it is not expedient for Congress to adopt any regulations for preventing the exportation of the gold, silver, and copper coins of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Eli Hart; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That a bill be reported allowing to the petitioner the appraised value of his buildings.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the committee of claims be instructed to report a bill accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts

east of the Island of New Orleans, be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

Mr. Mellen gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing a subscription for Wait's State Papers.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill prescribing the mode of commencing, prosecuting and deciding controversies between two or more states;

Mr. Macon was requested to take the chair; and,

The bill having been further amended:

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th of March next.

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 20, nays 17.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Mellen,	Mr. Tait,
Eaton,	Morril,	Thomas,
Eppes,	Palmer,	Tichenor,
Forsyth,	Roberts,	Van Dyke,
Goldsbrough,	Ruggles,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
King,	Sanford,	Wilson,
Macon,	Stokes,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Horsey,	Mr. Noble,
Crittenden,	Hunter,	Otis,
Daggett,	Johnson,	Talbot,
Dickerson,	Lacock,	Taylor,
Edwards,	Leake,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Fromentin,	Morrow,	

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2d, 1819.

Mr. Talbot presented the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Franklin, and Shelby, praying the establishment of a post office at Hardinsville, Kentucky; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the post office and post roads, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, pursuant to instructions, reported a bill for the relief of Eli Hart; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Mellen asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill authorizing a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of State Papers; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Nathan G. Birding and Daniel Booth; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Burrill, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department, reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Mark and Conant; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Dickerson presented the memorial of Richard Smyth, late

collector of the internal taxes for the territory of Michigan, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts, in consequence of his having been robbed of a considerable sum of money, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the memorial of the Columbian Institute, praying the grant of a part of the public reservation of ground in the City of Washington, for purposes connected with said institution; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrow presented the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of Green Bay, within the territory of Michigan, praying to be confirmed in their titles to land; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Putney, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of John Rodriguez; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Cornelia Schoonmaker, widow and administratrix, and Peter Marius Green, administrator of Zacchariah Schoonmaker, deceased, late paymaster of the second regiment of United States' volunteer artillery; and,

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Pierre Lacoste; and,

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill for the relief of Francis B. Languille, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslande, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Joseph M'Neil, was read the second time.

The resolution to cause a certain line to be run and marked from the Tennessee river to the Mississippi river, was read the second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans;

Mr. Barbour was requested to take the chair; and,

After progress,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States, together with the amendment reported thereto



by the select committee, be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of James H. Clark; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest; and,

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to continue in force, an act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory;" together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee on public lands; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time, as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President and

managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, of the state of Maryland, to extend and make their turnpike road to, or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said district to the line thereof;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported the bill to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for sick and disabled seamen;

Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair, and the blanks having been filled, the President resumed the chair, and the bill was reported to the House accordingly; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3d, 1819.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bougord, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bougord; and the report and bill were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill for the relief of Eli Hart, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Nathan G. Birding and Daniel Booth, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of John Rodriguez, was read the second time.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Christopher Fowler, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Ingraham, and others; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Putney; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States; together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the resolution to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill to provide for sick and disabled seamen, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

It was agreed to reconsider the vote on passing said bill to a third reading.

The bill to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of James H. Clark, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of James H. Clark."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President and managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, of the state of Maryland, to extend and make their turnpike road to, or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said District to the line thereof," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the engrossed bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.



The Senate resumed, agreeably to the order of the day, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest; and no amendment having been made thereto; the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans;

Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair; and the bill having been amended, the President resumed the chair, and the bill was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary:  
*To the Senate of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 13th of last month, requesting me "to cause to be laid before it, a statement, showing the measures that have been taken to collect the balances stated to be due, from the several supervisors and collectors of the old direct tax of two millions: Also a similar statement of the balances due from the officers of the old internal revenue: And to designate in such statement, the persons who have been interested in the collection of the said debts, and the sums by them respectively collected, and the time when the same were collected," I transmit a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, which, with the documents accompanying it, contains all the information required.

JAMES MONROE.

*February 2, 1819.*

The message and accompanying documents were read.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to regulate and fix the salaries



and compensation of the registers and receivers of public moneys of the land offices; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

Mr. King presented the memorial of Noah Brown, and others, in behalf of the owners of the private armed brig warrior, praying that they may be indemnified from loss, in consequence of the misconduct of the clerk of the district court of New York, to whom had been paid, by the order of that court, the proceeds of the brig Dundee, which brig had been libelled and condemned as lawful prize as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels;" together with the amendments reported thereto by the committee on commerce and manufactures; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, reported a bill making appropriations to carry into effect, treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned, together with a letter from the Secretary of War; and the bill and letter were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading; and that the letter be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Eppes,

The bill was read the second time by unanimous consent.

Mr. Eppes, from the same committee, also communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, showing the gross amount of duties upon merchandise and tonnage, which accrued during the two first quarters of the year 1817 and 1818; and the report was read.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by M. Mellen,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of State Papers; and,

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1819.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Augustus Sacket, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be allowed.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Anderson, of the Michigan territory, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had, on the 3d instant, laid before the President of the United States, the six enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act regulating the pay of Invalid pensioners," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Pierre Lacoste; and,

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday the 18th of this month.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I communicate to Congress, copies of applications received from the minister of Great Britain, in behalf of certain British subjects, who have suffered in their property, by proceedings to which the United States by their military and judicial officers have been parties. These injuries have been sustained under circumstances which appear to recommend strongly to the attention of Congress, the claim to indemnity for the losses occasioned by them, which the legislative authority is alone competent to provide.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 3d February, 1819.*

The message and accompanying documents were read.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Thomas Lucas on the pension list.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for sick and disabled seamen; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time."

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of State Papers; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time."

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud, was read the second time.

The resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and,

On the question, "Shall this resolution pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 28, nays 10.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Lacock,	Mr. Storer,
Crittenden,	Macon,	Stokes,
Dickerson,	Mellen,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Morril,	Thomas,
Edwards,	Morrow,	Tichenor,
Fromentin,	Noble,	Van Dyke,
Goldsborough,	Otis.	Williams, of Miss.
Hunter,	Palmer,	Willims, of Ten.
Johnson,	Sanford,	Wilson.
King,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Horsey,	Mr. Ruggles,
Daggett,	Leake,	Tait,
Eppes,	Roberts,	Taylor.
Forsyth,		

So it was

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass, two-thirds of the Senators concurring.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

The bill for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass and that the title thereof be, "An

act for adjusting the claims to land, and establishidg land offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office, and post roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the postmaster general to employ an armed guard for the protection of the mails of the United States, on such mail routes as he may deem necessary.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers who died, or were killed in the late war;" and,

On motion Mr. by Talbot,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning widows of the militia;" and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the City of Washington," together with the amendments reported thereto by the committee on the District of Columbia; and the amendments having been agreed to;

On motion by Mr. Lacock,



*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the provident association of clerks in the civil department of the Government of the United States in the District of Columbia;" together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee on the District of Columbia; and the amendment having been agreed to, and the bill having been further amended, the President reported it to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1819.

The President communicated a report of the commissioners of the sinking fund, stating that the measures which have been authorized by the board subsequent to the last report, of the 7th of February, 1818, so far as the same have been completed, are fully detailed in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, to the board, dated the 4th day of the present month, and in the statements therein referred to, which are herewith transmitted and prayed to be received as part of the present report; and the report was read.

The President also communicated a report of the Secretary of War, exhibiting a statement of moneys transferred during the recess of Congress by authority of the President of the United States in the year 1818; and the report was read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the militia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making some further provision by law, to ensure annual and accurate returns of the militia of the several states and territories.

Mr. Tait, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, of the 20th of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, transmitting a copy of the rules, regulations, and instructions, for the Naval service of the United States, and the resolution of the Senate instructing the committee in relation thereto; reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy, under the direction of the President of the United States, report to the Senate in the first week of the next session, whether the rules, regulations, and instructions, prepared by the Board of Navy Commissioners, in obedience to the act of the fifteenth of February, 1815, are conformable to existing laws, and, if there is any interference, wherein? And, if any, what further legislative provision may, in the opinion of the said Secretary, be necessary to give force and effect to the said rules, regulations, and instructions: And also, to report, as aforesaid, any other provision which the said Secretary may deem proper for the more perfect administration of any branch of the naval service; and,

The resolution was read.

On motion by Mr. Forsyth,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the District of Columbia, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws existing in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, regulating the seizure and sale of persons of color suspected to be runaway slaves.

On motion by Mr. Tichenor,

*Resolved*, That the committee on pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of War, to place upon the pension list Abraham Edwards, a marine in the naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war; who is now insane, and in such reduced circumstances as to need the assistance of his country.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Christopher

Fowler; and the resolution reported having been amended, by striking out the word "cannot," it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the committee of claims be instructed to report a bill accordingly.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 25th of last month, requesting me to cause to be laid before it, a copy of the rules and regulations adopted for the government of the military academy, at West Point: Also, how many cadets have been admitted into the academy; the time of the residence of each cadet at that institution; and how many of them have been appointed officers in the army and navy of the United States," I transmit a report from the Secretary of War, which, with the accompanying documents, will afford all the information required by the said resolution.

JAMES MONROE.

*February 5th, 1819.*

The message, together with the report and accompanying documents were read.

Mr. Eppes, presented the memorial of William Thornton, superintendent of the patent office, praying an increase of his present compensation; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas presented the memorial of the register and receiver of the land office at Shawneetown, praying an increase of compensation; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the engrossed bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Forsyth,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, further to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Anderson, of the Michigan territory; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the committee of claims be instructed to report a bill accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That the message of the President of the United States, of the 3d instant, recommending legislative provision for indemnity to certain British subjects, for losses sustained by them in consequence of illegal capture, be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Augustus Sacket; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer ought not to be allowed.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia;" and the bill having been further amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Elderken Potter, praying

compensation for a horse lost in the service of the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles also presented the petition of William Harbough, and E. Potter, praying further compensation for services rendered as quartermasters of Ohio militia; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to provide for sick and disabled seamen, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to provide for sick and disabled seamen."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill authorizing a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of State Papers, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act authorizing a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of State Papers."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the provident association of clerks in the civil department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of the Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act fur-



ther to amend the charter of the City of Washington;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported the bill to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade; and the bill having been amended;

On motion by Mr. Otis.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next; and that the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, in reply to one from the chairman of the committee on finance, respecting the coasting trade, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the corporation of the City of Washington to open and extend certain streets;" and,

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 4th day of March next.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of John Clark; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consid-

eration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samnel F. Hooker;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported the bill to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act explanatory of the act, entitled 'An for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri,'" reported the same with amendments; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel Ward; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act respecting invalids;" and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th of March next.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of John A. Dix; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of John B. Timberlake; and no amend-

ment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1819.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath;" the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819," the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military service of the United States for the year 1819;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President and managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, of the state of Maryland, to extend and make their turnpike road to, or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said District to the line thereof;" and also, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory."

