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**BEGUN AND HELD,**

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**NOVEMBER 13, 1820,**

**AND IN THE FORTY-FIFTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SAID STATES.**

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THE SECOND SESSION of the Sixteenth Congress commenced this day at the City of Washington, conformably to the act, approved the thirteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, entitled "An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress," and the Senate assembled.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1820.

## PRESENT,

From the State of  
*New Hampshire,*

The honorable { David L. Morrill,  
John F. Parrott.

From the State of

*Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,*

The honorable James Burrill, junior.

From the State of  
*Vermont,*

The honorable Isaac Tichenor.

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 { Jonathan Roberts,  
Walter Lowrie.

From the State of  
*Delaware,*

The honorable { Outerbridge Horsey,  
Nicholas Van Dyke.

From the State of  
*Virginia,*

The honorable { James Barbour,  
James Pleasants.

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  
*Kentucky,*

The honorable Richard M. Johnson.

From the State of  
*Tennessee,*

The honorable John Henry Eaton.

From the State of  
*Ohio,*

The honorable { Benjamin Ruggles,  
William A. Trimble.

From the State of  
*Louisiana,*

The honorable { James Brown.  
Henry Johnson.

From the State of  
*Indiana,*

The honorable { Waller Taylor,  
James Noble.

From the State of  
*Mississippi,*

The honorable { Thomas H. Williams,  
David Holmes.

From the State of  
*Illinois,*

The honorable { Ninian Edwards,  
Jesse B. Thomas.

From the State of  
*Alabama,*

The honorable { William R. King,  
John W. Walker.

From the State of  
*Maine,*

The honorable { John Chandler,  
                          { John Holmes.

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

The honorable David Holmes, appointed a Senator by the Executive of the State of Mississippi, in place of the honorable Walter Leake; the honorable John Chandler, and the honorable John Holmes, appointed Senators, by the Legislature of the State of Maine, 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. Burrill,

*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, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed, jointly with such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, 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 to them.

*Ordered,* That Mr. King, of Alabama, and Mr. Macon, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, submitted the following motion for consideration, which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole:

*Resolved,* That Mountjoy Bayly, doorkeeper and sergeant-at-arms to the Senate, be, and he hereby is, authorised 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.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Morrill,

*Resolved,* That two Chaplains of different denominations be ap-

pointed to Congress, during the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

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

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Resolved*, That each Senator be supplied, during the present session, with three such newspapers, printed within the United States, as he may choose, provided the same be furnished at the 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. Wilson,

*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. Wilson be the committee on the part of the Senate.

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

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

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

That the Secretary put into the ballot box two papers of equal size, one of which shall be numbered one, and the other shall be blank, and each Senator shall draw out one paper; that the Senator who shall draw the paper numbered one, shall be inserted in the class of Senators whose term of service will expire on the 3d of March, 1821.

That the Secretary shall then put into the ballot box two papers of equal size, one of which shall be numbered two, and the other numbered three; the other Senator shall then draw one of said papers, and if he shall draw No. 2, shall be inserted in the class whose term of service will expire on the 3d of March, 1823; or if he shall draw No. 3, he shall be inserted in the class whose term of service will expire on the 3d of March, 1825.

Whereupon,

The papers abovementioned were, by the Secretary, put into the box; when Mr. Holmes drew No. 1, and is accordingly of the class



of Senators whose term of service will expire on the 3d of March, 1821; and Mr. Chandler drew No. 2, and is accordingly of the class of Senators whose term of service will expire on the 3d of March, 1823.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1820.

The honorable William A. Palmer, from the state of Vermont, and the honorable John Williams, from the state of Tennessee, severally attended.

The President communicated a copy of the constitution, as adopted for the government of the state of Missouri, which was read.

Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, legislative measures may be necessary for admitting the state of Missouri into the Union.

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

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the copy of the constitution, as adopted for the government of the state of Missouri, just communicated, be referred to said committee, to consider and report thereon, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

*Resolved*, That a committee for engrossed bills be appointed, agreeably to the 30th rule for conducting business in the Senate.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Holmes, of Maine, and Mr. Lowrie, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

The Senate adjourned to 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

The resolution authorising the doorkeeper and serjeant-at-arms to employ an assistant and horses, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

On motion,

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1820.

The honorable Samuel W. Dana, from the state of Connecticut, attended.

Mr. Burrill communicated a resolution, passed by the legislature of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, instructing their Senators, and requesting their Representatives, in Congress, to exert their influence to reduce the compensation of members of Congress to six dollars per day, and the resolution was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,  
The Senate adjourned to 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

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 have elected John W. Taylor, one of the Representatives from the state of New York, their Speaker, in the place of Henry Clay, resigned, and are ready to proceed to business ; and

That they 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 to them. And he withdrew.

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

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

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE SENATE,

AND OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In communicating to you a just view of public affairs, at the commencement of your present labors, I do it with great satisfaction; because, taking all circumstances into consideration which claim attention, I see much cause to rejoice in the felicity of our situation. In making this remark, I do not wish to be understood to imply that an unvaried prosperity is to be seen in every interest of this great



community. In the progress of a nation, inhabiting a territory of such vast extent and great variety of climate, every portion of which is engaged in foreign commerce, and liable to be affected, in some degree, by the changes which occur in the condition and regulations of foreign countries, it would be strange, if the produce of our soil and the industry and enterprize of our fellow-citizens received at all times, and in every quarter, an uniform and equal encouragement. This would be more than we would have a right to expect, under circumstances the most favorable. Pressures on certain interests, it is admitted, have been felt; but, allowing to these their greatest extent, they detract but little from the force of the remarks already made. In forming a just estimate of our present situation, it is proper to look at the whole, in the outline, as well as in the detail. A free, virtuous, and enlightened people know well the great principles and causes on which their happiness depends; and even those who suffer most, occasionally, in their transitory concerns, find great relief under their sufferings, from the blessings which they otherwise enjoy, and in the consoling and animating hope which they administer. From whence do these pressures come? Not from a government which is founded by, administered for, and supported by, the people. We trace them to the peculiar character of the epoch in which we live, and to the extraordinary occurrences which have signalized it. The convulsions with which several of the powers of Europe have been shaken, and the long and destructive wars in which all were engaged, with their sudden transition to a state of peace, presenting, in the first instance, unusual encouragement to our commerce, and withdrawing it in the second, even within its wonted limit, could not fail to be sensibly felt here. The station too which we had to support through this long conflict, compelled, as we were, finally, to become a party to it with a principal power, and to make great exertions, suffer heavy losses, and to contract considerable debts, disturbing the ordinary course of affairs, by augmenting, to a vast amount, the circulating medium, and thereby elevating, at one time, the price of every article above a just standard, and depressing it at another below it, had, likewise, its due effect.

It is manifest that the pressures of which we complain have proceeded, in a great measure, from these causes. When, then, we take into view the prosperous and happy condition of our country, in all the great circumstances which constitute the felicity of a nation—every individual in the full enjoyment of all his rights; the Union blessed

with plenty, and rapidly rising to greatness, under a national government, which operates with complete effect in every part, without being felt in any, except by the ample protection which it affords, and under state governments which perform their equal share, according to a wise distribution of power between them, in promoting the public happiness—it is impossible to behold so gratifying, so glorious a spectacle, without being penetrated with the most profound and grateful acknowledgments to the Supreme Author of all good for such manifold and inestimable blessings. Deeply impressed with these sentiments, I cannot regard the pressures to which I have adverted otherwise than in the light of mild and instructive admonitions; warning us of dangers to be shunned in future; teaching us lessons of economy, corresponding with the simplicity and purity of our institutions, and best adapted to their support; evincing the connection and dependance which the various parts of our happy Union have on each other, thereby augmenting daily our social incorporation, and adding, by its strong ties, new strength and vigor to the political; opening a wider range, and with new encouragement, to the industry and enterprise of our fellow-citizens at home and abroad; and more especially by the multiplied proofs which it has accumulated of the great perfection of our most excellent system of government, the powerful instrument, in the hands of our all-merciful Creator, in securing to us these blessings.

Happy as our situation is, it does not exempt us from solicitude and care for the future. On the contrary, as the blessings which we enjoy are great, proportionably great should be our vigilance, zeal, and activity, to preserve them. Foreign wars may again expose us to new wrongs, which would impose on us new duties, for which we ought to be prepared. The state of Europe is unsettled, and how long peace may be preserved is altogether uncertain; in addition to which, we have interests of our own to adjust, which will require particular attention. A correct view of our relations with each power will enable you to form a just idea of existing difficulties, and of the measures of precaution best adapted to them.

Respecting our relations with Spain, nothing explicit can now be communicated. On the adjournment of Congress in May last, the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, at Madrid, was instructed to inform the government of Spain, that, if his Catholic Majesty should then ratify the treaty, this government would accept the ratification, so far as to submit to the decision of the Senate, the ques-

tion, whether such ratification should be received in exchange for that of the United States, heretofore given. By letters from the minister of the United States to the Secretary of State, it appears, that a communication, in conformity with his instructions, had been made to the government of Spain, and that the Cortes had the subject under consideration. The result of the deliberations of that body, which is daily expected, will be made known to Congress as soon as it is received. The friendly sentiment which was expressed on the part of the United States, in the message of the 9th of May last, is still entertained for Spain. Among the causes of regret, however, which are inseparable from the delay attending this transaction, it is proper to state that satisfactory information has been received, that measures have been recently adopted, by designing persons, to convert certain parts of the province of East Florida into depots for the reception of foreign goods, from whence to smuggle them into the United States. By opening a port within the limits of Florida, immediately on our boundary, where there was no settlement, the object could not be misunderstood. An early accommodation of differences will, it is hoped, prevent all such fraudulent and pernicious practices, and place the relations of the two countries on a very amicable and permanent basis.

The commercial relations between the United States and the British colonies in the West Indies, and on this continent, have undergone no change; the British government still preferring to leave that commerce under the restriction heretofore imposed on it, on each side. It is satisfactory to recollect, that the restraints resorted to by the United States were defensive only, intended to prevent a monopoly, under British regulations, in favor of Great Britain; as it likewise is, to know that the experiment is advancing in a spirit of amity between the parties.

The question depending between the United States and Great Britain, respecting the construction of the first article of the treaty of Ghent, has been referred, by both governments, to the decision of the Emperor of Russia, who has accepted the umpirage.

An attempt has been made with the government of France, to regulate, by treaty, the commerce between the two countries, on the principle of reciprocity and equality. By the last communication from the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at Paris, to whom full power had been given, we learn that the negotiation had been commenced there; but, serious difficulties having occurred, the French

government had resolved to transfer it to the United States, for which purpose the Minister Plenipotentiary of France had been ordered to repair to this city, and whose arrival might soon be expected. It is hoped that this important interest may be arranged on just conditions, and in a manner equally satisfactory to both parties. It is submitted to Congress to decide, until such arrangement is made, how far it may be proper, on the principle of the act of the last session, which augmented the tonnage duty on French vessels, to adopt other measures for carrying more completely into effect the policy of that act.