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, pursuant to instructions, reported a bill for the relief of Christopher Fowler; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes, reported the same with amendments; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consid-

eration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the third of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Cassin, of South Carolina; and the report was read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tichenor submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on commerce and manufactures be instructed to report as to the expediency of uniting the two collection districts of Alburgh and Champlain, adjoining the province of Canada, so that hereafter they shall form but one collection district.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee of claims, pursuant to instructions, reported a bill for the relief of John Anderson; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Dickerson presented the petition of John Brewster, and others, inhabitants of the city of Perth Amboy, in the state of New Jersey, praying the passage of a law, directing the terms of the district court of the United States, which are now held in New Brunswick, to be held in future at Perth Amboy, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The bill authorizing the purchase of fire engines and building houses for the safe keeping of the same, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution report-

ed by Mr. Tait, on the 5th instant, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, of the twentieth of April, 1818, transmitting a copy of the rules, regulations, and instructions, for the naval service of the United States, and the resolution of the Senate instructing the committee in relation thereto; and agreed to the same.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Resolved*, That the committee on finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so far altering the laws for appointing collectors of the customs, of the United States, district attorneys of the United States, and receivers of public moneys for lands of the United States, surveyors of the public lands, registers, and such other officers as they may think proper, as to have those officers respectively appointed for limited periods, subject to removal as heretofore.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Lefebre, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom the several subjects were referred, reported a bill for the relief of John Pettit; a bill for the relief of Solomon Prevost; a bill for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge; and also a bill for the relief of Alexander Milne; and the bills were respectively read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington.'"

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.



The bill for the relief of Samuel Ward, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Samuel Ward."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of John Clark, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of John Clark."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of John A. Dix, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of John A. Dix."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of John B. Timberlake, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to strike from the rolls of the army and navy, the names of all those officers who aided or counselled, directly or indirectly, in the late duel fought by A. T. Mason and John M. McCarty, citizens of the United States.

Mr. Eaton, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill supplementary to an act, passed the 2d day of March, 1817, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Pettit, in their claim to a tract of land; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill providing for a grant of land for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Joseph Thorne; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1819;" and also, to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and to extend the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act providing additional penalties for false entries, for the benefit of drawback, or bounty on exportation;" and also, a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary at War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensioners of the United States, in the state of Tennessee;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The said two bills were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the five enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the officers and crews of gun boats No. 149, and No. 154;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be read a third time?"

It was determined in the negative.

So the said bill was rejected.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 1819.**

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Harbaugh and Potter, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of Joseph Price, and others, of Pennsylvania, praying for a certain mail route; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the post office and post roads, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That Nathaniel Goddard, and others, formerly owners of th ship Ariadne, and her cargo, have leave to withdraw their papers.

Mr. Taylor submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Elizabeth, in Hardin county, Kentucky, by Fredonia, Mountsterling, to Paoli, Indiana.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes; together with the amendments reported thereto by the committee on the judiciary; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary at War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensions in the state of Tennessee," was read the second time.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act providing additional penalties for false entries for the benefit of drawback, or bounty on exportation," was read the second time.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, who were instructed "to inquire into the expediency of so altering the laws respecting the sale of the public lands, that from and after the — day of ——— next, credit shall not be given on such sales," made a report accompanied by a bill making further provision for the sale of public lands; and the report and bill were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert M. Calla and Matthew H. Jouett," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, who were directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of Caleb Austin; and,

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th day of March next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Lefebvre; and,



On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 8th instant, "That the President of the United States be requested to strike from the rolls of the army and navy, the names of all those officers who aided or counselled, directly or indirectly, in the late duel fought by A. T. Mason and John M. M'Carty, citizens of the United States;" and the same having been withdrawn;

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the punishment of all persons concerned in duelling within the District of Columbia.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 8th instant, for instructing the committee on commerce and manufactures, as to the expediency of uniting two certain collection districts, so that hereafter they shall form but one collection district; and agreed thereto.

The bill for the relief of Solomon Prevost; the bill for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge; the bill for the relief of John Pettit; the bill for the relief of John Anderson; the bill for the relief of Alexander Milne; and the bill for the relief of Christopher Fowler, were severally read the second time.

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to purchase the lands, reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to authorize the President of the United States to purchase the lands, reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill providing for a grant of land, for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary

of learning within the said state, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act providing for a grant of land for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Pettit, in their claim to a tract of land, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Pettit, in their claim to a tract of land."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers who died, or were killed in the late war;" and,

Mr. Barbour was requested to take the chair.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th day of March next.

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 22, nays 10.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Burrill,

Mr. Forsyth,

Mr. Macon,

Daggett,

Goldsborough,

Mellen,

Dickerson,

Horsey,

Morril,

Eaton,

Lacock,

Morrow,

Eppes,

Leake,

Otis,

Mr. Roberts,  
Ruggles,  
Storer,

Mr. Tichenor,  
Van Dyke,

Mr. Williams, *of Miss.*  
Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,  
Crittenden,  
Fromentin,  
Noble,

Mr. Palmer,  
Sanford,  
Tait,

Mr. Talbot,  
Taylor,  
Thomas.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1819.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary at War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensions in the state of Tennessee," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Noble, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and Luther Frink," reported the same with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Noble, from the same committee, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate, "to inquire into the expediency of placing Thomas Lucas on the pension list," made a report; which was read.

Mr. Noble, from the same committee, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate, "to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of War to place upon the pension list Abraham Edwards, a mariner in the naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war, who is now insane, and in such reduced circum-

stances, as to need the assistance of his country," made a report; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of William Edgar and Alexander Macomb, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition and documents.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 9th instant, for instructing the committee on the post office and post roads, to inquire into the expediency of establishing a certain post route from Kentucky to Indiana; and agreed thereto.

Mr. Burrill, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of William Thornton, reported a bill relative to the patent office, and to the salary of the superintendent thereof; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning widows of the militia;" and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th day of March next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to erect an Equestrian Statue of general Washington in the Capitol square;

On motion by Mr. Macon,

It having been agreed to take the question, on passing said bill to a third reading, by yeas and nays;

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th day of March next.

It was determined in the negative, yeas 18, nays 18.

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lacock,	Mr. Roberts,
Burrill,	Leake,	Ruggles,
Crittenden,	Macon,	Tait,
Dickerson,	Morrow,	Taylor,
Edwards,	Noble,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Eppes,	Palmer,	Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Daggett,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Sanford,
Eaton,	Johnson,	Stokes,
Forsyth,	King,	Talbot,
Fromentin,	Mellen,	Tichenor,
Goldsborough,	Morril,	Van Dyke
Horsey,	Otis,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided the question in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled “An act to incorporate the Provident association of clerks in the civil department of the Government of the United States, in the District of Columbia;” and also, to the bill, entitled “An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia.”

They have passed a bill, entitled “An act to amend the act, entitled ‘An act supplementary to the act, entitled ‘An act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described; and to settle the claims to vacant and un-



appropriated land within the same, passed the eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six;" a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to convey a lot or parcel of land belonging to the United States, laying in Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia;" and, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Minis, and others;" and, also, a resolution authorizing the transmission of the documents accompanying the report of the committee to examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States, free of postage; in which bills and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills and resolution were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The said resolution was read the second time by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading; and,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent; and,

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making appropriations to carry into effect treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Daniel Pettibone; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill supplementary to an act, passed the second day of March, eighteen hundred and seven, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong in favor of William Morgan;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes, and for other purposes."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1819.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend the act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants, and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated land within the same, passed the 18th of April, 1806,'" was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to convey a lot or parcel of land, belonging to the United States, lying in Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Minis, and others," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of William and James Crooks; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Noah Brown, and others; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to revive the powers of the commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit, and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Praire du Chien, in the territory of Michigan; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson presented the memorial of Hyacinthe Bernard, of Louisiana, praying to be confirmed in his title to certain land, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated the memorial of Joseph Krittman, praying indemnity for property of which he was illegally deprived by the Senate of Hamburg, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hunter presented the memorial of Nathaniel Cutting, praying additional compensation, in consideration of his "*long*" and "*faithful*" public services, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury lay before the Senate, as early in their next session as practicable, an abstract of all bonds for duties on merchandise imported into the United States, which shall have become payable, and remain unpaid on the thirtieth day of September next; exhibiting in such abstract, the date of each bond, and the time when it became payable, its amount, the names of the obligors, distinguishing principals from sureties, and the district of the customs in which taken; together with such information, as will show how much or what parts of such bonds are irrecoverable and lost to the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Cornelia Schoonmaker, widow and administratrix, and Peter Marius Groen, administrator of Zacchariah Schoonmaker, deceased, late paymaster of the second regiment of United States' volunteer artillery; and,

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th day of March next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Harbaugh and Potter; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The bill making further provision for the sale of public lands; the bill providing for the correction of errors in making entries of

land at the land offices; and the bill relative to the patent office, and to the salary of the superintendent thereof; were respectively read the second time.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had, yesterday, laid before the President of the United States, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819;" the enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1819;" and also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath."

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of Rebecca Hodgson, widow of Joseph Hodgson, praying payment for the value of a certain house which was consumed by fire, whilst in the occupation of the government of the United States, as the War Office in the City of Washington, in the year 1800, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate and*

*House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit to Congress, for their consideration, applications which have been received from the minister resident of Prussia, and from the Senators of the Free and Hanseatic cities of Hamburgh and Bremen, the object of which is, that the advantages secured by the act of Congress of 20th April last, to the vessels and merchandise of the Netherlands, should be extended to those of Prussia, Hamburgh and Bremen. It will appear from these documents, that the vessels of the United States, and the merchandise laden in them, are, in the ports of those governments, respectively entitled to the same advantages, in respect to imports and duties, as those of the native subjects of the countries themselves. The principle of reciprocity appears to entitle them to the return of the same favor, on the part



of the United States, and I recommend it to Congress, that provision to that effect may be made.

JAMES MONROE.

*February 11th, 1819.*

The message together with the accompanying documents, were read.

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on foreign relations, to consider and report thereon.

The following written message was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Monroe, his Secretary:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I transmit to Congress, a copy of a letter from governor Bibb, to major general Jackson, connected with the late military operations in Florida. This letter had been mislaid, or it would have been communicated with the other documents at the commencement of the session.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, February 6th, 1819.*

The message together with the accompanying letter, were read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to erect an Equestrian Statue of general Washington, in the Capitol square; and,

On motion by Mr. Otis,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th day of March next.

It was determined in the negative, yeas 15, nays 18.

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,

Mr. Dickerson,

Mr. Leake,

Burrill,

Eppes,

Macon,

Crittenden,

Lacock,

Morrow,

Mr. Noble,	Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Taylor,
Otis,	Tait,	Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Daggett,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Stokes,
Eaton,	Johnson,	Storer,
Forsyth,	King,	Talbot,
Fromentin,	Mellen,	Tichenor,
Goldsborough,	Morril,	Van Dyke,
Horsey,	Sanford,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>

The bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 23, nays 14.

The yeas and nays having been previously agreed to be taken,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Stokes,
Burrill,	Johnson,	Storer,
Crittenden,	King,	Talbot,
Daggett,	Leake,	Thomas,
Dickerson,	Mellen,	Tichenor,
Fromentin,	Morril,	Van Dyke,
Goldsborough,	Otis.	Willims, <i>of Ten.</i>
Horsey,	Sanford,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Eaton,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Tait,
Edwards,	Morrow,	Taylor,
Eppes,	Palmer,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Forsyth,	Roberts,	Wilson.
Lacock,	Ruggles,	

Mr. Wilson submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate, procure for the use of the Senate, ——— copies of the memorial of William Jones, late President of the Bank of the United States, to the House of Repre-

sentatives of the United States, and presented to that body on the 8th instant, with the documents annexed thereto.

The bill making appropriations to carry into effect, treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act making appropriations to carry into effect treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Daniel Pettibone, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Daniel Pettibone."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of William Morgan," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Fromentin presented the petition of Labedoyere de Kermon, of the state of Louisiana, praying indemnity for losses sustained during the invasion of said state by the enemy in the winter of 1814-15, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate ad-

ourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1819.

Mr Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act providing additional penalties for false entries for the benefit of drawback, or bounty on exportation," reported the same without amendment; and,

On his motion,

It was considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Harold Smyth," reported the same without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Richard I. Jones; and also the petition of Mary Cassin, be discharged from the further consideration thereof respectively, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their papers; and that the said committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Krittman, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the committee on foreign relations, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Noah Brown, and others, was read the second time.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee of claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Labedoyere de Kermion; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Storer,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to procure the cession of jurisdiction in, and over such military and naval sites, as have been, or may be purchased for the use of the United States, and where such cession has not already been made.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of yesterday, calling for an abstract of all bonds for duties on merchandise imported into the United States, which shall have become payable and remain unpaid on the thirtieth day of September next; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph LeFebvre;

Whereupon,

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

*Resolved*, That the committee of claims be instructed to bring in a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury, to pay to the petitioner, the amount claimed, or such part thereof, as may be supported by satisfactory evidence, that the property destroyed was taken by the authority of the commanding officer, and proving the several articles, and the amount thereof.

The bill to erect an Equestrian Statue of general Washington, in the Capitol Square, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th day of March next.

It was determined in the negative, yeas 13, nays 21.

On motion by Mr. Van Dyke,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Eaton,	Mr. Morrow,	Mr. Ruggles,
Edwards,	Noble,	Taylor,
Eppes,	Otis,	Williams, of Miss.
Lacock,	Roberts,	Wilson.
Macon,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Crittenden,	Mr. Fromentin,
Burrill,	Daggett,	Goldsborough,



Mr. Horsey,  
Hunter,  
Johnson,  
King,  
Leake,

Mr. Mellen,  
Morril,  
Sanford,  
Stokes,  
Storer,

Mr. Talbot,  
Thomas,  
Tichenor,  
Van Dyke,  
Williams, of *Ten.*

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to erect an Equestrian Statue of general Washington, in the Capitol Square."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of yesterday, for procuring for the use of the Senate ——— copies of the memorial of William Jones, to the House of Representatives, with the documents annexed thereto; and the blank having been filled with "*five hundred;*" and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, in the case of Peter Francisco; and,

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning Invalid pensions;" and,

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth;" together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee of claims;

Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President resumed the chair, and the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Adam Kingsley, Thomas French, and Charles S. Leonard;"

Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President resumed the chair, and the bill was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Crittenden presented the petition of Archibald Felts, praying for a pension in consideration of services rendered during the revolutionary war, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Otis presented the memorial of Benjamin Dearborn, praying Congress to take into consideration, an invention for propelling wheel carriages, which would insure greater security against robbery, and promote celerity of movement, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Otis.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the post office and post roads, to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated the petition of William Chivvis, of the city of New York, praying a grant of one hundred acres of land, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Davis;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool;" and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, from the southern termination of Eleventh Street east, in the City of Washington;" and,

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill making further provision for the sale of public lands, be made the order of the day for Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased;" and,

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Michael Hogan; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the heirs of Edward M'Carty; and no amendment having been made thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker;" the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the provident association of clerks in the civil department of the Government of the United States in the District of Columbia;" the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia;" the bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents;" and also the resolution authorizing the transmission of the documents accompanying the report of the com-

mittee to examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States, free of postage.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, on the 4th instant, approved and signed, “An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountain;” “An act for the relief of Sampson S. King;” “An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren;” “An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish;” “An act to authorize the payment in certain cases, on account of Treasury notes which have been lost or destroyed;” and, “An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper.”

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled “An act supplemental to the act, entitled ‘An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington.’”

They have also passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled “An an act to increase the salaries of certain officers of Government,” with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton;” and a bill, entitled “An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen;” in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The said two bills were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The amendments of the House of Representatives, to the bill, entitled “An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of Government,” were read; and,

On motion by Mr. Barbour,



*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Tuesday next.

The President signed the four enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the benefit of Jacob Purkbill; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1819.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill further supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties and tonnage," passed on the second day of March, 1799; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President communicated the memorial of the Society of the state of Delaware, for the promotion of American manufactures, praying protection; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

The President also communicated the general account of the Treasurer of the United States, from the first of January, 1817, to the first of July, 1818, as also the accounts of the War and Navy Departments, from the first of October, 1817, to the first of October, 1818, together with the reports thereon; which were read.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Vincent Grant, of Buffalo, in the state of

New York, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Vincent Grant; and the report and bill were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill pass to the second reading; and,

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill for the relief of Labedoyere Kermion, was read the second time.

Mr. Fromentin submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the library committee be instructed to inquire into the propriety of further extending the privilege of using the books in the library of Congress.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1819," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to revive the power of the commissioners, for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit, and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Prairie du Chien, in the territory of Michigan, was read the second time.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had, on the 13th instant, laid before the President of the United States, the six enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Adam Kingsly, Thomas French, and Charles S. Leonard," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Davis," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act providing additional penalties for false entries for the benefit of drawback or bounty on exportation," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb, to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb, to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of the Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers."

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Michael Hogan, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of the heirs of Edward M'Carty, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of the heirs of Edward M'Carty."

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Vice President of the United States having retired from the chair;

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

The Senate proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the constitution provides; and,

The honorable James Barbour was elected.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered,* That the Secretary wait on the President of the United States, and acquaint him, that the Senate have, in the absence of the Vice President of the United States, elected the honorable James Barbour, President of the Senate pro tempore; and,

*Ordered,* That the Secretary make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Clark;" the bill, entitled "An act providing for a grant of land for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state;" and also, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States, to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the third

of March, eighteen hundred and seventeen, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning the allowance of pensions upon a relinquishment of bounty lands;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Batman;" and, a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to inquire into, and report what subjects it will be proper to act on during the present session; in which bills and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The two bills and resolution last mentioned, were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The said resolution was read the second time by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Burrill, Mr. Morrow, and Mr. Gaillard, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, from the southern termination of Eleventh Street east, in the City of Washington;" and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and,

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making further



provision for the sale of the public lands; and the bill having been amended;

On motion by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning Invalid pensions;" and,

On motion by M. Noble,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the better organization of the military academy; and,

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to repeal part of an act passed on the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment;" and,

On motion by Mr. Stokes,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill respecting the location of certain sections of lands, to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time."

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, pursuant to instructions, reported a bill for the relief of Joseph Lefebvre; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1819.

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That the committee on foreign relations, to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Krittman, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Secretary of State, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Macon, from the committee on foreign relations, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill in addition to "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, presented the petition of John Linton, of the city of New Orleans, praying the confirmation of his claim to a certain lot of ground, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office and post roads,

be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Cadiz to Rumley, in the state of Ohio.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, praying an exemption from duty, on the importation of certain cast-iron pipes, to be substituted in place of wooden pipes, at present used for the purpose of watering the city; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts also presented the memorial of James Smith, and others, praying compensation for property of which they were wrongfully dispossessed by the authority of France, and for the detention of it from the year 1807, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Secretary of State, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. King presented the petition of the stockholders of the Bank of the United States, residing in the city of New York, deprecating the abrogation of the bank charter, and praying that measures may be adopted by Congress, to restore the bank to the confidence of the public; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Langston, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and,

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the allowance of pensions, upon a relinquishment of bounty lands," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Batman, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Vincent Grant, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Joseph Lefebvre, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the case of Peter Francisco; and,

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Postmaster General to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky;" together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee on the post office and post roads; and,

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.

Mr. Morrow submitted sundry statements respecting the sale of public lands; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Archibald Felts, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read, considered, and agreed to.

Mr. Stokes, from the committee on the post office and post roads, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate of the 4th instant, instructing them "to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Postmaster General to employ an armed guard for the

protection of the mails of the United States, on such mail routes as he may deem necessary," made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is not expedient to authorize the Postmaster General to employ an armed guard for the protection of the mails of the United States.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Stokes,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate, together with the letter from the Postmaster General, to the chairman of said committee, therewith communicated.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of Government."

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

That the said amendments be referred to a select committee, with instructions "*to provide for an increase of the salaries of the district judges,*"

It was determined in the negative, yeas 16, nays 21.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Crittenden,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Talbot,
Dickerson,	Noble,	Taylor,
Edwards,	Palmer,	Thomas,
Eppes,	Ruggles,	Williams, of Miss.
Gaillard,	Stokes,	Wilson.
Lacock,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Fromentin,	Mr. Johnson,
Burrill,	Goldsborough,	King,
Daggett,	Horsey,	Leake,
Eaton,	Hunter,	Mellen,



Mr. Morrill,  
Otis,  
Roberts,

Mr. Sanford,  
Storer,  
Tait,

Mr. Tichenor,  
Van Dyke,  
Williams, *of Ten.*

On the question to agree to the second amendment proposed as follows:

Line 9. After the word "*dollars*," insert: "To the chief justice of the United States, five thousand dollars; and to each of the judges of the supreme court of the United States, four thousand five hundred dollars; and to the assistant Postmaster General, and additional assistant Postmaster General, two thousand five hundred dollars each."

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 21. nays 17.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,  
Burrill,  
Daggett,  
Fromentin,  
Gaillard,  
Goldsborough,  
Horsey,

Mr. Hunter,  
Johnson,  
King,  
Leake,  
Mellen,  
Otis,  
Ruggles,

Mr. Sanford,  
Storer,  
Tait,  
Thomas,  
Tichenor,  
Van Dyke,  
Williams, *of Ten.*

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Crittenden,  
Dickerson,  
Eaton,  
Edwards,  
Eppes,  
Lacock,

Mr. Macon,  
Morril,  
Morrow,  
Noble,  
Palmer,  
Roberts,

Mr. Stokes,  
Talbot,  
Taylor,  
Williams *of Miss*  
Wilson.

The other amendments having been agreed to;

It was

*Resolved*, That the Senate concur in all the amendments of the House of Representatives to said bill.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets east, in the City of Washington," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill respecting the location of certain sections of lands to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act respecting the location of certain sections of lands to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of yesterday, for instructing the library committee to inquire into the propriety of further extending the privilege of using the books in the library of Congress; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde; and no

amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Rees Hill; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing the purchase of live oak timber for naval purposes; and no amendment having been made thereto it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Gabriel Godfroy; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Nathan Ford; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of David Henley; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize William Prout to institute a bill in equity before the circuit court for the District of Columbia, against the Superintendent of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein; and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;



On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1819.

The President communicated a letter from the honorable John Forsyth, notifying the resignation of his seat in the Senate; and the letter was read.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the President be requested to notify the executive of the state of Georgia, of this resignation.

The bill further supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed on the 2d day of March, 1799, was read the second time.

The bill in addition to "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases," was read the second time.

Mr. Noble reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington;'" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Clark;" the bill, entitled "An act providing for a grant of land for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state;" the bill, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of Government;" the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States, to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the 5d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation;" the bill, entitled "An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of William Morgan;" the bill, entitled "An act providing additional penalties for false entries for the benefit of drawback or bounty on exportation;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Davis;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool;" and the bill,



entitled "An act for the relief of Adam Kingsley, Thomas French, and Charles S. Leonard."

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Lacock submitted the following motion:

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the committee already appointed on the subject of the Seminole war, in the place of the honorable Mr. Forsyth, who has recently been appointed to a foreign mission.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th day of March next.

It was determined in the negative, yeas 16, nays 21.