The act referred to, which imposed new tonnage on French vessels, having been in force from and after the first day of July, it has happened that several vessels of that nation which had been despatched from France before its existence was known, have entered the ports of the United States, and been subject to its operation, without that previous notice which the general spirit of our laws gives to individuals in similar cases. The object of that law having been merely to countervail the inequalities which existed to the disadvantage of the United States, in their commercial intercourse with France, it is submitted, also, to the consideration of Congress, whether, in the spirit of amity and conciliation which it is no less the inclination than the policy of the United States to preserve in their intercourse with other powers, it may not be proper to extend relief to the individuals interested in those cases, by exempting from the operation of the law all those vessels which have entered our ports without having had the means of previously knowing the existence of the additional duty.

The contest between Spain and the Colonies, according to the most authentic information, is maintained by the latter with improved success. The unfortunate divisions which were known to exist some time since, at Buenos Ayres, it is understood, still prevail. In no part of South America has Spain made any impression on the Colonies, while, in many parts, and particularly in Venezuela and New Grenada, the Colonies have gained strength and acquired reputation, both for the management of the war, in which they have been successful, and for the order of the internal administration. The late change in the government of Spain, by the re-establishment of the constitution of 1812, is an event which promises to be favorable to the revolution. Under the authority of the Cortes, the Congress of Angostura was invited to open a negotiation for the settlement of differences between the parties, to which it was replied, that they would willingly open the negotiation, provided the acknowledgment

of their independence was made its basis, but not otherwise. Of further proceedings between them we are uninformed. No facts are known to this government, to warrant the belief, that any of the powers of Europe will take part in the contest; whence, it may be inferred, considering all circumstances, which must have weight in producing the result, that an adjustment will finally take place, on the basis proposed by the Colonies. To promote that result, by friendly counsels, with other powers, including Spain herself, has been the uniform policy of this government.

In looking to the internal concerns of our country, you will, I am persuaded, derive much satisfaction from a view of the several objects to which, in the discharge of your official duties, your attention will be drawn. Among these, none holds a more important place than the public revenue, from the direct operation of the power, by which it is raised, on the people, and by its influence in giving effect to every other power of the government. The revenue depends on the resources of the country, and the facility by which the amount required is raised, is a strong proof of the extent of the resources, and of the efficiency of the government. A few prominent facts will place this great interest in a just light before you. On the 30th of September, 1815, the funded and floating debt of the United States was estimated at one hundred and nineteen millions six hundred and thirty-five thousand five hundred and fifty-eight dollars. If to this sum be added the amount of five per cent. stock subscribed to the Bank of the United States, the amount of Mississippi stock, and of the stock which was issued subsequently to that date, the balances ascertained to be due to certain states, for military services, and to individuals, for supplies furnished, and services rendered, during the late war, the public debt may be estimated as amounting, at that date, and as afterwards liquidated, to one hundred and fifty-eight millions seven hundred and thirteen thousand forty-nine dollars. On the 30th of September, 1820, it amounted to ninety-one millions nine hundred and ninety-three thousand eight hundred and eighty-three dollars, having been reduced in that interval, by payments, sixty-six millions eight hundred and seventy-nine thousand one hundred and sixty-five dollars. During this term, the expenses of the government of the United States were likewise defrayed, in every branch of the civil, military, and naval establishments; the public edifices in this city have been rebuilt, with considerable additions; extensive fortifications have been commenced, and are in a train of execution; permanent arsenals and magazines



have been erected in various parts of the Union; our navy has been considerably augmented, and the ordnance, munitions of war, and stores, of the army and navy, which were much exhausted during the war, have been replenished.

By the discharge of so large a proportion of the public debt, and the execution of such extensive and important operations, in so short a time, a just estimate may be formed of the great extent of our national resources. The demonstration is the more complete and gratifying, when it is recollected that the direct tax and excise were repealed soon after the termination of the late war, and that the revenue applied to these purposes has been derived almost wholly from other sources.

The receipts into the Treasury, from every source, to the 30th of September last, have amounted to sixteen millions seven hundred and ninety-four thousand one hundred and seven dollars and sixty-six cents; whilst the public expenditures, to the same period, amounted to sixteen millions eight hundred and seventy-one thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-two cents; leaving in the Treasury, on that day, a sum estimated at one million nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars. For the probable receipts of the following year, I refer you to the statement which will be transmitted from the Treasury.

The sum of three millions of dollars, authorized to be raised by loan, by an act of the last session of Congress, has been obtained upon terms advantageous to the government, indicating, not only an increased confidence in the faith of the nation, but the existence of a large amount of capital seeking that mode of investment, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum.

It is proper to add, that there is now due to the Treasury, for the sale of public lands, twenty-two millions nine hundred and ninety-six thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars. In bringing this subject to view, I consider it my duty to submit to Congress, whether it may not be advisable to extend to the purchasers of these lands, in consideration of the unfavorable change which has occurred since the sales, a reasonable indulgence. It is known that the purchases were made when the price of every article had risen to its greatest height, and that the instalments are becoming due at a period of great depression. It is presumed that some plan may be devised, by the wisdom of Congress, compatible with the public interest, which would afford great relief to these purchasers.

Considerable progress has been made, during the present season, in examining the coast and its various bays and other inlets; in the collection of materials, and in the construction of fortifications for the defence of the Union, at several of the positions at which it has been decided to erect such works. At Mobile Point and Dauphin Island, and at the Rigolets, leading to Lake Pontchartrain, materials, to a considerable amount, have been collected, and all the necessary preparations made for the commencement of the works. At Old Point Comfort, at the mouth of James River, and at the Rip-Rap, on the opposite shore, in the Chesapeake Bay, materials, to a vast amount, have been collected; and at the Old Point some progress has been made in the construction of the fortification, which is on a very extensive scale. The work at Fort Washington, on this river, will be completed early in the next spring; and that on the Pea Patch, in the Delaware, in the course of the next season. Fort Diamond, at the Narrows, in the harbor of New York, will be finished this year. The works at Boston, New York, Baltimore, Norfolk, Charleston, and Niagara, have been in part repaired; and the coast of North Carolina, extending south to Cape Fear, has been examined, as have likewise other parts of the coast, eastward of Boston. Great exertions have been made to push forward these works with the utmost despatch possible; but, when their extent is considered, with the important purposes for which they are intended, the defence of the whole coast, and, in consequence, of the whole interior, and that they are to last for ages, it will be manifest that a well digested plan, founded on military principles, connecting the whole together, combining security with economy, could not be prepared without repeated examinations of the most exposed and difficult parts, and that it would also take considerable time to collect the materials at the several points where they would be required. From all the light that has been shed on this subject, I am satisfied that every favorable anticipation which has been formed of this great undertaking will be verified, and that, when completed, it will afford very great, if not complete, protection to our Atlantic frontier, in the event of another war; a protection sufficient to counterbalance, in a single campaign, with an enemy powerful at sea, the expense of all these works, without taking into the estimate the saving of the lives of so many of our citizens, the protection of our towns and other property, or the tendency of such works to prevent war.



Our military positions have been maintained at Belle Point, on the Arkansas, at Council Bluffs, on the Missouri, at St. Peter's on the Mississippi, and at Green Bay, on the Upper Lakes. Commodious barracks have already been erected at most of these posts, with such works as were necessary for their defence. Progress has also been made in opening communications between them, and in raising supplies at each for the support of the troops, by their own labor—particularly those most remote.

With the Indians peace has been preserved, and a progress made in carrying into effect the act of Congress, making an appropriation for their civilization, with the prospect of favorable results. As connected equally with both these objects, our trade with those tribes is thought to merit the attention of Congress. In their original state, game is their sustenance, and war their occupation; and, if they find no employment from civilized powers, they destroy each other. Left to themselves, their extirpation is inevitable. By a judicious regulation of our trade with them, we supply their wants, administer to their comforts, and gradually, as the game retires, draw them to us. By maintaining posts far in the interior, we acquire a more thorough and direct control over them; without which it is confidently believed that a complete change in their manners can never be accomplished. By such posts, aided by a proper regulation of our trade with them, and a judicious civil administration over them, to be provided for by law, we shall, it is presumed, be enabled not only to protect our own settlements from their savage incursions, and preserve peace among the several tribes, but accomplish also the great purpose of their civilization.

Considerable progress has also been made in the construction of ships of war, some of which have been launched in the course of the present year.

Our peace with the powers on the coast of Barbary has been preserved, but we owe it altogether to the presence of our squadron in the Mediterranean. It has been found equally necessary to employ some of our vessels for the protection of our commerce in the Indian sea, the Pacific, and along the Atlantic coast. The interests which we have depending in those quarters, which have been much improved of late, are of great extent, and of high importance to the nation, as well as to the parties concerned, and would undoubtedly suffer, if such protection was not extended to them. In execution of the law of the last session, for the suppression of the slave trade, some of

our public ships have also been employed on the coast of Africa, where several captures have already been made of vessels engaged in that disgraceful traffic.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, November 14, 1820.*

The message was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That three thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1820.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to make provision, by law, to authorise any person who has purchased public lands, and not made full payment for the same, to relinquish to the United States so much thereof as may not be paid for; and retain such portion of the original purchase as may amount to the sums of money actually paid, at the price for which the land was purchased.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to provide for altering the times of holding the district courts in the state of Alabama.

Mr. Burrill submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the act entitled "An act allowing compensation to the members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the delegates of the territories, and repealing all other laws on the subject," passed at the first session of the fifteenth Congress, ought to be so altered and amended that the compensation to the members and delegates aforesaid shall hereafter be six dollars for each day's attendance, and six dollars for every twenty miles travel, instead of the compensation now allowed by said act, and that it be referred to a committee to prepare and report a bill for altering and amending said act accordingly.

Mr. Dickerson 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.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

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

On motion,

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

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1820.

The honorable James Lanman, from the State of Connecticut, arrived yesterday, and attended this day.

Mr. Sanford submitted the following motions for consideration:

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as concerns our relations with Spain and with France, be referred to the Committee of 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 the debt due for the sale of public lands, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the Indian tribes, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Walker, of Alabama, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama, and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Walker,

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Walker of Alabama, Mr. Burrill, and Mr. King of Alabama, be the committee.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 16th instant, respecting the compensation of the members and delegates of Congress.

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until

next Monday week, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee on the arrangements for the library of Congress, and having agreed thereto,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Dana, and Mr. Hunter, be the committee.

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

On motion, by Mr. Morrill,

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

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, and have appointed the Rev. J. N. Campbell, Chaplain on their part. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Chaplain on their part; and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. William Ryland was duly elected.

The President communicated a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting copies of the reports of the Land Commissioners at Jackson Court House, and a copy of a letter, dated 17th August, 1820, which accompanied them; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

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

The President also communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 3d of April, 1820, directing him to "cause to be prepared, and laid before the Senate, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, a statement of money annually appropriated, and paid, since the Declaration of Independence, for purchasing from the Indians, surveying, and selling the public lands, shewing, as near as may be, the quantities of land which have been purchased, the number of acres which have been surveyed, the number sold, and the number which remain unsold; the amount of sales, the amount of forfeitures, the sums paid

by purchasers, and the sums due from purchasers and from receivers in each land district;" and the report was read.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That five hundred extra copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President also communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, directing him to "cause to be prepared, and laid before the Senate, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, a statement of the money which has been annually appropriated and paid, since the year seventeen hundred and seventy-five, for surveying the seacoast, bays, inlets, harbors, and shoals, and for erecting, and keeping in repair, light houses, beacons, and buoys, and for the purchase of ground for light houses, distinguishing the places where they have been erected, and the sums annually expended for keeping and supplying the same;" and the report was read.