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Crittenden,	Mr. King,	Mr. Sanford,
Dickerson,	Leake,	Stokes,
Eaton,	Morrow,	Storer,
Edwards,	Otis,	Williams, of Miss.
Fromentin,	Ruggles,	Wilson.
Johnson,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Tait,
Burrill,	Lacock,	Talbot,
Daggett,	Macon,	Taylor,
Eppes,	Mellen,	Thomas,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Tichenor,
Goldsborough,	Palmer,	Van Dyke,
Horsey,	Roberts,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>

The motion submitted by Mr. Lacock, having been agreed to;  
*Ordered*, That Mr. Eppes be the member.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, on the 15th instant, approved and signed “An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker;” “An act to incorporate the provident association of clerks in the civil department of the Government of the United States in the District of Columbia;” “An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia;” a resolution “authorizing the transmission of the documents accompanying the report of the committee to examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States, free of postage;” “An act to authorize the President and managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company of the state of Maryland, to extend and make their turnpike road to, or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said district, to the line thereof;” “An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory; ” “An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819;” “An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1819;” and also, “An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath.”

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amend

ment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" and also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Patrick Callan;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee, to whom was referred on the 11th of December, 1818, the memorial of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Alabama territory, praying admission into the Union as a state, to consider and report thereon.

The President signed the ten enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of William and James Crooks; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde, having been reported by the committee correctly engrosed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Rees Hill, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Rees Hill."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill authorizing the purchase of live oak timber for naval purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act authorizing the purchase of live oak timber for naval purposes."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Gabriel Godfroy, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Gabriel Godfroy."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.



The bill to authorize William Prout to institute a bill in equity before the circuit court for the District of Columbia, against the Superintendent of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to authorize William Prout to institute a bill in equity before the circuit court for the District of Columbia, against the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Nathan Ford, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Nathan Ford."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of David Henley, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of David Henley."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making further provision for the sale of public lands;

Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair; and,

After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1819.

Mr. Noble reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act allowing fur-



ther time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants;" the bill, entitled "An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth," the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey;" the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey;" and the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne."

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Patrick Callan," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Otis gave notice, that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill to authorize the President of the United States to employ the public armed vessels, in protecting the merchant vessels of the United States, from piratical aggression.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the post office and post roads, on the subject of protecting the mails of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making further provision for the sale of the public lands;

Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair; and,

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

To strike out the second section, and to insert in lieu thereof, the following:

"Be it further enacted, That credit shall not be allowed for the purchase money, on the sale of any of the public lands, which shall be sold after the ——— day of ——— next, at any land office, which shall have been open for the sale of lands, five years previous to said day, nor at any other land office now established, at any time after five years, from the time it was first opened for the sale of public lands; but every purchaser of land, after the periods above

specified, shall, on the day of purchase, make complete payment therefor; and the purchaser at private sale, after the said periods respectively, shall produce to the register of the land office, a receipt from the Treasurer of the United States, or from the receiver of public moneys of the district, for the amount of purchase money on any tract, before he shall enter the same at the land office; and if any person, being the highest bidder, at the said public sales for a tract of land, shall fail to make payment therefor, on the day on which the same was purchased, the tract shall be again offered at public sale, on the next day of sale, and such person shall not be capable of becoming the purchaser of that, or any other tract offered at such public sale."

It was determined in the negative, yea 1, nays 32.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Mr. Edwards voted in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. King,	Mr. Ruggles,
Burrill,	Lacock,	Sanford,
Crittenden,	Leake,	Storer,
Daggett,	Macon,	Tait,
Dickerson,	Mellen,	Taylor,
Eaton,	Morril,	Thomas,
Eppes,	Morrow,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Van Dyke
Horsey,	Otis,	Williams, of Miss.
Hunter,	Palmer,	Wilson.
Johnson,	Roberts,	

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

To strike out of section 3, after the word "*office*," in line 14, the following: "*at one dollar and fifty cents an acre, to be paid at the time of making such entry as aforesaid,*" and to insert in lieu thereof, the following: "*upon the following terms, viz: To the purchaser of not more than eighty acres, at fifty cents an acre; to the purchaser of not more than one quarter section, at seventy-five cents an acre; to*

the purchaser of not more than one section, at one dollar an acre; and to purchasers of any amount exceeding one section, at ——— an acre: Provided however, That no tract, less than one section, purchased as aforesaid, shall be transferable in any manner whatever, any time within five years from the time of the purchase thereof."

It was determined in the negative, yeas 2, nays 32.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Edwards,            Mr. Thomas.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. King,	Mr. Ruggles,
Burrill,	Lacock,	Sanford,
Crittenden,	Leake,	Storer,
Daggett,	Macon,	Tait,
Dickerson,	Mellen,	Taylor,
Eaton,	Morril,	Tichenor,
Eppes,	Morrow,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Williams, of Miss.
Horsey,	Otis,	Williams, of Ten.
Hunter,	Palmer,	Wilson.
Johnson,	Roberts,	

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

To insert a new section after the 3d, as follows:

"And be it further enacted, That where any person shall be actually settled on any quarter section of land which shall have been previously offered at public sale, and remain unsold, such person, shall upon application to the register of the land office in the district in which the land may lie, be entitled, upon satisfactory proof thereof, to receive from said register, a license to remain on the said land for the term of five years, during which time, provided the said settler shall continue to reside thereon, the said land shall not be liable to be sold to any other person; but if the said settler shall at

any time within the said five years, and during his actual residence on said land, tender payment for the same at the rate of ——— an acre, with legal interest thereon from the date of his license, and actually pay the same to the receiver, and produce his receipt as in other cases, the land shall be sold to the said settler, upon his making oath before the register, that he has not purchased any other tract of land subsequent to the date of his license.”

It was determined in the negative, yeas 4, nays 32.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Thomas.
Fromentin,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lacock,	Mr. Sanford,
Burrill,	Leake,	Storer,
Crittenden,	Macon,	Tait,
Daggett,	Mellen,	Talbot,
Dickerson,	Morril,	Taylor,
Eaton,	Morrow,	Tichenor,
Eppes,	Noble,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Otis.	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Horsey,	Palmer,	Willims, <i>of Ten.</i>
Hunter,	Roberts,	Wilson.
King,	Ruggles,	

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

To add the following proviso to the 3d section of the bill:

“Provided however, that no person shall be permitted to purchase either directly or indirectly at any land office, more than one section of land, in any one year, and all purchases made contrary to this provision, shall be utterly null and void.”

It was determined in the negative, yeas 7, nays 29.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Morril,	Mr. Thomas,
Fromentin,	Ruggles,	Wilson.
Macon,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Sanford,
Burrill,	King,	Storer,
Crittenden,	Lacock,	Tait,
Daggett,	Leake,	Talbot,
Dickerson,	Mellen,	Taylor,
Eaton,	Morrow,	Tichenor,
Eppes,	Noble,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Otis,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Horsey,	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Hunter,	Roberts,	

Mr. Edwards moved to strike out of section 3, line 4, "*and fifty cents.*"

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

A division was called for, and the question was taken on striking out "*fifty;*" and

It was determined in the negative, yeas 11, nays 24.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Crittenden,	Mr. Leake,	Mr. Thomas,
Edwards,	Noble,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Fromentin,	Ruggles,	Wilson.
Johnson,	Taylor,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Daggett,	Mr. Eaton,
Burrill,	Dickerson,	Eppes,



Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Storer,
Horsey,	Morrow,	Tait,
Hunter,	Otis,	Talbot,
King,	Palmer,	Tichenor,
Macon,	Roberts,	Van Dyke,
Mellen,	Sanford,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>

The bill having been amended, the President resumed the chair, and it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

To strike out of section 3, line 4, "*fifty*," and to insert in lieu thereof, "*twenty-five*."

It was determined in the negative, yeas 9, nays 26.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Crittenden,	Mr. Leake,	Mr. Thomas,
Edwards,	Ruggles,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Johnson,	Taylor,	Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Palmer,
Burrill,	King,	Roberts,
Daggett,	Lacock,	Storer,
Dickerson,	Macon,	Tait,
Eaton,	Mellen,	Talbot,
Eppes,	Morrill,	Tichenor,
Fromentin,	Morrow,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Horsey,	Otis,	

On motion by Mr. Noble,

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the 5th day of March next.

It was determined in the negative, yeas 6, nays 28.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Palmer,	Mr. Talbot,
Noble,	Ruggles,	Thomas.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. King,	Mr. Sanford,
Burrill,	Lacock,	Storer,
Daggett,	Leake,	Tait,
Dickerson,	Macon,	Taylor,
Eppes,	Mellen,	Tichenor,
Fromentin,	Morril,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Morrow,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Horsey,	Otis,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Hunter,	Roberts,	Wilson.
Johnson,		

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

To fill the blanks with the "first day of October, 1820."

It was determined in the negative, yeas 12, nays 24.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Mellen,	Mr. Talbot,
Burrill,	Noble,	Taylor,
Edwards,	Ruggles,	Thomas,
Lacock,	Stokes,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Daggett,	Mr. Fromentin,	Mr. Johnson,
Dickerson,	Gaillard,	King,
Eaton,	Horsey,	Leake,
Eppes,	Hunter,	Macon,

Mr. Morrill,  
Morrow,  
Otis,  
Palmer,

Mr. Roberts,  
Sanford,  
Storer,  
Tait,

Mr. Tichenor,  
Van Dyke,  
Williams, of *Miss.*  
Wilson.

The blanks having been filled with the "*first day of July, 1820.*"

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts;'" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana; and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House;

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

It having been agreed to take the question on passing said bill to be engrossed and read a third time, by yeas and nays.

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill to continue in force for a further time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1819.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the memorial of a number of the citizens of the state of Maryland, on the subject of the deranged state of the circulating medium of the country, and the expediency of additional duties on cotton goods imported into the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Leake presented the memorial of the legislature of the state of Mississippi, praying the establishment of a port of entry, at or near the mouth of Pearl river; and the memorial was read.

Mr. Leake also presented the memorial of the said legislature, on the subject of British claims to lands in Hancock and Jackson counties in said state; and the memorial was read.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of Samuel Sterrett, praying payment for his services as a mounted ranger; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the petition of captain Biggar's company, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee of claims, to whom was re-

ferred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton," reported the same without amendment.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Otis asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to protect the commerce of the United States from piracy; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on foreign relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning the allowance of pension upon a relinquishment of bounty lands," reported the same without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That the committee on foreign relations, to whom was referred the petition of James Simpson, American consul at Morocco, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Moss," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Wilson, from the joint committee on the subject of the public printing, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the joint committee on public printing, be instructed to report a resolution for carrying the proposition contained in said report into effect.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the benefit of Jacob Purkhill; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,



On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill to continue in force, for a further term the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes and for other purposes," was read the second time.

The bill making further provision for the sale of public lands, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and the blank filled.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee, to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to the Indian tribes, reported a bill making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth B. H. Forsyth, widow of the late lieutenant colonel Benjamin Forsyth, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Stokes,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Chapel Hill, to Lexington, in the state of North Carolina.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22d, 1819.

The honorable Samuel W. Dana, from the state of Connecticut, arrived on the 19th instant, and attended this day.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had, on the 20th instant, laid before the President of the United States, the ten enrolled bills reported to have been examined and signed on the 17th instant; and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets east, in the City of Washington;" and the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts.'"

Mr. Tait, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states," reported the same with amendments; which were read.

The bill making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the post office and post roads, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate, instructing them to "inquire into the ex-

pediency of authorizing the Postmaster General to employ an armed guard for the protection of the mails of the United Staets on such mail routes as he may deem necessary; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That it is not expedient to authorize the Postmaster General to employ an armed guard for the protection of the mails of the United States.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Phœbe Stuart," reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth B. H. Forsyth; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

Mr. Dickerson, from the committee, reported the bill for the benefit of Jacob Purkhill, correctly engrossed.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the better organization of the military academy; and,

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th day of March next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to repeal part of an act passed on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1813, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act regulating the post office establishment,'" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Postmaster General to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky;" together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee on the post office and post roads;

and the amendment having been disagreed to, and no amendment having been made to the bill, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Burrill, from the joint committee, appointed to inquire and report what business it will be necessary to act on during the present session, made a report; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, on the 20th instant, approved and signed “An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of Government;” “An act authorizing the President of the United States, to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the third of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation;” “An act supplemental to the act, entitled ‘An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington;’” “An act providing for a grant of land for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state;” and, also, “An act for the relief of John Clark.”

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor.

On motion by Mr. Fromentin,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 4th day of March next.

It was determined in the negative, yeas 7, nays 25.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Fromentin,  
Gaillard,  
Johnson,

Mr. Macon,  
Tait,

Mr. Talbot,  
Williams, of Miss.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Leake,	Mr. Sanford,
Burrill,	Mellen,	Stokes,
Crittenden,	Morril,	Storer,
Daggett,	Noble,	Taylor,
Eaton,	Otis,	Thomas,
Eppes,	Palmer,	Tichenor,
Hunter,	Roberts,	Van Dyke,
King,	Ruggles,	Wilson.
Lacock,		

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President of the United States, on the 20th instant, approved and signed "An act for the relief of Henry Davis;" "An act for the relief of Adam Kingsley, Thomas French, and Charles S. Leonard;" "An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of William Morgan;" "An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool;" and, "An act providing additional penalties for false entries, for the benefit of drawback, or bounty on exportation."

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge across the Eastern Branch of Potomac, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets east, in the City of Washington."

They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade," with amendments; also, the bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on



an equal footing with the original states,\* with amendments; in which amendments they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake;" the bill, entitled "An act confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb, to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan;" and, also, the bill entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri;" a bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson;'" and, also, a resolution declaring the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States shall be named; in which bills and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The two bills and resolution last mentioned, were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee, to whom was referred on the 11th December, 1818, the memorial of the legislature of the Alabama territory, praying admission into the Union as a state, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson,'" was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

The resolution declaring the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States shall be named, was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on naval affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The President signed the eight enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1819," reported the same with amendments, which were read; and,

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

Considered as in committee of the whole.

Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair; and,

After progress,

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1819.

The President communicated the credentials of the honorable Waller Taylor, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Indiana, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next; which were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had, on the 22d instant, laid before the President of the United States, the eight enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, presented the petition of the inhabitants of Green, and of Jackson county, in the state of Mississippi, representing that the mouth of the Pascagoula river is the most suitable place for a port of entry and delivery in that state, and praying that it may be designated as such by the competent authority; and the petitions were read.

Mr. Tait, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri," reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the petition of captain Biggar's company; and in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Pierre Lacoste; and,

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th of March next.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of Michael Zorger, praying the renewal of the patent right for the further term of fourteen years, for the invention of a machine for shelling or hulling clover seed; and the petition was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;"

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade;"

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Daggett, from the committee on foreign relations, to whom was referred the bill to protect the commerce of the United States from piracy, reported the same with amendments, which were read; and,

On his motion,

Considered as in committee of the whole, and having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Macon,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, in addition to "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases;" and the bill having been amended, by adding thereto a new section, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to continue in force for a further term the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes;" and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill authorizing the Postmaster General to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats, between New Or-

leans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The engrossed bill for the benefit of Jacob Purkhill, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the benefit of Jacob Purkhill."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of the Representatives in this bill.

The bill to repeal part of an act passed on the 27th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, entitled "An act, in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to repeal part of an act passed on the 27th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, entitled 'An act regulating the post office establishment.'"

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Sterrett, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The resolution was read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, to whom was re-



ferred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Patrick Callan," reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819;" together with the amendments reported thereto by the committee on finance;

Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair; and the amendments having been all agreed to, excepting the one proposing an appropriation for prosecuting the work on the centre of the Capitol, which was disagreed to, the President resumed the chair, and the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and,

On the question, to concur in the following amendment, agreed to as in committee of the whole:

Strike from line 296, to the end of the 313th line, and insert the following:

"For claims due, and becoming due under existing contracts, for constructing the United States' road from Cumberland, to the Ohio river, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and for completing the said road, the sum of two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars, which several sums hereby appropriated, together with the amount heretofore advanced by the United States, for making said road, shall be repaid out of the fund reserved for laying out and making roads to the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, by virtue of the several acts for the admission of the aforesaid states into the Union:"

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 22, nays 13.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. King,	Mr. Roberts,
Daggett,	Lacock,	Sanford,
Eaton,	Leake,	Tait,
Eppes,	Mellen,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Morril,	Van Dyke,
Goldsborough,	Otis,	Williams, of Miss.
Horsey,	Palmer,	Wilson.
Johnson,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Morrow,	Mr. Talbot,
Crittenden,	Noble,	Taylor,
Edwards,	Ruggles,	Thomas,
Fromentin,	Stokes,	Williams, of Ten.
Macon,		

The other amendments having been concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the joint committee, on the subject of the public printing; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution requesting the President of the United States to employ an artist to ascertain the latitude of thirty-six degrees thirty minutes north, on the west bank of Tennessee river; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

It having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department; and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1819.

Mr. Thomas gave notice, that to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state.

Mr. Otis presented the petition of Henry Rice, of Boston, and, also of Joshua Aubin, of the same place, praying that certain duties paid by them may be refunded, with interest thereon, or some other relief granted, as stated in the petitions; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That they be respectively referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That Samnel F. Hooker have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That William Harbough and E. Potter have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson,'" reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee appointed in pursuance of the resolution of the Senate, of the 18th of December last, "That the message of the President, and documents relative to the Seminole war, be referred to a select committee, who shall have authority, if necessary, to send for persons and papers: That said committee, inquire relative to the advance of the United States' troops into West Florida; whether the officers in command, at Pensacola and St. Marks, were amenable to, and under the control of Spain; and particularly, what circumstances existed, to authorize or justify the commanding general in taking possession of those posts," made a report; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

That five hundred additional copies thereof, together with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate; and,

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

A division was called for, and the question was taken on printing.

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 32, nays 3.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Stokes,
Barrill,	King,	Storer,
Crittenden,	Lacock,	Tait,
Daggett,	Macon,	Talbot,
Dickerson,	Mellen,	Taylor,
Eaton,	Morrow,	Thomas,
Edwards,	Noble,	Tichenor,
Eppes,	Otis,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Gaillard,	Roberts,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Goldsborough,	Ruggles,	Wilson.
Horsey,	Sanford,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Fromentin, Mr. Leake, and Mr. Morrill,

On the question, "That five hundred additional copies thereof, together with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate?"

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Tait, from the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred the resolution declaring the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States shall be named, reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition Samuel Sterrett; and in concurrence therewith:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, this day approved and signed “An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants;” “An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth,” “An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervcy;” “An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased;” “An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne;” “An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, east, in the City of Washington;” “An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey;” and also, “An act supplementary to the act, entitled “An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts.”

The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled “An act to authorize William Rrout to institute a bill in equity before the circuit court for the District of Columbia, against the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein.”

They have concurred in the amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled “An act regulating passenger ships and vessels,” except the sixth, and in that, with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a bill, entitled “An act supplementary to the act, entitled ‘An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells;’” and also, a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy;” in which bills, they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

The said two bills were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives, to their sixth amendment to the bill, entitled “An act regulating passenger ships and vessels.”



Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1819," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill in addition to an act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act in addition to 'An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases.'"

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to continue in force for a further term the act, entitled "An act establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes" having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to continue in force for a further term the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes.'"

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to protect the commerce of the United States from piracy, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and to punish the crime of piracy."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and having been amended by unanimous consent;

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" and also, of the bill, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri," be made the order of the day for Friday next.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to regulate and fix the salaries and compensation of the registers and receivers of public moneys of the land offices; and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Francis B. Languille; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain; and no

amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Joseph M. Neil; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslande; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Eli Hart; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of John Rodriguez; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a statement of the emoluments of the officers employed in the collection of the customs for the year 1818; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Morril,

*Ordered*, That Caleb Austin have leave to withdraw his papers.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1819.

The President communicated the credentials of the honorable John Gaillard, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of South Carolina, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next; which were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr Thomas asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr Williams, of Mississippi, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of making an extra al-

lowance to the postmasters at the Chickasaw and Choctaw agencies.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells,'" was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act explanatory of the act, entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri; together with the amendments reported thereto, by the committee on public lands; and the amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel J. Axson, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the committee of claims to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," together with the amendments reported thereto by the committee on pensions; and the amendments having been agreed to with further amendments, the bill was reported to the House, amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill be read a third time as amended?"



It was determined in the affirmative.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, comprehending contracts made by that Department in the year 1818, and those made by the Purchasing and Ordnance Departments, for the same period, in compliance with "An act concerning public contracts," passed April 21st, 1808; and the report was read.

The bill for the relief of Francis B. Languille, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslande, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslande."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Joseph M'Neil, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Joseph M'Neil."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Eli Hart, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Eli Hart."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of John Rodriguez, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of John Rodriguez."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to regulate and fix the salaries and compensation of the registers and receivers of public moneys of the Land Offices, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to regulate and fix the salaries and compensation of the registers and receivers of public moneys of the Land Offices."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bougoud having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bougoud."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act regulating the pay of invalid pensioners," together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee on pensions; Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair; and the amendment having been agreed to, the President re-

sumed the chair, and the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and,

On motion by Mr. Laceck,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same; and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert M<sup>c</sup>Calla and Matthew H. Jouett," together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee of claims; and the amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Solomon Provost; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consid-

eration of the bill for the relief of John Pellit; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Crawford, of Indiana, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of John Anderson; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Alexander Milne; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Experiens Fisk, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion by Mr. Palmer,

*Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Christopher Fowler; and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consid-

eration of the bill, supplementary to an act, passed the second day of March, 1807, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States;" Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair; and the bill having been amended;

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1819.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the committee of claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Landon, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Noble reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake;" the bill, entitled "An act confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb, to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan;" the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty;" the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize William Prout, to institute a bill in equity before the circuit court for the District of Columbia, against the commissioner of the public buildings, and to direct a defence therein;" the bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government; and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" the bill, entitled "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels;" and also the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the postmaster general, to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky."

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state, reported the same without amendment; and,



On motion by Mr. Thomas,

The bill was taken up and considered, as in committee of the whole; and having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Sanford asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to fix the time for the next meeting of Congress; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of yesterday, for instructing the committee on the post office and post roads, to inquire into the propriety of making an extra allowance to the postmasters at the Chicasaw and Choctaw agencies; and agreed thereto.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; Mr. Daggett was requested to take the chair; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled “An act respecting the location of certain sections of lands to be granted for the seat of government, in the state of Indiana;” the bill, entitled “An act to continue in force for a further term the act, entitled ‘An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes;’” the bill, entitled “An act to repeal part of an act, passed on the twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, entitled ‘An act, in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment;’” and also, the bill, entitled “An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and to punish the crime of piracy.”