On motion,

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

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1820.

The honorable John Elliott, and also, the honorable Freeman Walker, from the State of Georgia, severally arrived, on the 17th instant, and attended this day.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama, reported the same without amendment, and it was considered as in committee of the whole, and no amendment having been proposed 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. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That the motion submitted on the 16th instant, respecting the purchasers of public lands, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, submitted the following motions for consideration:

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide for the relief of purchasers of the public lands, by dividing the sums now severally unpaid,



exclusive of interest, into — equal annual instalments; each instalment bearing interest only from the time at which it shall be made payable.

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to permit such purchasers of the public lands as may elect that mode, to surrender, within — months from and after the — day of — next, their certificates, which shall be cancelled, and the lands shall be taken to have reverted and become forfeited to the United States, and shall be advertised, and sold for cash at public auction, to the highest bidder, in the same manner as other public lands. They shall not be sold for less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, which sum shall go to the use of the United States, in addition to the sums already paid; but if said lands should be so resold for more than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the excess shall be paid to the person surrendering the certificate: provided, such excess shall never be greater than the amount actually paid on such lands before such surrender.

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to permit such purchasers of the public lands as may elect that mode, to extinguish their debt, complete their titles, and demand and receive patents, by paying, within the period of one year from and after the — day of — next, into their respective land offices, five-eighths of the original price at which their lands were purchased, excluding interest, and computing the moneys already paid as part of the said final payment of five-eighths.

*Resolved*, That it is expedient, in addition to the privilege contemplated in the preceding resolution, to permit such purchasers of the public lands as may elect that mode, at any time within the said period of one year from and after the — day of — next, to forfeit and abandon to the United States such fractions, quarter sections, and half quarter sections, as they may deem fit; and to transfer and apply the moneys already paid on the tract or tracts so forfeited to the payment for such other fraction, quarter section, or half quarter section as they may choose to retain: and in cases where the purchaser has bought only one quarter section, he shall be permitted to divide it, and make his election between its halves—such division being made by a north and south line according to law.

On motion,

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

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Barbour, Mr. Macon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. King of New York, be the Committee on Foreign Relations.

That Mr. Sanford, Mr. Macon, Mr. Dana, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Holmes of Maine, be the Committee on Finance.

That Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Burrill, Mr. Horsey, and Mr. Sanford, be the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

That Mr. Williams of Tennessee, Mr. Trimble, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Johnson of Kentucky, be the Committee on Military Affairs.

That Mr. Noble, Mr. Tichenor, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Lanman, and Mr. Chandler, be the Committee on the Militia.

That Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Williams of Mississippi, Mr. Walker of Georgia, and Mr. Walker of Alabama, be the Committee on Naval Affairs.

That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Lowrie, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Van Dyke, be the Committee on Public Lands.

That Mr. Holmes of Mississippi, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Johnson of Louisiana, Mr. King of Alabama, and Mr. Lowrie, be the Committee on Indian Affairs.

That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Morrill, Mr. Ruggles, and Mr. Van Dyke, be the Committee on Claims.

That Mr. Smith, Mr. Burrill, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Walker of Georgia, and Mr. Holmes of Maine, be the Committee on the Judiciary.

That Mr. Stokes, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Chandler, be the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

That Mr. Noble, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Tichenor, be the Committee on Pensions.

That Mr. Horsey, Mr. Lanman, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Barbour, and Mr. Hunter, be the Committee on the District of Columbia.

That Mr. Roberts, Mr. Burrill, and Mr. Lanman, be the Committee to audit and control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

*Resolved*, That a standing committee, to consist of five members, be appointed on roads and canals, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and,

*Ordered*, That Mr. King of New York, Mr. Trimble, Mr. Lowrie, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Dana, be the committee.



The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of State of the United States, requesting an additional supply of documents, printed by order of the Senate; and the letter was read.

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motions of the 17th instant, for referring to various committees the message of the President of the United States; and agreed thereto.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1820.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, presented the memorial of William Kelly, on behalf of himself and divers others, claimants of land in the territory of Arkansas, under Elisha and William Winter, deceased; and the memorial 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. Holmes, of Maine, presented the memorial of the delegates from the commercial and agricultural sections of the state of Maine, met in convention at Portland, protesting against the proposed tariff, and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated the memorial of Matthew Lyon, of Eddyville, Kentucky, praying compensation for certain losses and sufferings under the act commonly called the *Sedition law*; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Barbour, Mr. Johnson of Kentucky, and Mr. Burrill, be the committee.

Mr. Pleasants presented the memorial of the merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Petersburg, in the state of Virginia, in opposition to the proposed tariff; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, presented the petition of Clarisa Scott, widow of the late colonel William Scott, of the state of Mississippi, praying the confirmation of her title to a certain tract of land, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the petition of Rufus Easton, for himself and heirs of James Bruff, praying the confirmation of their title to a certain tract of land, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson,

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

The bill to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama 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 alter the terms of the district court in Alabama."

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

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 the President of the United States, and the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Eaton gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Robert Purdy.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1820.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of sundry citizens of the western states, purchasers of public lands, praying that a law may be passed enabling them to apply the payments already made, to such portions of their entries as those payments will cover, at two dollars

an acre, agreeably to the law under which the entries were made, relinquishing the residue to the United States. And also allowing those purchasers who have purchased but one tract, the privilege of retaining it entire, with a reasonable extension of credit without interest, or otherwise relinquishing a part of it; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas presented two memorials of the legislature of the state of Missouri, praying of Congress some legislative provisions for the relief of indigent actual settlers on the public lands, particularly widows and orphans; and the memorials were severally read.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

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

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 election of Representatives in Congress, and the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States; and the resolution was read.

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

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Eaton asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Robert Purdy; and the bill was read.

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motions of the 20th instant, in relation to purchasers of the public lands; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That they 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, in relation to the same subject; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1820.

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 on the appropriations for the Library, for the use of the two Houses of Congress, and have appointed a committee on their part.

They have also passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama." And he withdrew.

Mr. Sanford communicated the following resolutions, passed by the legislature of the state of New York; which were read.

#### STATE OF NEW YORK.

IN ASSEMBLY, November 13, 1820.

Whereas the legislature of this state, at the last session, did instruct their Senators, and request their Representatives in Congress, to oppose the admission, as a state, into the Union, any territory not comprised within the original boundaries of the United States, without making the prohibition of slavery therein an indispensable condition of admission: And whereas this legislature is impressed with the correctness of the sentiments so communicated to our Senators and Representatives; therefore,

*Resolved*, (if the honorable the Senate concur herein,) That this legislature does approve of the principles contained in the resolutions of the last session; and further, if the provisions contained in any proposed constitution of a new state, deny to any citizens of the existing states the privileges and immunities of citizens of such new state, that such proposed constitution should not be accepted or confirmed; the same, in the opinion of this legislature, being void by the constitution of the United States. And that our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives in Congress be requested, to use their utmost exertions to prevent the acceptance and confirmation of any such constitution.

*Resolved*, (if the honorable the Senate concur herein,) That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly do cause copies of these resolutions, duly certified by them, to be transmitted to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this state.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk deliver a copy of the preceding resolutions to the honorable the Senate, and request their concurrence to the same.

PETER SHARPE, *Speaker*.

Attest, DL. VAN DU WEYDER, *Clerk of Assembly*.

### STATE OF NEW YORK.

IN SENATE, November 15, 1820.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the honorable the Assembly, in their said resolutions and recitals.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk deliver a copy of said resolution of concurrence to the honorable the Assembly.

JOHN TAYLER, *President*.

Attest, JOHN F. BACON, *Clerk of Senate*.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of permitting such purchasers of the public lands, prior to the 1st of July, 1820, to demand and receive patents, who have paid into their respective land offices, the first, second, and third instalments, on each tract purchased.

Mr. Thomas submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for granting to actual settlers on the public lands, the right of pre-emption in becoming the purchasers of lands, including their improvements.

The resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of Representatives in Congress, and the choice of electors of President and Vice President 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. Barbour, Mr. Macon, Mr. Holmes of Mississippi, and Mr. Holmes of Maine, be the committee.

The bill for the relief of Robert Purdy was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.



On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That five hundred extra copies of the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting (in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, of the 4th May, 1820,) a statement of the money which has been annually appropriated, and paid, since the year seventeen hundred and seventy-five, for surveying the seacoast, bays, inlets, harbors, and shoals; and for erecting, and keeping in repair, light-houses, beacons, and buoys, and for the purchase of ground for light-houses; distinguishing the places where they have been erected, and the sums annually expended for keeping and supplying the same, communicated on the seventeenth instant, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. King, of New York, presented the memorial of Ebenezer Stevens and others, praying that Congress would afford them relief, on account of a demand against the United States, arising out of certain contracts, entered into with Robert Morris, Esq. for the supply of provisions to the army of the United States, during the Revolutionary war; 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.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1820.

Mr. Wilson reported, from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama."

Mr. Wilson presented the memorial of James Leander Cathcart, praying the passage of a law, directing the accounting officers of the Treasury to allow his claim upon the government, in the settlement of his accounts, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of securing to actual settlers, in all cases

where the lands they occupy shall be sold <sup>the next</sup> the first day of March, in any year, the right of remaining on the same until they shall have gathered their growing crop.

Mr. Horsey presented the petition of the president and directors of the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying the extension of their charter for twenty years, from and after the first day of June, 1822; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

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

Mr. Trimble presented the petition of Major Charles Larrabee, of the army of the United States, praying remuneration for losses sustained while in the service of the United States, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*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, in relation to actual settlers on the public lands, and agreed thereto.

The Senate also resumed the consideration of the motion of the 23d instant, in relation to certain purchasers of the public lands, and agreed thereto.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1820.

The honorable Harrison Gray Otis, from the state of Massachusetts, arrived on the 25th instant, and the honorable William Hunter, from the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, arrived on the 24th instant, severally attended this day.

The honorable Isham Talbot, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Kentucky, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable William Logan, produced his credentials, which were read; and the oath, prescribed by law, was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.



The President communicated the memorial of a convention of delegates, representing the merchants, and others interested in commerce, assembled at Philadelphia, against the proposed tariff; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

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

The President also communicated the memorial of Joseph Wheaton, late deputy quartermaster general, and major of cavalry, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts against the government, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

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

*To the President of the Senate:*

In conformity with a resolution of the Senate, passed the 28th of January, 1818, I communicate herewith to the Senate, the report of the commissioner of the public buildings, required by that resolution.

JAMES MONROE.

*November 23, 1820.*

The message, together with the report, were read.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, presented the petition of John Holmes, of Alabama, praying compensation for the loss of a horse, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, also presented the petition of Dr. David Moore, praying relief in the settlement of his account for medical services rendered certain sick soldiers, under the command of colonel John Coffee, engaged in an expedition against the Creek Indians in the year 1813, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Presly Kemper, of the state of Ohio, praying compensation for services rendered in the capacity of principal wagon master, in the year 1812, under General William Hull, and also payment of the balance due for a horse and accoutrements, taken by the enemy at Detroit, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill granting to the people of the county of Point Coupee, in the state of Louisiana, for the purposes therein mentioned, two tracts of land.