They have also passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled “An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana,” with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a bill, entitled “An act to regulate duties on certain wines;” a bill, entitled “An act making appropriations for the public buildings, for the purchase of a lot of land, and furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain public buildings;” a bill, entitled “An act to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States,’ which relate to the right of voting for directors, and for other purposes;” and also, a resolution authorizing the President of the United States, to cause astronomical observations to be made, to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol, in the City of Washington, from

some known meridian in Europe; in which bills and resolution, they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills and resolution last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the eight enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act explanatory of the act, entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri,'" the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions;" and the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jonett;" the bill for the relief of Solomon Prevost; the bill authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same; the bill for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge; the bill for the relief of John Pellit; the bill for the relief of John Anderson; the bill for the relief of Alexander Milne; and the bill for the relief of Christopher Fowler; were respectively reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act explanatory of the act, entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri,'" was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred the memorial of the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, praying to be allowed to import free from duty, cast iron pipes, for the purpose of conveying water through the streets of the city, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The report and resolution were read, considered and agreed to.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled

"An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells," reported the same without amendment; and,

On his motion,

The bill was taken up and considered as in committee of the whole;

On motion by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Eppes, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy," reported the same without amendment; and,

On his motion,

The bill was taken up and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Edwards gave notice, that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill to establish a land office in the state of Illinois.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1819.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution declaring the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States shall be named; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

Mr Roberts, presented the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Lancaster and Chester counties, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a certain post route; and the petition was read;

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the post office and post roads, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to regulate the duties on certain wines," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States,' which relate to the right of voting for directors, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings, for the purchase of a lot of land, and furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain public buildings," was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have concurred in all the amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819," except that which proposes an "Appropriation of four thousand two hundred and forty-three dollars, to pay William and James Crooks the amount of the sales of the schooner Lord Nelson," to which they disagree.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish



certain post roads;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The resolution authorizing the President of the United States, to cause astronomical observations to be made, to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol, in the City of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred on the 24th November, 1818, the memorial of William Lambert, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants, and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated land within the same,' passed the eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six," reported the same without amendment.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Edwards asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to establish a new land office in the state of Illinois; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of public lands, not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana."

Whereupon,

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That they disagree thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert M. Calla and Matthew H. Jouett," was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The engrossed bill, authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and building houses for the safe keeping of the same, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and building houses for the safe keeping the same."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The engrossed bill for the relief of Solomon Prevost, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Solomon Prevost."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The engrossed bill for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An the relief of Bartholomew Duverge."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The engrossed bill for the relief of John Pellit, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of John Pellit.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The engrossed bill for the relief of John Anderson, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of John Anderson."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The engrossed bill for the relief of Alexander Milne, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Alexander Milne."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The engrossed bill for the relief of Christopher Fowler, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Christopher Fowler."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri," was read a third time; and,

On motion,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 5th day of March next;

It was determined in the negative, yeas 14, nays 23.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Burrill,

Mr. Dickerson,

Mr. Lacock,

Daggett,

King,

Mellen,

Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Sanford,	Mr. Van Dyke,
Otis,	Storer,	Wilson.
Roberts,	Tichenor,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Goldsborough,	Mr. Ruggles,
Crittenden,	Horsey,	Stokes,
Dana,	Johnson,	Tait,
Eaton,	Leake,	Talbot,
Edwards,	Macon,	Thomas,
Eppes,	Morrow,	Williams, of Miss.
Fromentin,	Noble,	Willims, of Ten.
Gaillard,	Palmer,	

On the question to agree to the first amendment reported by the select committee, to wit: Sec. 4, line 23, after the word "*Inhabitants*," strike out the remainder of the section.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

A division was called for, and the question was taken on striking out the latter clause thereof, as follows: "*And that all children of slaves born within the said state, after the admission thereof into the Union, shall be free, but may be held to service until the age of twenty-five years.*"

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 31, nays 7.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Goldsborough,	Mr. Palmer,
Crittenden,	Horsey,	Roberts,
Daggett,	Johnson,	Sanford,
Dana,	King,	Stokes,
Eaton,	Lacock,	Storer,
Edwards,	Leake,	Tait,
Eppes,	Macon,	Talbot,
Fromentin,	Morrow,	Taylor,
Gaillard,	Otis,	Thomas;

Mr. Tichenor,                      Mr. Williams, of *Miss*. Mr. Williams, of *Ten*.  
                                          Van Dyke,

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Wilson.
Dickerson,	Noble,	
Mellen,	Ruggles,	

On the question to agree to the former clause of said proposed amendment, to strike out "*And provided also, That the further introduction of slavery, or involuntary servitude be prohibited, except for the punishment of crimes, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted.*"

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 22, nays 16.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Horsey,	Mr. Tait,
Crittenden,	Johnson,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Lacock,	Thomas,
Edwards,	Leake,	Van Dyke,
Eppes,	Macon,	Williams, of <i>Miss</i> ,
Fromentin,	Otis,	Williams, of <i>Ten</i> .
Gaillard,	Palmer,	
Goldsborough,	Stokes,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barrill,	Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Storer,
Daggett,	Morrow,	Taylor,
Dana,	Noble,	Tichenor,
Dickerson,	Roberts,	Wilson.
King,	Ruggles,	
Mellen,	Sanford,	

The other amendment reported by the select committee having been agreed to, and the bill having been further amended,

On motion,



The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, MARCH 1st, 1819.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee of claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Samuel J. Axon, and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to revive the powers of the commissioners, for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Prairie du Chien, in the territory of Michigan; and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and,

On the question, " Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 18, nays 6.

On motion by Mr. Edwards,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Sanford,
Burrill,	Lacock,	Tait,
Crittenden,	Morrow,	Taylor,
Daggett,	Noble,	Thomas,
Dana,	Roberts,	Williams, of Ten.
Dickerson,	Ruggles,	Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Eaton,	Mr. King,	Mr. Macon,
Edwards,	Leake,	Storer.

The Senate resumed the bill, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri;" it having been previously read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

"That the said bill be recommitted to the committee to whom the same was first referred, with instructions so to amend the same that the further introduction of slavery or involuntary servitude within the said territory, except for the punishment of crimes, be prohibited;"

It was determined in the negative, yeas 14, nays 19.

On motion by Mr. Talbot,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Lacock,	Mr. Sanford,
Daggett,	Mellen,	Storer,
Dana,	Noble,	Tichenor,
Dickerson,	Roberts,	Wilson.
King,	Ruggles,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Eaton,	Mr. Eppes,
Crittenden,	Edwards,	Fromentin,

Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Morrow,	Mr. Thomas,
Goldsborough,	Stokes,	Williams, of <i>Miss</i>
Johnson,	Tait,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Leake,	Talbot,	
Macon,	Taylor,	

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act explanatory of the act, entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri;' to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions;" and also to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jouett."

They have receded from their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices, for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana."

They have passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers;" and the bill, entitled "An act further to suspend for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure, in completing the payment thereon."

They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Orr;" a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building, erecting, and placing lighthouses, beacons, and buoys, on places designated in Boston, Buzzard and Chesapeake Bays; Lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes;" a bill, entitled

"An act extending the term of half pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen, and marines, who died in the public service;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John M'Causland;" and a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Kid, Seth Webber, and Thomas Page;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The six bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois;" was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Orr," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building, erecting, and placing light houses, beacons, and buoys, on places designated in Boston, Buzzard and Chesapeake Bays; Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, and for other purposes;" was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act extending the term of half pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen, and marines, who died in the public service," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John M'Causland," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the militia, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Kid, Seth Webber, and Thomas Page," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on finance, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," was twice read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the post office and post roads, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to fix the time for the next meeting of Congress, was read the second time.

The bill to establish a new land office in the state of Illinois, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819," disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they recede therefrom.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Dickerson, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made, to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol, in the City of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe, reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States, the eight enrolled



bills last reported to have been examined, and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act respecting the location of certain sections of lands to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana;" the bill, entitled "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy;" the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force for a further term the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes;'" the bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of an act, passed on the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled 'An act in addition to the act regulating the post office establishment;'" the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers;" the bill, entitled "An act further to suspend for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payments thereon;" the bill, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Indiana and Ohio;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jouett;" the bill, entitled "An act explanatory of the act, entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Illinois and territory of Missouri;'" and also the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" and the bill having been further amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy;" was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act regulating the pay of invalid pensioners; and the amendment made as in committee of the whole having been concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary at War, to appoint an additional agent for paying pensions in the state of Tennessee;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings, for the purchase of a lot of land, and furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain public buildings," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States,' which relate to the right of voting for directors, and for other purposes;" and also the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the duties on certain wines," reported the same respectively without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That the committee on finance, to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Aubin, and also the petition of Henry Rice, be discharged from the further consideration thereof respectively, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their papers.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the city of Perth Amboy, praying that the district court of the United States

may be held at that place, instead of New Brunswick, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. King presented the memorial of the New York chamber of commerce, representing the great evils that would arise from a repeal of the charter of the Bank of the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That the library committee, who were instructed to inquire into the propriety of further extending the privilege of using the books in the library of Congress, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and Luther Frink," together with the amendment reported thereto by the committee on pensions; and the amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Lacock submitted the following motion for consideration, which was read and passed to the second reading:

*Resolved*, That the committee of accounts be authorized and directed to make the same allowance for extra services to each person serving this House, as was granted at the end of the last session.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the committee on the militia, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making some further provision by law, to ensure annual and accurate returns of the militia of the

several states and territories, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill relative to the Patent Office, and to the salary of the superintendent thereof; and the blank having been filled with "*two thousand*," the bill was reported to the House accordingly; and being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Noah Brown and others; and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the fifth day of March instant.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Harold Smyth;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Labedoyere de Kermion; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Vincent Grant; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Joseph Lefebvre; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,



On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2d, 1819.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur.

Mr. President—The President of the United States this day approved and signed, "An act confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan;" "An act to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty;" "An act to authorize William Prout, to institute a bill in equity, before the circuit court for the district of Columbia, against the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein;" "An act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade;" "An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake;" and also, "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Orr," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the President and Managers of the Washington Turnpike Company of the State of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road to or from Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, through the said district to the line thereof,'" reported the same without amendment.



The President communicated the credentials of the honorable John F. Parrot, appointed a Senator by the legislature of New Hampshire, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March instant; which were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee on pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act extending the term of half pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen, and marines, who died in the public service," reported the same without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the petition of the Corporation of the City of Washington, praying for a renewal of their charter; the memorial of John Mason and others, praying the repeal of an act of Congress exempting the City of Washington from county taxes; the memorial of the Columbian Institute, praying the grant of a part of the public reservation of ground in the City of Washington; the resolution of the Senate instructing them to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws existing in the District of Columbia, regulating the seizure and sale of persons of color suspected to be runaway slaves, be discharged from the further consideration thereof respectively.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Elderken Potter; the memorial of Nathaniel Cutting; the petition of Rebecca Hodgson; and the resolution of the Senate instructing them to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to provide for the payment of slaves impressed into the public service, and lost in the said service, be discharged from the further consideration thereof respectively.