Mr. Eaton gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged against the Seminole Indians in the year 1818.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 16th instant, relating to the compensation to the members and delegates to Congress; and,

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 24th instant, for instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of securing to certain actual settlers, when the lands they occupy shall be sold, the right of remaining on the same until they shall have gathered their growing crop, and agreed thereto.

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, 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 provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bill was read.

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

The President signed the enrolled bill 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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1820.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing, by law, so much of the western and northern boundaries of the state of Indiana to be surveyed, marked, and designated, as divides said state from the state of Illinois and territory of Michigan, agreeably to the boundaries as established by the act, entitled "An 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," passed April 19th, 1816.

Mr. Wilson reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 27th instant, laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama."

Mr. Noble presented the memorial of Eliza Dill, Jane Jervis, and Louisa St. C. Robb, daughters of the late General Arthur St. Clair, praying the payment of the balance stated to be due to their deceased father; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Moses Wing, of Maine, praying an increase of his pension; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of Alexander Irvine, of Indiana, praying an increase of 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.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Eaton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians, and the bill was read.

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

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

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States on the 27th instant approved and signed "An act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama."

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

After the consideration of Executive business,  
The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1820.

The honorable Edward Lloyd, from the state of Maryland, attended.

Mr. Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the constitution, as adopted for the government of the state of Missouri, reported a resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union; and the resolution was read.

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

Mr. Lanman presented the petition of Park Avery, stating that he has been erroneously placed on the pension list as a private soldier, and praying the pension, to which by law he is entitled, as a commissioned officer; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 28th instant, relating to the western and northern boundaries of the state of Indiana, and agreed thereto.

The bill for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the

late campaign against the Seminole Indians, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others, and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Roberts submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine in what manner the money appropriated towards the construction of the public buildings, and to provide better accommodations for the Senate in the North wing of the Capitol, and the improvement of the public grounds in the city of Washington, may have been applied; and the said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1820.

Mr. Barbour presented the memorial of the inhabitants of the District of Columbia, praying the establishment of a system of penitentiary jurisprudence, and the authority and aid of Congress for the erection of suitable buildings for carrying such system into effect in said district; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of Eleanor Lawrance, of the city of New York, praying compensation for her farm on Long Island, now occupied by troops of the United States, as a military post; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

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

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes; and the bill was read.



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

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, two tracts of land in the county of Point Coupee; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, communicated an attested copy of the act of the legislature of the state of Mississippi, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Natchez Hospital," and requesting the consent of Congress thereto; and the act was read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, for an inquiry into the application of the appropriations for public improvements in the city of Washington; and,

On motion,

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

The resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

The bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1820.

The Honorable Elijah H. Mills, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Massachusetts, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable Prentiss Mellen, 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. Roberts presented the memorial of the President and Direc-

tors of the Bank of the United States, praying certain amendments to the charter of said bank, and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. King, of Alabama, presented the memorial of Thomas Shields, purser in the Navy, praying compensation for certain naval stores and other property destroyed in December, 1814, by the explosion of a battery at the bay of St. Louis, which was ordered to be blown up by lieutenant T. A. C. Jones, of the Navy; and the memorial was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Walker, of Georgia, presented the petition of Morgan Brown, praying compensation for a horse killed whilst in the employment of the United States in the late war with the Creek Indians; and the petition was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Jacques Villere, of Louisiana, praying indemnity for a number of slaves taken from him by the British on their retreat from New Orleans in 1815; and the petition was read.

On motion,

*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 bill for the relief of Robert Purdy, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians, reported the same with amendments; which were read.

The bill granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, two tracts of land in the county of Point Coupee, was read the second time; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others; and,

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

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

Mr. Barbour submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so modifying the law punishing piracy as to authorize the President of the United States to commute capital punishment for confinement in penitentiary houses.

Mr. Ruggles submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for remitting the interest that has become due from the purchasers of the public lands in consequence of their inability to make payments agreeable to the terms of the law, and for giving a reasonable time to said purchasers to complete the payment of the principal.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 29th ult. for an inquiry into the application of the appropriations for public improvements in the city of Washington, and agreed thereto.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Roberts, Mr. Mills, Mr. Burrill, Mr. Otis, and Mr. Lloyd, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

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

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1820.

The Honorable William Pinkney, from the state of Maryland, took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Barbour presented the petition of John B. Timberlake, praying that, in the liquidation of his accounts with the Navy Department, a just allowance may be made to him for certain losses unavoidably sustained whilst purser of the frigates "United States" and "President," and the petition was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of the general

assembly of Louisiana, praying the grant of certain lands therein described, for certain public purposes; and the memorial was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, presented the memorial of Daniel W. Coxe, praying to be confirmed in his title to a tract of land in the state of Louisiana; and the memorial was read.

On motion,

*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 ult. to amend the act allowing compensation to the members of Congress so as to reduce the per diem to six dollars; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday the 18th instant.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 1st instant, to commute the punishment for the crime of piracy, and it was amended and agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so modifying the law punishing piracy as to authorize the President of the United States, in such cases as he may deem expedient, to commute capital punishment for confinement in penitentiary houses.

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 incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia;" the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Parks;" and the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis,'" 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 four bills and resolution last brought up for concurrence were read.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the 1st instant, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of remitting the interest on payments due from purchasers, and giving them further time to complete the payment of the principal; and agreed thereto.

The bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union; and,

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others, and no amendment having been proposed 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 proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Robert Purdy; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians, together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Military Affairs; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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



Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for locating military land warrants in the state of Ohio.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

The Senate adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1820.

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.

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That five hundred additional copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Wilson submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the officers of the army a specific sum monthly in lieu of their present pay, rations, and other emoluments.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause the agent employed under the act, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same," to inform the Senate if said act is carried into complete effect; if not, to what degree, and why not *fully*; and, also, if a warrant has been issued from the Treasury Department for the sum appropriated, and, if so, *when* issued.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing an additional land office in the state of Indiana.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Barbour, from the select committee to whom was referred the

petition of Matthew Lyon, made a report, accompanied by the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That so much of the act, entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," approved the 14th of July, 1798, as pretends to prescribe and punish libels, is unconstitutional.

*Resolved*, That the fines collected under that act ought to be restored to those from whom they were exacted; and that these resolutions be recommitted to the committee who brought them in, with instructions to report a bill to that effect.

The report and resolutions were read.

The bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was amended by unanimous consent, and read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others."

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to extend the time for locating military land warrants in Ohio; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Parks," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis,'" was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to incorporate the Managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

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

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

The resolution from the House of Representatives 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; and,

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

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

Mr. Horsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes, reported the same with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Barbour presented the petition of Joseph Janney, praying compensation for buildings and other property destroyed by the enemy, during the late war with Great Britain, in consequence of the occupancy thereof by militia; and the petition was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles presented two memorials, signed by a number of individuals concerned directly or indirectly, as purchasers of public lands, prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously on them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as such payments will cover, at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the memorials were read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That they severally be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Pinkney presented the petition of John Gooding and James

Williams, late owners of the private armed schooner "Midas," praying that they may be paid the bounty allowed by law to the owners of private armed vessels for the capture and delivery of prisoners, on twenty two slaves that formed part of the crew of the British privateer "Dash," captured in the year 1814, by the "Midas," and the petition was read.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Elderkin Potter, praying compensation for a horse lost whilst in the service of the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1820.

Mr. Trimble presented three memorials, signed by a number of individuals concerned directly or indirectly, as purchasers of public lands, prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously on them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as such payments will cover, at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the memorials were read.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That they be severally referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Thomas Hardiman, of Missouri, praying to be confirmed in his title to a tract of land in Missouri, and the petition was read.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, 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 the bill was read.

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

Mr. Trimble gave notice, that, to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out a canal in the state of Ohio.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, requesting information of the President of the United States respecting the execution of the act, "authorizing the purchase of fire engines and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same;" and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of allowing to officers a specific sum monthly in lieu of their present pay, rations, and other emoluments; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of establishing an additional land office in Indiana; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the select committee on the petition of Matthew Lyon; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes, together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia; and,

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union; and,

Mr. Eaton offered a proviso as an amendment to the resolution, which was read.



On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the resolution be postponed until to-morrow, and that the proposed amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate took up the motion of the 4th instant, requesting an inquiry into the expediency of extending the time for locating military land warrants in Ohio; which was amended and agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be requested to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for locating military land warrants in the state of Ohio.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1820.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in pursuance of the resolution of the Senate of the 3d of April last, directing that the Secretary of the Treasury "cause to be prepared and laid before the Senate, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, a statement of the money expended in each year, since the Declaration of Independence, in holding conferences and making treaties with the Indian tribes; specifying grants and presents, whether in money or goods; annuities paid, and now payable to the Indian tribes; the money annually appropriated and paid for the Indian trade, including the sums allowed for salaries, and allowances to superintendents, clerks, factors, commissioners, agents, interpreters, and all other persons employed under the authority of the United States, in negotiations and intercourse with the Indian tribes;" and the report was read.

The President also communicated a report of the Secretary of War, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 19th of April last, "directing the Secretary of War to lay before the Senate, at the commencement of its next session, a statement of all annuities payable by the United States to Indians or Indian tribes, or under treaties with Indians; distinguishing the several annuities; the periods during which they are respectively payable; and exhibiting the capitals or present values of such annuities, computing annual interest at six per centum;" and the report was read.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred

the petition of John Holmes, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of John Holmes; and the report and bill were read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John B. Timberlake, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts submitted the following motion for consideration, which was twice read by unanimous consent:

*Resolved*, That Mountjoy Bayly, sergeant-at-arms and doorkeeper of the Senate, be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ a fit person for the purpose of attending the furnace constructed for warming the Senate Chamber, and the expense thereby incurred shall be defrayed out of the contingent fund.

Mr. Horsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia," reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Trimble asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out a canal in the state of Ohio; which was twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same;" and no amendment having been proposed 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 resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missou-

ri into the Union, together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Eaton; and,

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson to amend the said amendment, which was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Eaton, as follows:

*Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to give the assent of Congress to any provision in the constitution of Missouri, if any such there be, which contravenes that clause in the constitution of the United States which declares that "the citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states:"

It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas . . . . . 21} \\ \text{Nays . . . . . '24.} \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Mr. Pinkney,
Chandler,	Horsey,	Taylor,
Dana,	Hunter,	Thomas,
Eaton,	Johnson, of <i>Low.</i>	Trimble,
Edwards,	King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Lloyd,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Parrott,	Williams, of <i>Mis.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Ruggles,
Burrill,	Mills,	Sanford,
Dickerson,	Morril,	Smith,
Elliott,	Noble,	Talbot,
Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Otis,	Tichenor,
King, of <i>N. F.</i>	Palmer,	Walker, of <i>Geo.</i>
Lanman,	Pleasants,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Lowrie,	Roberts,	Wilson.

And no further amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported the resolution to the House.