On motion by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That John Slocum, of Providence, Rhode Island, have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Sanford, from the committee on commerce and manufactures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to autho-

rize the building, erecting and placing light houses, beacons and buoys, on places designated in Boston, Buzzard, and Chesapeake Bays, Lake Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes," reported the same without amendment; and,

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

The bill was considered as in committee of the whole, and having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Legislature of the Alabama Territory, against the construction of the limits of said territory, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That the committee on naval affairs, to whom was referred on the 8th of January, 1819, three reports of the Secretary of the Navy, be discharged from the further consideration thereof respectively.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee of claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Minis, and others," reported the same without amendment.

The President communicated a letter from E. de Krafft, offering himself as a candidate for the printing of the Senate; and the letter was read.

Mr. Ruggles, from the committee on the militia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John M'Causland," reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed the resolution, declaring the manner in which the vessels comprising the navy of the United States shall be named; it having been previously read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary at War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensions in the state of Tennessee," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Harold Smyth," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri Territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the pay of invalid pensioners," having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An an act for the relief of Hannah Ring and Luther Frink," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An

act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill relative to the Patent Office, and to the salary of the superintendent thereof, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act relative to the Patent Office and to the salary of the superintendent thereof."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Labedoyere de Kermion, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Labedoyere de Kermion."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Vincent Grant, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Vincent Grant."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of the Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Joseph Lefebre, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Joseph Lefebre."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to revive the powers of the commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Praire du Chien, in the territory of Michigan, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An



act to revive the powers of the commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the District of Detroit, and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Praire du Chien, in the territory of Michigan."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819," and also the bill, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act respecting passenger ships and vessels;" and also, "An act authorizing the Postmaster General to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky."

The House of Representatives have *postponed indefinitely*, the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for sick and disabled seamen;" and also the bill, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the salaries and compensation of the registers and receivers of public moneys of the land offices;" also, the resolution requesting the President to employ an artist to ascertain the latitude of thirty-six degrees, thirty minutes, north, on the west bank of Tennessee river.

They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth;" the bill, entitled "An act for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices;" the bill, entitled "An act granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois for the seat of government of said state;" the bill, entitled "An act making



provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements;" and also, the bill making appropriations to carry into effect treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned."

They have also passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces," with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and Luther Frink;" and also to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the payment of invalid pensioners."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb;" a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of certain military sites;" a bill, entitled "An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade;" and also, a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have concurred in all the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states," except the eleventh, and to that they disagree. And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said eleventh amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

Whereupon,

On motion by Mr. Tait,

*Resolved*, That they adhere thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The four bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the thirteen enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces."

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee, appointed the 15th of December, 1818, on the subject of the slave trade, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eaton, from said committee, reported the bill with an amendment, which was read and considered as in committee of the whole; and having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act authorising the sale of certain military sites," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on military affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from said committee, reported the bill without amendment.

The bill, entitled "An act in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on public lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrow, from the said committee, reported the bill without amendment; and,

On his motion,

It was considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on foreign relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Macon, from the said committee, reported the bill with amendments, which were read and considered as in committee of the whole; and having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee on finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Kid, Seth Webber, and Thomas Page," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Stokes, from the committee on the post office and post roads, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter and estab-

lish certain post roads," reported the same with amendments, which were read and considered as in committee of the whole; and having been agreed to with further amendments, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The President communicated a letter from Jonathan Elliot, offering himself as a candidate for the printing of the Senate, and the letter was read.

The bill for the relief of Samuel J. Axon, was read the second time.

Mr. Wilson, from the joint committee appointed on the subject, reported a resolution directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed, fixing the prices thereof, and providing for the appointment of a printer or printers; and the resolution was twice read by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

It having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Batman," reported the same with amendments; which were read.

The resolution authorizing an allowance for extra services to persons serving the Senate, was read the second and third times by unanimous consent, and passed as follows:

*Resolved*, That the committee of accounts be authorized and

directed to make the same allowance for extra services to each person serving this house, as was granted at the end of the last session.

The President communicated a letter from Daniel Rapine, offering himself as a candidate for the printing of the Senate; and the letter was read.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had, this day, laid before the President of the United States, the thirteen enrolled bills, last reported to have been examined and signed.

Mr. Morrow from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill to establish a new land office in the state of Illinois, reported the same with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Edwards presented the petition of Samuel Abbott, of Randolph county, in the state of Illinois, praying relief for certain erroneous entries of land, as stated in the petition; which was read.

Mr. Thomas presented the petition of the legislature of the state of Illinois, praying that the right of pre-emption may be extended to certain settlers in said state, as stated in the petition; which was read.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3d, 1819.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois for the seat of government of said state;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth;" the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces;" the bill, entitled "An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices;" the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements;" the resolution "declaring the manner in which the vessels



composing the navy of the United States shall be named;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary at War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensioners of the United States, in the state of Tennessee;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and others;" the bill, entitled "An act regulating the payments to invalid pensioners;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy;" and also the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade."

The credentials of the honorable William A. Palmer, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of South Carolina, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March instant, were communicated and read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building, erecting, and placing light houses, beacons, and buoys, on places designated in Boston, Buzzard, and Chesapeake Bays, Lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein," having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sanford,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to fix the time for the next meeting of Congress; and the blank having been filled with "*second Monday*;"

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

It was determined in the negative, yeas 6, nays 22.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Eppes,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Ruggles,
Lacock,	Roberts,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Storer,
Burrill,	Goldsborough	Tait,
Daggett,	Johnson,	Tichenor,
Dana,	Leake,	Van Dyke,
Dickerson,	Mellen,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Eaton,	Noble,	Wilson.
Edwards,	Palmer,	
Fromentin,	Sanford,	

No amendment having been made to said bill, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to fix the time for the next meeting of Congress."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The President communicated a letter from Messrs. Gales and Seaton, from William A. Davis, and from Andrew Way, jr. respectively offering themselves as candidates for the printing of the Senate; and the letters were severally read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the duties on certain wines;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading; and,

On motion,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives *adhere* to their disagreement to the eleventh amendment proposed and *adhered* to by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states."

They have passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Illinois;" the bill, entitled "An act for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts east of the island of New Orleans;" and also a resolution directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed; fixing the prices thereof, and providing for the appointment of a printer or printers. And he withdrew.

The President signed the ten enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined; and they were deli-

vered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings; for the purchase of a lot of land, and furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain public buildings;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Minis, and others;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Kid, Seth Webber, and Thomas Page;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.



*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to an act, passed the second day of March, 1807, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States;" and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed on the 2d day of March, 1799;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act further supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed on the 2d day of March, 1799.'"

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the allowance of pensions upon a relinquishment of bounty lands; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Whea-



ton;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Moss;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Phœbe Stuart;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Batman," together with the amendments reported thereto by the committee on public lands; and the amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said amendments having been reported by the committee,

correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Patrick Callan;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The House of Representatives have passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Rice Jones."

They have also passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Michael Hogan," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the last mentioned bill.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Lacock presented communications from Robert Butler, adjutant general of the southern division of the army of the United States, and of colonel George Gibson, in relation to their testimony before the committee, appointed in pursuance of the resolution of the Senate of the 18th of December last, on the subject of the Seminole war; which were read; and,

On motion,

*Ordered* to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Noble reported from the committee, that they had laid before the President of the United States, the ten enrolled bills, and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined.

On request,

Mr. Noble obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed for enrolled bills on the part of the Senate, in place of Mr. Noble, absent with leave; and,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Johnson be the committee.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the president and managers of the Washington Turnpike Company of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road to or from George Town, in the District of Columbia, through the said district to the line thereof;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Tait,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act extending the term of half pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen, and marines, who died in the public service;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson;'" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Johnson reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations to carry into effect treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Rice Jones;" the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Illinois;" and also a resolution directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed, fixing the prices thereof, and providing for the appointment of a printer or printers.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker; and,

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated land within the same,' passed the eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six.'"

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,



*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells;'" and,

On motion by Mr. Eppes,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States,' which relate to the right of voting for directors and for other purposes;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building, erecting, and placing light houses, beacons, and buoys, on places designated in Boston, Buzzard, and Chesapeake Bays, Lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes;" to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" and also to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Batman."

They concur in all the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein," except that which proposes to add a new section, as a fifth section of the said bill, with amendments,



and that they do not agree to so much of the amendments as proposes to add a new section as a fifth section of the said bill.

They have postponed indefinitely, the bill, entitled "An act to fix the time for the next meeting of Congress."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners;" and also a bill, entitled "An act in addition to, and alteration of an act, entitled 'An act laying a duty on imported salt; granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President signed the three enrolled bills, and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois," reported the same without amendment; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made, to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol, in the City of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe; and,

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson reported from the committee, that they had laid before the President of the United States, the three enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined and signed; and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Harold Smith;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Moss;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton;" the bill, entitled, "An act to

regulate the duties on certain wines;" the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings, for the purchase of a lot of land, and furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain public buildings;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Minis and others;" and also the bill, entitled "An act in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to establish a new land office in the state of Illinois; and the same having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in;

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Orr;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned to 6 o'clock in the evening.

#### SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the seven enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Johnson reported, from the committee, that they had laid

before the President of the United States, the seven enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed, and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Batman;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building, erecting, and placing light houses, beacons, and buoys, on places designated in Boston, Buzzards, and Chesapeake Bays, Lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Patrick Callan;" the bill, entitled "An act concerning the allowance of pensions upon a relinquishment of bounty lands;" the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the President and Managers of the Washington Turnpike Company of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road to or from George Town, in the District of Columbia, through the said district to the line thereof;'" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Orr;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Phœbe Stuart;" the bill, entitled "An act extending the term of half pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen and marines, who died in the public service;" the bill, entitled "An act, in addition to an act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson;'" the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" and also the bill, entitled "An act to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States,' which relate to the right of voting for directors, and for other purposes."

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein;"

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they do agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to their fourth and fifth amendments, and that they do recede from their amendment, which proposes to add a new section, and disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the committee on public lands be discharged from the further consideration of all subjects referred to them during the present session, upon which they have not reported.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur:

Mr. President—The President of the United States this day approved and signed, “An act to protect the commerce of the United States and punish the crime of piracy;” “An act, in addition to ‘An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases;” “An act respecting the location of certain sections of lands to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana;” “An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon;” “An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana;” “An act to continue in force for a further term, the act, entitled ‘An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes;” “An act to repeal part of an act, passed the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled ‘An act in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment;” “An act for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers;” “An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces;” “An act for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth;” “An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices;” “An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements;” “An act granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state;” “An act making appropriations to carry into effect treaties, concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned;” “An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Illinois;” and “An act for the relief of John Rice Jones;” and also a resolution, directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed; fixing the prices thereof, and providing for the appointment of a printer or printers.



*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Stokes,

*Ordered*, That the committee on the post office and post roads, to whom was referred the memorial of Benjamin Dearborn, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Stokes, from said committee, reported said bill without amendment; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act, in addition to, and alteration of, an act, entitled 'An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries,'" was read three several times by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, to establish a new land office in the state of Illinois, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to establish a new land office in the state of Illinois."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States, on the 2d



instant, approved and signed, "An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri;" and on this day, "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819;" "An act for the relief of Robert M. Calla and Matthew H. Jouett;" "An act concerning invalid pensions;" and also, "An act explanatory of the act, entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri.'"