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

It was agreed to take the question on the third reading of the resolution by yeas and nays.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

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

After the consideration of Executive business, the Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1820.

Mr. Pleasants presented the memorial of Charlotte I. Bullus, widow of John Bullus, deceased, late navy agent for the port of New York, praying that the accounting officer of the Navy Department may be directed to credit the account of the deceased at the rate of \$2000 per annum during the time he performed the extra duties of navy agent on the lakes; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith presented the memorial of the citizens of Charleston, South Carolina, protesting against any increase of the duties at present imposed on imported goods; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of Paul Beck, junior, and Thomas Sparks and others, of Philadelphia, manufacturers of, and dealers in, shot, praying that an additional duty may be laid on imported shot; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures to consider and report thereon, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, presented the petition of John M. Whitney and John Snodgrass, in behalf of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased, praying that a law may be passed directing a warrant to be issued to them for a quantity of land in Mississippi, as an indemnity for a like quantity of their land improperly disposed of by the register and receiver of the land office west of Pearl river; and the petition was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Pinkney presented the petition of Rebecca Hodgson, widow of Joseph Hodgson, deceased, praying remuneration for the loss of

the house burnt in the year 1800, whilst occupied by the government as the war office; and the petition was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis,'" reported the same without amendment; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in committee of the whole, and, no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

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

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Morgan Brown, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Morgan Brown; and the report and bill were read.

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

The bill for the relief of John Holmes was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union; and,

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1820.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

Mr. Thomas presented a memorial, signed by a number of individuals concerned directly or indirectly as purchasers of public lands, prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously on them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments al-



ready made to such portions of their entries as such payments will cover at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; 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.

Mr. Wilson reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same."

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That three hundred additional copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made on the 7th instant, on the expenditures incident to the intercourse with the Indian tribes, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Tichenor communicated the following resolutions of the legislature of the state of Vermont; which were read:

## STATE OF VERMONT.

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Nov. 15, 1820.

The committee, to whom was referred so much of his excellency's speech as relates to the admission of the territory of Missouri into the Union as a state, submit the following report:

The history of nations demonstrates that involuntary servitude not only plunges the slave into the depths of misery, but renders a great proportion of community dependant and wretched, and the remainder tyrannic and indolent.

Opulence, acquired by the slavery of others, degenerates its possessors, and destroys the physical powers of government. Principles so degrading are inconsistent with the primitive dignity of man, and his natural rights.

Slavery is incompatible with the vital principles of all free governments, and tends to their ruin. It paralyzes industry, the greatest source of national wealth, stifles the love of freedom, and endangers the safety of the nation.

It is prohibited by the laws of nature, which are equally binding on governments and individuals. The right to introduce and establish slavery in a free government does not exist.

The Declaration of Independence declares, as *self-evident truths*, "that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it."

The constitution of the United States, and of the several states, have recognized these principles as the basis of their governments: and have expressly inhibited the introduction or extension of slavery, or impliedly disavowed the right.

The powers of Congress to require the prohibition of slavery in the constitution of a state, to be admitted as one of the United States, is confirmed by the admission of new states according to the ordinance of 1787, and by a constitutional "guarantee to every state in the Union of a *republican form of government*." This power in Congress is also admitted in the act of March 6, 1820, which declares, that, in all that territory ceded under the name of Louisiana, which lies north of 36 deg. 30 min. north latitude, "slavery and involuntary servitude shall be forever prohibited."

Where slavery existed in the states, at the time of the adoption of the constitution of the United States, a spirit of compromise, or painful necessity, may have excused its continuance; but can never justify its introduction into a state to be admitted from the territories of the United States.

Though slavery is not expressly prohibited by the constitution yet, that invaluable instrument contains powers, first principles, and self-evident truths, which bring us to the same result, and lead us to *Liberty and Justice*, and the *equal rights* of man, from which we ought never to depart. "In it is clearly seen a deep and humiliating sense of slavery," and a cheering hope that it would, at some future period, be abolished—and even a determination to do it.

It is apparent that servitude produces, in the slave-holding states, peculiar feelings, local attachments, and separate interests; and, should it be extended into new states, "it will have a tendency to form a combination of power, which will control the measures of the general government;" and which cannot be resisted, except by the physical force of the nation.

The people of the United States adopted the constitution "to form a more perfect union of the several states, to establish justice, to se-

cure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure *the blessings of liberty*;" and have thereby blended, and inseparably connected, the interests, the safety, and welfare, of every state in the Union. We, therefore, become deeply concerned in the fundamental principles of the constitution of any new state to be admitted into the Union. Whatever powers are necessary to carry into effect the great objects of the Union are implied in the constitution, and vested in the several departments of the general government.

The act of the United States authorizing a provisional admission of Missouri into the Union as a state, does not pledge the faith of government to admit whatever may be its constitution or system of state government: for that constitution, by the act, must be republican, and not repugnant to the constitution of the United States.

From information, it is to be seriously apprehended that Missouri will present to Congress, for their approbation, a constitution which declares, that "the general assembly shall have *no power* to pass laws—first for the emancipation of slaves, without the consent of their owners, or without paying them, before emancipation, a full equivalent for such slaves so emancipated;" and, "secondly," to prevent emigrants from bringing slaves into said state, so long as slavery is legalized therein.

It is also made the imperious duty of its legislature to pass laws, as soon as may be, "to prevent free negroes and mulattoes from coming to, and settling in, that state, under any pretence whatever."

These powers, restrictions, and provisions, to legalize and perpetuate slavery, and to prevent citizens of the United States, on account of their origin, colour, or features, from emigrating to Missouri, are repugnant to a republican government, and in direct violation of the constitution of the United States.

If Missouri be permitted to introduce and legalize slavery by her constitution, and we consent to her admission, we shall justly incur the charge of insincerity in our civil institutions, and in all our professions of attachment to *liberty*. It will bring upon the constitution and Declaration of Independence, a deep stain, which cannot be forgotten, or blotted out. "It will deeply affect the Union in its resources, political interests, and character."

The admission of another new state into the Union, with a constitution which guarantees security and protection to slavery, and th

cruel and unnatural traffic of any portion of the human race, will be an error which the Union cannot correct, and an evil which may endanger the freedom of the nation.

Congress never ought, and we trust never will, plant the standard of the Union in Missouri, to wave over the heads of involuntary slaves, "who have nothing they can call their own, except their sorrows and their sufferings," and a life beyond the grave, and who can never taste the sweets of liberty, unless they obtain it by force or by flight. Nor can a community made up of masters and slaves ever enjoy the blessings of liberty, and the benefits of a free government: these enjoyments are reserved for a community of freemen, who are subject to none, but to God and the laws.

The committee, therefore, submit for the consideration of the general assembly the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this legislature, slavery, or involuntary servitude, in any of the United States, is a moral and political evil; and that its continuance can be justified by necessity alone.

That Congress has a right to inhibit any further introduction or extension of slavery, as one of the conditions upon which any new state shall be admitted into the Union.

*Resolved*, That this legislature views with regret and alarm, the attempt of the inhabitants of Missouri to obtain admission into the Union, as one of the United States, under a constitution which legalizes and secures the introduction and continuance of slavery; and also contains provisions to prevent freemen of the United States from emigrating to, and settling in Missouri, on account of their origin, colour, and features. And that, in the opinion of this legislature, these principles, powers, and restrictions, contained in the reputed constitution of Missouri, are anti-republican, and repugnant to the constitution of the United States, and subversive of the unalienable rights of man.

*Resolved*, That the Senators from this state, in the Congress of the United States, be instructed, and the Representatives requested, to exert their influence, and use all legal means, to prevent the admission of Missouri, as a state, into the union of the United States, with those anti-republican features and powers in their constitution.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing report and resolutions to each of the Senators

and Representatives from this state in the Congress of the United States.

In General Assembly, Nov. 15, 1820.

Read and adopted.

Attest,

WM. D. SMITH, *Clerk.*

In Council, Nov. 16, 1820.

Read, and resolved to concur.

R. TEMPLE, *Secretary.*

*State of Vermont, Secretary of State's office, }  
Middlebury, Nov. 27, 1820. }*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original preamble and resolutions, on file in my office.

WILLIAM SLADE, JUN. *Sec'y of State.*

The bill for the relief of Morgan Brown was read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to the third reading of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis;' and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Ordered,* That the bill lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Robert Purdy; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union; and,

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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



MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1820.

Mr. Barbour gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill concerning the collection of public moneys.

Mr. Pinkney submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law amending or explaining the Judiciary laws, in such manner as to authorize, under such restrictions as may be thought proper, the prosecution of writs of error, in criminal cases, from the judgments of the highest court of judicature in a state, in which any question has arisen under the constitution or laws of the Union, to the supreme court of the United States; and that the said committee report by bill or otherwise.

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, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott;" the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi;" and the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia,'" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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

The three bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

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

Mr. Horsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was recommitted the bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes, reported the same with an amendment.

Mr. Horsey presented the memorial of Thomas Law and others, citizens of Washington, praying that so much of that portion of the public ground in the city of Washington, known by the name of "Reservation No. 10," as now remains to the public, may be sold on condition of improvement; and the memorial was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, presented the memorial of the legislature of the state of Alabama, in behalf of certain petitioners, inhabitants of that state, who are purchasers of public lands, and who, from the great diminution of the circulating medium, and the operation of the law reducing the price of the public lands, are unable to comply with the terms of their purchases, soliciting for said purchasers such relief as to Congress may seem meet; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon, 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 for the relief of Robert Purdy; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians, together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Military Affairs, and having agreed to the amendments,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to continue in force, for a further time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole,

the resolution authorizing Mountjoy Bayly to employ a person to attend the furnace, and no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of John Holmes, and no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Morgan Brown, and, no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union, and the same having been amended;

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

That the resolution be recommitted to the select committee that reported it, with instructions to strike out the said amendment, which is as follows: "Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to give the assent of Congress to any provision in the constitution of Missouri (if any such there be,) which contravenes that clause of the constitution of the United States, which declares "that the citizens of each state shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 17  
Nays . . . . . 27.

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. Burrill,	Mr. Mills,	Mr. Sanford,
Dickerson,	Morril,	Smith,
King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Noble,	Tichenor,
Lanman,	Palmer,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Lowrie,	Roberts,	Wilson,
Macon,	Ruggles,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Mr. Pleasants,
Brown,	Horsey,	Talbot,
Chandler,	Hunter,	Taylor,
Dana,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Thomas,
Eaton,	Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Trimble,
Edwards,	King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Van Dyke,
Elliott,	Lloyd,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Gaillard,	Parrott,	Walker, of <i>Geo.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Pinkney,	Williams, of <i>Mis.</i>

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

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 26  
Nays . . . . . 18.

The yeas and nays having been previously desired,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Horsey,	Mr. Talbot,
Brown,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Taylor,
Chandler,	Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Thomas,
Eaton,	King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Van Dyke,
Edwards,	Lloyd,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Elliott,	Parrott,	Walker, of <i>Geo.</i>
Gaillard,	Pinkney,	Williams, of <i>Mis.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Pleasants,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Smith,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Lowrie,	Mr. Roberts,
Dana,	Macon,	Ruggles,
Dickerson,	Mills,	Sanford,
Hunter,	Morril,	Tichenor,
King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Noble,	Trimble,
Lanman,	Palmer,	Wilson.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1820.