The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Aquila Giles;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Rees Hill;" and also the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same." And he withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The Senate proceeded to the appointment of a printer, on their part, agreeably to the provisions of a joint resolution of this date; and on the ballots having been counted, it appeared that Messrs. Gales and Seaton had a majority and were elected.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John M. Causland;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

I was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of certain military sites;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War, to convey a lot or parcel of land belonging to the United States, lying in Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel J. Axson; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed on the 2d day of March, 1799; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein;" the bill, entitled "An act in addition to, and alteration of, an act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Rees Hill;" the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Aquila Giles;" the bill, entitled

"An act for the relief of Michael Hogan;" the bill, entitled "An act for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts east of the island of New Orleans;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John M'Causland;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to convey a lot or parcel of ground, belonging to the United States, lying in Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia;" and also, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of certain military sites."

On motion by Mr. Macon,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on the part of the Senate, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him, that unless he may have other communications to make to the two Houses of Congress, they are ready to adjourn.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Macon and Mr. Daggett be the said committee.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof and request their concurrence therein.

On motion by Mr. Burrill,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to the honorable James Barbour, Senator from Virginia, for the dignified and impartial manner in which he has discharged the important duties of President of the Senate, since he was called to the chair.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the thanks of the Senate be also presented to the honorable John Gaillard, Senator from South Carolina, for the dignified and impartial manner in which he discharged the important duties of President of the Senate during the time he presided therein.

Whereupon,

Mr. Barbour addressed the Senate as follows:

*Gentlemen*,

The sensibility produced by this new evidence of your kindness and approbation, is beyond my power to express. I would rather refer to your own bosoms as furnishing a more correct standard by which to appreciate it. I have the consolation to reflect,

that whatever of zeal or capacity I possess, have been devoted to the discharge of the duties of my station; your approbation is more than an ample reward. Permit me as the moment of separating is approaching, from all for a season, from some perhaps forever, to tender you all an affectionate farewell, and to pray that upon your return to your respective homes, your reception may be such, in all your relations, as may make you happy.

Mr. Gaillard then rose and made the following address:

Mr. President—Next to the satisfaction arising from the consciousness of faithfully performing our duty, the favorable opinion of those with whom we are associated, affords the highest gratification that can be received; and the present vote of approbation, together with the many acts of kindness I have experienced from this honorable body, have excited in my mind feelings of gratitude which neither time nor circumstances can ever efface.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have elected Messrs. Gales and Seaton, printers on their part, pursuant to the joint resolution on that subject.

They have concurred in the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait upon the President of the United States, and notify him of the intended recess, and have appointed a committee on their part.

The President of the United States, this day, approved and signed, "An act in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb;" "An act in addition to an act, and supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson;'" "An act for the relief of Phebe Stuart;" "An act for the relief of Isaac Minis and others;" "An act extending the term of half pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen, and marines, who died in the public service;" "An act for the relief of Daniel Moss;" "An act to authorize the building, erecting, and

placing light houses, beacons, and buoys, on places designated in Boston, Buzzard, and Chesapeake Bays, Lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes;" "An act to regulate the duties on certain wines;" "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the president and managers of the Washington Turnpike Company, of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road to or from Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, through the said district to the line thereof;" "An act to enforce the provisions of the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States,' which relate to the right of voting for directors, and for other purposes;" "An act for the relief of Henry Batman;" "An act for the relief of Robert Kid, Seth Webber, and Thomas Page;" "An act making appropriations for the public buildings, for the purchase of a lot of land, and furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain public buildings;" "An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton;" "An act for the relief of Harold Smyth;" "An act for the relief of Patrick Callan;" "An act concerning the allowance of pensions upon the relinquishment of bounty lands;" "An act for the relief of James Orr;" "An act to authorize the Secretary at War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensions of the United States, in the state of Tennessee;" "An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade;" "An act for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy;" "An act regulating the payments to invalid pensioners;" "An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and others;" and also a resolution declaring the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States shall be named. And he withdrew.

The President signed the nine enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth, have leave to withdraw their papers.

Mr. Johnson reported, from the committee, that they had laid



before the President of the United States, the nine enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That Richard Frisby have leave to withdraw his memorial and accompanying papers, presented at the last session of Congress.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur:

Mr. President—The President of the United States this day approved and signed, “An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same;” “An act for the relief of Aquilla Giles;” “An act for the relief of Rees Hill;” and also, “An act for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts East of the Island of New Orleans.”

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

Mr. President—The President of the United States this day approved and signed “An act to authorize the Secretary of War, to convey a lot or parcel of land belonging to the United States, lying in Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia;” “An act for the relief of John M. Causland;” “An act authorizing the sale of certain military sites;” “An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein;” and also, “An act in addition to, and alteration of an act, entitled ‘An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries.’”

The House of Representatives having finished the business before them, are about to adjourn. And he withdrew.

Mr. Macon reported, from the joint committee, that they had waited on the President of the United States, who informed them, that he had no further communication to make to the two Houses of Congress.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate having finished the legislative business before them, are about to adjourn.

Whereupon,

The President adjourned the Senate sine die.

# SENATORS OF THE UNITED STATES

WHOSE

## SEATS WILL BECOME VACANT:

1821.	1823.	1825.
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Brown,
Dana,	Crittenden,	Edwards,
Eaton,	Dickerson,	Ellicott,
Horsey,	Eppes,	Gaillard,
Hunter,	Johnson,	Lanman,
Leake,	Morril,	Logan,
Mellen,	Otis,	Lowrie,
Noble,	Smith,	Macon,
Roberts,	Stokes,	Palmer,
Ruggles,	Thomas,	Parrott,
Sanford,	Van Dyke,	Taylor,
Tichenor,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>	Trimble,
Wilson,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>	Maryland, (vact.)
Maryland, (vacant)	Georgia, (vacant)	New York, (vact.)



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### *LIST OF ACTS PASSED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS.*

- An act to provide for the removal of the Library of Congress to the North Wing of the Capitol.
- An act to increase the number of Clerks in the Department of War.
- An act making a partial Appropriation for the Military Service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and to make good a deficit in the Appropriation for holding Treaties with the Indians.
- An act concerning the Western District Court of Pennsylvania.
- An act for the relief of William Barton.
- An act granting to Mehitabel Cole the Lands therein mentioned.
- An act for the relief of Major General John Stark.
- An act for the relief of William B. Lewis.
- An act for the relief of the legal Representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased.
- An act for the relief of Doctor Mottrom Ball.
- An act for the relief of Frederick Brown.
- An act to establish a Judicial District in Virginia, West of the Allegheny Mountain.
- An act to authorize the Payment, in certain Cases, on account of Treasury Notes which have been lost or destroyed.
- An act for the relief of Sampson S. King.
- An act authorizing the Distribution of a sum of Money among the Representatives of Commodore Edward Preble, and the Officers and Crew of the brig Syren.
- An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper.
- An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish.



- An act making Appropriations for the Military Service of the United States for the year eighteen hundred and nineteen.
- An act to extend the Jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of the United States to cases arising under the law relating to Patents.
- An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker.
- An act to authorize the President and Managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, of the State of Maryland, to extend and make their Turnpike Road to or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof.
- An act authorizing the Election of a Delegate from the Michigan Territory to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said Territory.
- An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath.
- An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia.
- An act making Appropriations for the Support of the Navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.
- An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the Civil Department of the Government of the United States in the District of Columbia.
- An act to increase the Salaries of certain Officers of Government.
- An act authorizing the President of the United States to purchase the Lands reserved by the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and seventeen, to certain Chiefs, Warriors, or other Indians, of the Creek nation.
- An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool.
- An act for the relief of Adam Kinsley, Thomas French, and Charles S. Leonard.
- An act providing for a Grant of Land for the seat of Government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a Seminary of Learning within the said state.
- An act for the relief of Henry Davis.
- An act for the relief of John Clark.
- An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by General Armstrong in favor of William Morgan.

- An act supplemental to the act, entitled "An act further to amend the Charter of the City of Washington."
- An act providing additional Penalties for false Entries for the Benefit of Drawback, or Bounty on Exportation.
- An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey.
- An act concerning the Heirs and Legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased.
- An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth.
- An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey.
- An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of Military Land Warrants.
- An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne.
- An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide for the prompt Settlement of Public Accounts."
- An act to incorporate a Company to build a Bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets East, in the City of Washington.
- An act to regulate the Pay of the Army when employed on fatigue duty.
- An act regulating Passenger Ships and Vessels.
- An act to enable the People of the Alabama Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the Admission of such State into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States.
- An act supplementary to the acts concerning the Coasting Trade.
- An act establishing a separate Territorial Government in the Southern part of the Territory of Missouri.
- An act confirming the Claim of Alexander Macomb to a tract of land in the Territory of Michigan.
- An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake.
- An act authorizing the Postmaster General to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats, between New-Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the State of Kentucky.
- An act making Appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

- An act for the relief of Phebe Stuart.
- An act for the relief of John Rice Jones.
- An act in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum for teaching the Deaf and Dumb.
- An act in addition to an act, supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson."
- An act for the relief of Aquilla Giles.
- An act extending the term of Half Pay Pensions to the Widows and Children of certain Officers, Seamen, and Marines, who died in the Public Service.
- An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jouett.
- An act for the relief of Henry Batman.
- An act for the relief of Harold Smyth.
- An act for the relief of Daniel Moss.
- An act for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers.
- An act for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy.
- An act for the relief of Michael Hogan.
- An act for the relief of Rees Hill.
- An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and others.
- An act to provide for the due execution of the Laws of the United States within the State of Illinois.
- An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the President and Managers of the Washington Turnpike Company of the State of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road to or from Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof."
- An act to alter and establish certain Post Roads.
- An act to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," which relate to the right of voting for directors, and for other purposes.
- An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the Sale or Forfeiture of Lands for Failure in completing the Payment thereon.
- An act in addition to "An act concerning Tonnage and Discriminating Duties in certain cases."

- An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton.
- An act to protect the Commerce of the United States, and punish the Crime of Piracy.
- An act for the relief of Isaac Minis and others.
- An act for the relief of Patrick Callan.
- An act to continue in force, for a further term, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," and for other purposes.
- An act regulating the Payments to Invalid Pensioners.
- An act to regulate the Duties on certain Wines.
- An act respecting the Location of certain Sections of Land to be granted for the Seat of Government in the State of Indiana.
- An act making Appropriations for the Public Buildings, for the purchase of a Lot of Land, and furnishing a Supply of Water for the use of certain Public Buildings.
- An act making Provision for the Civilization of the Indian Tribes adjoining the frontier Settlements.
- An act explanatory of the act, entitled "An act for the final Adjustment of Land Titles in the State of Louisiana and Territory of Missouri."
- An act making Appropriations to carry into effect Treaties concluded with several Indian Tribes therein mentioned.
- An act authorizing the Sale of certain Military Sites.
- An act in addition to, and alteration of, an act, entitled "An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries."
- An act to authorize the Secretary of War to convey a Lot or Parcel of Land, belonging to the United States, lying in Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia.
- An act to authorize the Secretary at War to appoint an additional agent for paying Pensioners of the United States in the State of Tennessee.
- An act to designate the Boundaries of Districts, and establish Land Offices, for the disposal of the Public Lands not heretofore offered for Sale in the States of Ohio and Indiana.

- An act to authorize the President of the United States to take Possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary Government therein.
- An act concerning the Allowance of Pensions upon a Relinquishment of Bounty Lands.
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- An act to authorize the building, erecting, and placing Light-houses, Beacons, and Buoys, on places designated in Boston, Buzzard, and Chesapeake Bays, Lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes.
- An act for the relief of John McCausland.
- An act for the relief of Robert Kid, Seth Webber, and Thomas Page.
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