Mr. Thomas presented the memorial of the register of the land office and receiver of public moneys at Shawneetown, praying compensation for extra services rendered in the execution of the act "granting the right of pre-emption in the purchase of lands to certain set-

tlers in the Illinois territory," and of the acts concerning Shawneetown; and the memorial was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Trimble presented four memorials, signed by a number of individuals concerned directly or indirectly as purchasers of public lands prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously on them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as such payments will cover at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the memorials were read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That they be severally referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented two memorials, signed by a number of individuals, of the same import and object as the preceding; which were read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Wilson submitted the following motions for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, provisions are necessary or proper to be made by law to meet contingencies which may arise from unlawful, disputed, or doubtful votes, under that part of the twelfth article of amendments to the constitution of the United States which relates to counting the votes of the electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary and proper to be made to the act, entitled "An act relative to the election of a President and Vice President of the United States, and declaring the officer who shall act as President in case of vacancies in the offices both of President and Vice President of the United States," passed March 1st, 1792.

Mr. Wilson reported, from the committee, that they had yesterday laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined and signed.



On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

That the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca Hodgson, be discharged from the further consideration thereof:

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the said motion lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to inquire into the expediency of amending the judiciary laws in relation to writs of error in criminal cases; and agreed thereto.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia,'" was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians, and no further amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House amended; 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 to incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass; and that the title thereof be "A resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union."

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

The resolution authorizing Mountjoy Bayly to employ a person to attend the furnace having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

The bill for the relief of John Holmes having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

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

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

The bill for the relief of Morgan Brown having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

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

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

The Senate adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1820.

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

*To the Senate of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 6th of Decem-

ber, requesting that the agent employed under the act, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines and building houses for the safe keeping of the same," should report in the manner stated in the said resolution his conduct in execution of the said act, I now transmit to the Senate a report from the agent, which communicates all the information which has been desired.

JAMES MONROE.

*December 12, 1820.*

The message and report were read.

On motion, by Mr. Morril,

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morril, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Lanman, be the committee.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Philander Chase, President of Worthington College, in the state of Ohio, praying a donation in land for the use of said college; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of George Love, only son of Thomas Love, deceased, praying compensation for certain services rendered by his father in the Revolutionary war; 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. Roberts presented the petition of Julia Plantou, of the city of Philadelphia, representing that she has designed and executed an allegorical painting of the treaty of Ghent, which she solicits Congress to purchase; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of Jane Baker, widow of Thomas Baker, late a post captain in the navy, praying that the pension which was granted to her husband may be continued to her; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Trimble presented the petition of George Jackson, of Ohio, praying compensation for the use of a wagon and team, and for four horses which were lost in the service of the United States during the late war; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lloyd presented a petition, signed by a number of the citizens of Georgetown, remonstrating against the passage of the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia,'" and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, communicated a letter to him from the Superintendent of Indian trade, enclosing a copy of his report in relation to Indian trade; and the letter and report were read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased.

The bill for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians 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 officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians."

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes, together with the amendment last reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia; and the said amendment having been amended,

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill and amendment be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire if any provisions are necessary to be made by law to meet contingencies, which may arise from unlawful, disputed, or doubtful votes, under that part of the twelfth article of amendments to the constitution, which relates to counting the votes of the electors for President and Vice President; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire what amendments are necessary to be made to the act "relative to the election of President and Vice President, and declaring the officer who shall act as President in case of vacancies in the offices both of President and Vice President;" and agreed thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee on the petition of Matthew Lyon; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first day of January next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1820.

Mr. Thomas presented the memorial of E. B. Clemson, praying compensation for certain services rendered in the commissary's department, and in other stations in the army, and also remuneration for certain expenses incurred therein; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Van Dyke presented the memorial of the President and directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, praying the aid of the government; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Thomas L. Ogden, of New York, on behalf of himself and others, owners of certain real estate at Sackett's Harbor, in the state of New York, which, during the



late war with Great Britain, was used for public purposes, praying compensation and indemnity therefor; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Parks," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Wilson, from the same committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Eliza Dill, Jane Jervis, and Louisa St. Clair Robb, daughters of the late General St. Clair, 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. Wilson, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Larabee, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lanman, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia,'" reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to continue in force, for a further time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday next.

Mr. Trimble gave notice, that, on Monday next, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to organize a Law Department.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the sale, and to reduce the price, of certain sections of land, heretofore reserved for the future disposal of Congress, situate and being within that part of the Cincinnati district which lies in Indiana.

On motion, by Mr. Kiug, of New York,

To reconsider the vote of the 12th instant on the resolution authorizing the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate to employ a person to attend the furnace:

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the said motion lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

The Senate adjourned to 12 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1820.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the petition of Samuel Tucker, praying compensation for services rendered as a captain in the Navy prior to the adoption of the federal constitution; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of Jacob Barker, of New York, praying the interposition of Congress in the settlement of his accounts under his contracts of the 2d of May, 1814, with the Secretary of the Treasury, for a portion of the ten million loan, being part of the twenty-five millions authorized by the act of the 24th of March, 1814; 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. Holmes, of Mississippi, presented the petition of Horatio

Stark, of Mississippi, praying that, in consideration of long military services, the right of entry of one thousand acres of land in Mississippi, which may become forfeited for non-payment by those who made the original entries, may be granted to him at the present or former price; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Elliott presented the memorial of the Savannah poor-house and hospital society, praying that the proper officer of the government may be authorized to take, in behalf of the United States, an interest of one half in the buildings erected by them for the accommodation of sick and disabled seamen; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Elliott,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Pleasants presented the petition of the delegates of the United Agricultural Societies of Prince George, Sussex, Surry, Petersburg, Brunswick, Dinwiddie, and Isle of Wight, in Virginia, protesting against any increase of the duties at present imposed on imported goods; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon; and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Perley Keys and Jason Fairbanks," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George Love, 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. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Park Avery, 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.

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

November, to amend the act allowing compensation to the members of Congress, so as to reduce the per diem to six dollars; and,

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

*Ordered*, That it be further postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 14th instant, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the sale, and to reduce the price, of certain sections of land; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Eliza Dill, Jane Jarvis, and Louisa St. Clair Robb, daughters of the late General Arthur St. Clair; and in conformity therewith,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Larabee; and,

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes, together with the amendment last reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Parks," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee of Claims, and having agreed to the amendment, the President reported it to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill 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 amend the act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia,'" and,

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be postponed to Wednesday 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 Nathaniel Hazard, late a member of the House of Representatives from the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and that his funeral will take place this day at two o'clock. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the Senate will attend the funeral of the honorable Nathaniel Hazard, late a member of the House of Representatives from the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this day at two 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,

The Senate adjourned.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1820.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Elisha Gordon, of New Jersey, legal representative of Patience Gordon, deceased, praying payment of a loan office certificate, issued to the said Patience in her life time, by the loan officer of New Jersey, and which is now lost; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas L. Ogden, in behalf of himself and others, reported a bill for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others, which was read.

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

Mr. Dickerson, from the Joint Library Committee, made a report, which was read.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following motions for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of confirming to the inhabitants of the counties of Attakapas, Opelousas, and Avoyelles, in the state of Lou-



isiana, their claim to the common use of all cypress and cypress swamps, within the limits of those counties.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the causes which have occasioned the delay in surveying the public lands, and private claims, within the state of Louisiana, and into the expediency of modifying the existing laws on that subject, so as to facilitate the surveying of those lands.

*Resolved*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of making, by law, such provision as may be deemed essential, to cause patents to be issued for all private land claims within the state of Louisiana, which have been legally confirmed; and into the expediency of making further provision for compensating the principal deputy surveyors of Louisiana, for the services required of them.

Mr. Chandler 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 the town of Green, in the state of Maine, through the towns of Leeds and Wayne, to the town of Winthrop, in the same state.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased, reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 16th November, to amend the act allowing compensation to the members of Congress, so as to reduce the per diem to six dollars; and,

On motion, by Mr Johnson, of Kentucky,

To postpone the further consideration thereof to the second Monday in January next:

It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 16 \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 20. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Mills,	Mr. Taylor,
Edwards,	Morril,	Thomas,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Walker, <i>of Geo.</i>
Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Parrott,	Williams, <i>of Terr.</i>
Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Smith,	
Johnson, <i>of Lou.</i>	Talbot,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Mr. Ruggles,
Dana,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Sanford,
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Tichenor,
Eaton,	Macon,	Trimble,
Elliott,	Palmer,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Maine.</i>	Pleasants,	Wilson.
Hunter,	Roberts,	

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

To strike out from the word "Resolved," to the end of the resolution, and in lieu thereof, to insert the following:

That a committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of reducing the allowances authorized by the act, entitled "An act allowing compensation to the members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the delegates of the territories, and repealing all other laws on the subject," with the allowances to the officers of the respective Houses of Congress; and also reducing the allowances made by law to the principal and other officers in each of the Executive Departments; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise:

A division of the question was called for, and the question was taken on striking out, and determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

To amend the proposed amendment, by striking out the following words: "and also reducing the allowances made by law to the principal and other officers in each of the Executive Departments:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 14  
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. Burrill,	Mr. King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Sanford,
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Smith,
Eaton,	Mills,	Thomas,
Hunter,	Roberts,	Wilson.
Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Ruggles,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Elliott,	Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>
Dana,	Gaillard,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>
Edwards,	Holmes, of <i>Maine.</i>	King, of <i>Alab.</i>

Mr. Macon,	Mr. Pleasants,	Mr. Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Morril,	Talbot,	Walker, of <i>Geo.</i>
Noble,	Taylor,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Palmer,	Tichenor,	
Parrott,	Trimble,	

And the original amendment having been agreed to,

On the question, "Shall the resolution pass as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 32  
Nays . . . . . 4.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Burrill,	Mr. Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Mr. Smith,
Chandler,	Lowrie,	Talbot,
Dana,	Macon,	Taylor,
Dickerson,	Morril,	Thomas,
Edwards,	Noble,	Tichenor,
Elliott,	Palmer,	Trimble,
Gaillard,	Parrott,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Maine.</i>	Pleasants,	Walker, of <i>Geo.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Roberts,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Hunter,	Ruggles,	Wilson.
Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Sanford,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Eaton,	Mr. King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Mills.
King, of <i>Ala.</i>		

So it was

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of reducing the allowances authorized by the act, entitled "An act allowing compensation to the members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the delegates of the territories, and repealing all other laws on the subject," with the allowances to the officers of the respective Houses of Congress; and also, reducing the allowances made by law to the principal and other officers in each of the Executive Departments; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dana, Mr. Burrill, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Smith, 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 12th instant approved and signed "An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same."

The House of Representatives have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Margaret Perry," and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William McIntosh;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

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

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Parks," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

*Resolved,* That this bill do pass with an amendment.

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1820.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the petition of William Pan-coast, representing that in consequence of there being no land office in the District of Columbia for that purpose, he is unable to obtain a right to certain vacant lands discovered by him within said district in the year 1799, and praying relief; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of Thomas Shields, a purser in the navy, praying remuneration for certain losses sustained by him whilst in the New Orleans station, in the winter of 1814 and 1815, and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented four memorials, signed by a number of Individuals, concerned directly or indirectly as purchasers of public lands

prior to the law, "making provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously upon them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made, to such portions of their entries, as such payments will cover at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the memorials were read.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 30th of November, on the petition of Eleanor Lawrence; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Horatio Stark, 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. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Presly Kemper, 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. Holmes, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the better regulation of the trade with the Indian tribes; and the bill was read.

*Ordered* That it pass to a second reading.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the memorial of the president and directors of the Bank of the United States, reported a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Trimble, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out a canal in the state of Ohio, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, submitted the following motion for consideration:



*Resolved*, That the Committee of Finance be instructed to inquire what diminutions and alterations may be made in the compensations to officers of the customs.

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

The Senate resumed the third reading of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis;' and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it be re-committed to the Committee on Public Lands, further to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1820.

The honorable Montfort Stokes, from the state of North Carolina, attended.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was re-committed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis,'" reported the same with amendments, which were read, and taken up as in committee of the whole; and having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House, amended accordingly; and the 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.

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 Jesse Slocumb, late a member of the House of Representatives, from the state of North Carolina, and that his funeral will take place this day at three o'clock. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the Senate will attend the funeral of the honorable Jesse Slocumb, late a member of the House of Representatives, from the state of North Carolina, this day at three 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,  
The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1820.

Mr. Pleasants presented the memorial of the Roanoke Agricultural Society, praying that no additional duties may be imposed on imported goods; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Nathan McWarren, praying to be allowed pay for the time he was detained as a prisoner by the enemy in the late war; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

*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 Eleanor Lawrence, and the report of the Secretary of War thereon, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the claim of the petitioner ought to be liquidated and paid by the War Department, and for that purpose no act of Congress is necessary.

The resolution was read and concurred in.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Pensions be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law regulating pensions, that the heirs of non-commissioned officers and soldiers in the army of the United States, who have deceased, while in actual service, since the close of the last war, or who may hereafter de cease, while in actual service, shall be entitled to receive five years half pay, under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe.

Mr. Lowrie, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel W. Coxe, made a report, accompanied by a bill confirming the title of the Marquis de Maison Rouge, and the report and bill were read.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of George Love, and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions, on the petition of Park Avery; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Charles Larabee; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Military Affairs on the petition of Horatio Stark; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Presly Kemper; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 19th instant, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of confirming to certain inhabitants of Louisiana the use of the cypress and cypress swamps; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 19th instant, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the causes of the delay in surveying the public and private land claims, and into the expediency of modifying the existing laws on that subject, so as to facilitate the surveying of those lands in Louisiana; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 19th instant, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire what provisions are necessary to cause patents to be issued for all confirmed private land claims, and what further provision is necessary for compensating the principal deputy surveyors in Louisiana; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 19th instant, instructing the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Post road from the town of Queen, in Maine, through the towns of Leeds, and Wayne, to the town of Winthrop, in said state; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 20th instant, instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire what diminutions or alterations may be made in the compensation to officers of the customs; and agreed thereto.

The bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Margaret Perry," was read the second time; and,

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 McIntosh," was read the second time; and,

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 for the better regulation of the trade with the Indian tribes was read the second time.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis,'" 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 in the amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia," and no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

That the bill be now read a third time, it was objected to by Mr. Roberts, as against one of the rules for conducting business in the Senate.

After the consideration of the Executive business,  
The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1820.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, presented the memorial of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Missouri, in behalf of the purchasers of public lands in Missouri, praying that a law may pass authorizing all persons who have purchased a quarter section or more of land to apply the payments made to any one or more sections, half sections, quarter or half quarter sections, so as to complete the payments for said sections or parts of sections, and to release the purchasers from the remainder; and the memorial 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. Sanford presented the petition of Jacob Barker, of the city of New York, praying that the existing differences with the Treasury Department, in relation to his contract for a portion of the loan of 1814, may be referred to the supreme court; 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. Johnson, of Louisiana, gave notice that, on Tuesday next, he should ask leave to bring in a bill for the relief of John Hoffman.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 19th instant instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the causes of the delay in surveying the public and private land claims, and into the expediency of modifying the existing laws on that subject, so as to facilitate the surveying of those lands in Louisiana, and it was amended and agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of modifying the existing laws in relation to the surveying of the public lands and private claims within the state of Louisiana, so as to facilitate the surveying of those lands.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia,'" was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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



On request by the President, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wilson, for a few days.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,  
The Senate adjourned to Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1820.

Mr. Hunter announced the death of the honorable James Burrill, junior, a Senator from the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, who deceased this morning.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of the honorable James Burrill, jr. and that the Senate will attend the same, and that notice of the event be given to the House of Representatives.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Macon, Mr. Dana, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Holmes, of Maine, and Mr. Parrott, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the members of the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect due to the memory of the honorable James Burrill, jr. deceased, late a member thereof, will go into mourning for him one month, by the usual mode of wearing a crape round the left arm.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourned, it be to one o'clock to-morrow.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That as an additional mark of respect for the memory of the honorable James Burrill, jr. the Senate do now adjourn.

And the Senate adjourned accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1820.

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

*Resolved*, That the President of the Senate be requested to notify the Executive of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, of the death of the honorable James Burrill, jr. late a Senator of the United States from that state.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1820.

Mr. Sanford presented the memorial of the mayor, aldermen, and commonalty of the city of New York, praying that the land ceded by them in the year 1808, to the United States, for the purpose of erecting military works thereon, may revert to the corporation, and that the said works may be removed at the expense of the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

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

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, presented the petition of John W. McGirk, of Missouri, praying to be allowed the right of pre-emption to certain public lands; 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. Ruggles presented two memorials signed by a number of individuals concerned directly or indirectly as purchasers of public lands prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously on them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as such payments will cover at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the memorials were read.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas presented a memorial signed by a number of individuals, of the same import and object as the preceding; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of Paul Lanusse, and F. Bailly Blanchard, merchants of the city of New Orleans, praying that a law may pass granting to them the benefit of drawback on certain merchandise exported by them in 1819, which is withheld from them in consequence of their having neglected to take the "export oath," within the prescribed time; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of William Smith, jr. of Charleston, praying to be released from the payment of the interest accrued on a debt due the United States by N. Ingraham and Son, late navy agents at Charleston, and for which he is responsible as one of their sureties; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition signed by certain inhabitants of Kentucky, holders of land warrants to be located in the Virginia military district in the state of Ohio, praying an extension of the time for locating said warrants; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, presented the petition of Thomas H. Boyles, praying that a law may be passed directing a patent to be issued to him for certain lands; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, presented the petition of William Doak, keeper of a public house on the road through the Indian nations between Natchez and the state of Tennessee, praying that the right of pre-emption may be granted to him for a tract of land of one mile square so as to include his improvements; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, presented the memorial of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Mobile, praying the grant of certain public grounds therein for the use of the corporation; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon; and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Pleasants, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Shields, made a report, ac-

accompanied by a bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Thomas Shields; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of John Hofman; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill for the relief of John Coffee.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law a map to be annexed to the patent of each soldier, designating the survey in which his portion is located, provided the same shall not cost the government more than 25 cents per map.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 22d instant, directing the Committee on Pensions to inquire into the expediency of granting to the heirs of non-commissioned officers and soldiers, who have deceased while in actual service, five years half pay; and disagreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Presley Kemper; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

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

The bill confirming the title of the Marquis de Maison Rouge was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes, together with the amendment last reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia; and,

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to Tuesday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason

Fairbanks," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee of Finance, and the said amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment having been concurred in,

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill 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 incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed for Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate in the place of Mr. Wilson, absent with leave.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, be the committee.

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1820.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia;'" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Parks;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis.'"

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Parks;" and, also, in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis.'"

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 a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel M'Duff;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the District of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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.

The two bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

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

Mr. Otis presented the petition of Alexander Gardner, of Massachusetts, praying an increase of his pension; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Mills presented the memorial of sundry officers of the Revolutionary army, praying that the half pay granted by a resolve of the Revolutionary Congress to the officers and soldiers of that army may be continued to them during life; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Trimble presented three memorials signed by a number of individuals concerned directly or indirectly as purchasers of public lands prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously on them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as such payments will cover at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the memorials were read.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That they severally lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of Worthington College, in the state of Ohio, 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. Thomas, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," reported it with amendments; which were read.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Walker, of Alabama, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of John Coffee; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Janney, 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. Van Dyke gave notice that, on Tuesday next, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Presley Kemper, and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Thomas Shields, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of John Hofman, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

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

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

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 14th instant to reconsider the vote of the 12th instant, on the resolution authorizing the sergeant-at-arms to employ a person to attend the furnace, and agreed thereto.

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

*Ordered*, That the resolution lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

The Senate adjourned to Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1821.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Nicholas Perkins, of Tennessee, praying to be confirmed in his title to a tract of land in Alabama; 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. Williams, of Tennessee, presented the petition of Richard G. Waterhouse, of Tennessee, praying to be compensated for a quantity of wood consumed by a brigade of militia that encamped on his land in December, 1814; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Trimble presented a petition signed by a number of individuals concerned directly or indirectly as purchasers of public lands prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously on them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as such payments will cover at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of John B. Chatard, of New Orleans, praying a pension for revolutionary services; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, presented the petition of the Choctaw nation of Indians, praying that Silas Dinsmoor, late Indian agent to the said nation, may be confirmed in his title to a tract of land granted to him by them; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,  
*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee, reported that they had, on the 30th of December, laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Wheaton, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be rejected.  
The report and resolution were read.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Van Dyke asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; which was read.

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

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

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill extending the judicial authority of the United States over the state of Missouri.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the Committee on the Judiciary in place of Mr. Burrill, deceased; and,

Mr. Mills was appointed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 28th December, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of providing for annexing a map to the patent of each soldier, designating the survey in which his portion is located; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands, on the petition of the trustees of Worthington College, in the county of Franklin, in the state of Ohio; and,

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Friday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Joseph Janney; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee on the petition of Matthew Lyon; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to Monday the 15th instant.

The bill for the relief of John Coffee was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*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 Daniel M'Duff," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it 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 to continue in force, for a further time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased; and no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out a canal in the state of Ohio; and,

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,



*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Friday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others; and no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the better regulation of the trade with the Indian tribes; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill confirming the title of the Marquis de Maison Rouge; and,

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820; and,

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Thomas Shields; and,

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Thursday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill intitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," together with amendments reported thereto by the Committee on

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ion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes, together with the amendment last reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

On motion,  
The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of the army register for each member of the Senate, conformably to a resolution of the 13th December, 1815; and the letter was read.

Mr. Thomas presented the memorial of the House of Representatives of the state of Missouri, praying that the right of pre-emption may be granted to the settlers on the public lands within said state, who have made improvements thereon; 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.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of Matthew McNair, praying to be compensated for a boat, impressed into the service of the United States by Robert Swartwout, quartermaster general, and lost; 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 petition of Robert Swartwout, of New York, praying to be indemnified against a judgment obtained against him for the loss of a boat impressed by him into the public service, whilst acting as quartermaster general of the northern army, in the year 1813; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Pleasants presented the petition of Thomas Oxley, now of Virginia, by birth a foreigner, and not entitled to citizenship, praying to be enabled, by a special law, to take out letters patent for certain useful inventions; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of H. Catlett, a post surgeon in the army, praying compensation for a negro boy, who was drowned in June, 1814, whilst ascending the Ohio with the United States troops; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the petition of E. Cousens and others, praying compensation for revolutionary services; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, 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 distributing office in the town of Lawrenceburg, Dearborn county, state of Indiana.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to authorize the appointment of certain Indian agents; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Leander Cathcart, reported a bill explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart, passed May the fifteenth, in the year 1820; and the bill was read.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to extend the judicial authority of the United States over the state of Missouri; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Wheaton; and, in concurrence therewith—

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought to be rejected.

The bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased."

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

The bill for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others."

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes, together with the amendment last reported thereto by the committee on the District of Columbia; and,

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia; and,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill confirming the title of the Marquis de Maison Rouge; and

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Wednesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The President communicated a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting a copy of the report of the land commissioners at St. Helena, dated 18th November, 1820, with lists of claims and a list of settlers; and the letter and report were read.

Mr. Eaton submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate any information he may have as to the power and authority which belonged to Don John Beneventure Morales and to the Baron Carondelet, to grant and dispose of the lands of Spain in Louisiana previously to the year 1803.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1821.

Mr. Noble presented the memorial of the general assembly of the state of Indiana, praying permission to tax all lands sold by the United States on, and subsequent to, the first day of July, 1820, and all lands whereon the payments have been completed; 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; and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Indiana, residing in that part of the state called the new purchase in the Brookville district, praying that the right of pre-emption to a quarter section of land may be granted to Isaac M. Johnson for the purpose of erecting a mill thereon; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented two petitions, signed by a number of individuals, concerned directly or indirectly in the purchase of public lands prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously on them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as such payments will cover at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the petitions were read.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That they lie on the table.

Mr. King, of New York, presented the memorial of the National Institution for the promotion of industry, praying that a duty of ten per cent. may be imposed on sales at auction; that the credits allowed on duties on foreign merchandise may be abolished, and that the tariff of duties may be so modified as to protect the labour and resources of the nation; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. King,

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

Mr. Hunter presented the petition of John Cahoon, commander of the United States' revenue cutter "Vigilant," praying to be allowed a portion of the proceeds of the ship Caledonia and cargo, condemn-



ed, on his information, for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Trimble presented the petition of Dean Weymouth, praying an increase of pension; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford presented the memorial of the auctioneers of the city of New York, remonstrating against the imposition of legislative restrictions on their occupation; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

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

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of Nathan Ford, of New York, praying compensation for certain houses and other property destroyed by the enemy in the late war, whilst in the military service of the United States; 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. Hunter presented the petition of John Slocum, surveyor of the port of Newport, praying to be allowed a portion of the proceeds of the brig "Langdon Cheves" and cargo, condemned, on his information, for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That the report and documents of the land commissioners at St. Helena, which were yesterday received from the commissioner of the general land office, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was refer-

red the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to inquire into the expediency of establishing a distributing office in the town of Lawrenceburgh, Dearborn County, state of Indiana; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, requesting the President to communicate to the Senate the power and authority under which Don John Beneventure Morales and the Baron Carondelet, granted and disposed of the lands of Spain in Louisiana; and agreed thereto.

The bill explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart, passed May the 15th, in the year 1820, was read the second time.

The bill to authorize the appointment of certain Indian agents 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 to continue in force, for a further time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Thomas Shields; and,

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1821.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Margaret Perry," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Eaton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William M'Intosh," made a report thereupon, which was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Com-

mittee of Claims on the petition of Joseph Janney; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of the trustees of Worthington College in Ohio; and,

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday the 15th instant.

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

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States on the 29th of December approved and signed "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia;'" "An act for the relief of Elias Parks;" and "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis.'"

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821;" a bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office;" and, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Seward;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read.

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, 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 authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out a canal in the state of Ohio; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Wednesday next.

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole,

the bill for the relief of Robert Purdy; and, no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi," and no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Wednesday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the appointment of certain Indian agents; and,

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Thursday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart, passed May the 15th, in the year 1820; and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Wednesday next.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

The Senate adjourned to 12 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY, 8, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting a resolution of that House, announcing to the Senate the death of John Linn, late a member of the House of Representatives from the state of New Jersey, and the letter and resolution were read.

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That the said letter and resolution be entered at large on the Journal of the Senate, which is done accordingly in the following words:

CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE UNITED STATES,

January 6, 1821.

SIR: The House of Representatives of the United States having received intelligence of the death of John Linn, late a member of that House from the state of New Jersey, and having taken order for superintending and attending his funeral, have also directed me to communicate the same to the Senate. The recess in that body to day rendering it impossible to make such communication in the ordinary way, I have therefore the honor to transmit you, enclosed, the resolution adopted by the House on that subject.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS DOUGHERTY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

Honorable JOHN GAILLARD,

*President of the Senate of the United States.*

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES,

January 6, 1821.

*Resolved*, That a message be sent to the Senate to notify them of the death of John Linn, late a member of this House from the state of New Jersey, and that his funeral will take place this day at three o'clock from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

ATTEST,

THOMAS DOUGHERTY, *C. H. R.*

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the Senate, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the honorable John Linn, late a member of the House of Representatives from the state of New Jersey, will go into mourning and wear a black crape round the left arm for thirty days.

The President communicated a letter from the honorable James J. Wilson, a member of the Senate from the state of New Jersey, resigning his seat in the Senate; which was read.

The President also communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting statements exhibiting the names of the clerks employed in the Navy Department and in the office of the commis-



sioners of the Navy for the year 1820, and the amount of compensation paid to each; and the letter and statements were read.

Mr. Horsey presented the memorial of the President and Cashier of the Bank of the Metropolis, on behalf of the directors and stockholders of said bank, praying a renewal of their charter; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

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

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of Terrence Clark, of New York, praying to be confirmed in his title to certain land; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, presented the petition of P. P. Saint Guirons and others, members of the French association established in the state of Alabama, by virtue of an act, entitled "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive," praying certain modifications of said act; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, also presented the petition of the citizens of Lawrence and Franklin counties in the state of Alabama, praying that all persons who have purchased lands for actual settlement, and who have settled upon and improved the same, may be authorized to obtain a patent for a limited quantity, to be ascertained by law, on paying the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, at any time within five years from the date of the sales; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Pleasants, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John Gooding and James Williams, made a report, accompanied by a bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Gooding and James Williams; and the report and bill were read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, in place of Mr. Burrill, deceased; and, Mr. Lanman was appointed.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the Committee of Accounts, in place of Mr. Burrill, deceased; and,

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, was appointed.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the Committee of Claims, in place of Mr. Wilson, resigned; and,

Mr. Palmer was appointed.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the Committee on the Public Buildings, in place of Mr. Burrill, deceased; and,

Mr. Talbot was appointed.

On request,

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, was excused from serving on the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed for Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate, in place of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, excused.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morrill be the Committee.

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

On motion, by Mr. Stokes,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, in place of Mr. Wilson, resigned; and,

Mr. King, of Alabama, was appointed.

Mr. Eaton submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims inquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of Matthew B. Carthey, for two horses lost in the public service at Pensacola and at New Orleans, in 1814.

The bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*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 Daniel Seward," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Robert Purdy having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

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

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

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 2d instant, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to report a bill extending the laws of the United States over the state of Missouri; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Joseph Janney; and,

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Margaret Perry;" and no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William M. Intosh," together with the report of the Committee on Public Lands thereon; and,

On motion, by Mr. Edwards,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary pur-

poses, together with the amendment last reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia—

Mr. King, of Alabama, in the chair: and the said amendment having been amended,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1821.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the petition of Josiah Hook, jr. collector of the port of Penobscot, praying to be indemnified for his losses, and for the money he has paid, with interest thereon, in satisfaction of a judgment obtained against him for an act done by him in his official capacity; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford, 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 twenty-one,” reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of diminishing, equalizing, and establishing the fees of district attorneys, clerks, and marshals, and other officers.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That the letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, received on the 3d instant, transmitting a copy of the report of the Land Commissioners at St. Helena; and, also, the letter received on the 12th of May last, conveying similar information, together with all papers received with said letters, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That the letter received from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with the copies of the reports of the Land Commissioners at Jackson court house and other documents therewith transmitted, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Perkins, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Nicholas Perkins; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Morrill, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks;" and the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi."

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks."

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 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. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the letter from the Secretary of State, requesting to be supplied with an additional number of the documents printed by order of the Senate, reported the following resolution, which was read:

*Resolved*, That twenty-five copies of all documents printed for the use of the Senate, except bills and amendments, including the number now furnished, shall be furnished to the Secretary of State.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee of Claims to inquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of Matthew B. Carthey, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Joseph Janney; and,

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.



The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Margaret Perry," was read the 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 to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes, together with the amendment last reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. King, of Alabama, in the chair: and the said amendment having been further amended and agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly, and the said amendments, except the seventh and tenth sections, having been concurred in,

On the question to concur in the said seventh section, as follows:

"Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected trustees; nor shall any person, either as president, professor, tutor, or pupil, be refused admittance into said college, or denied any of the privileges, immunities, or advantages thereof, for, or on account of, his sentiments in matters of religion:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 23  
Nays . . . . . 13.

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. Brown,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Sanford,
Chandler,	Johnson, of Lou.	Stokes,
Dickerson,	Lanman,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Lloyd,	Van Dyke,
Elliott,	Mills,	Walker, of Alab.
Gaillard,	Otis,	Walker, of Geo.
Holmes, of Maine,	Roberts,	Williams, of Mis.
Horsey,	Ruggles,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Thomas,
Johnson, of Ky.	Palmer,	Tichenor,
King, of Alab.	Pleasants,	Trimble.
Lowrie,	Smith,	
Macon,	Taylor,	

And the said tenth section having been amended, it was 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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the American seamen registered in the several ports of the United States for the three first quarters of the year 1820, made in pursuance of "An act to revive and continue in force certain parts of the 'Act for the relief and protection of American seamen;'" and the letter and list were read.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the expenditure and application of the moneys drawn from the Treasury on account of the Navy, from the first day of October, 1819, to the 30th of September, 1820; and of the unexpended balances of former appropriations remaining in the Treasury on the first of October, 1820; and the letter and statement were read.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a report of the Commissioners of the Navy Pension Fund, made in obedience to the act for the better government of the Navy of the United States; and the letter and report were read.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement prepared in conformity with the fifth section of the "Act to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," shewing the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment for the year 1820; and the letter and statement were read.

The President also communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the register of the district of Edwardsville, made in conformity with the provisions of the "Act for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois," upon the claims exhibited under the said act; and the letter and report were read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the said letter and report be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Pleasants presented the petition of Thomas W. Todd, praying to be reimbursed in the expenses incurred by him in consequence of a suit wrongfully instituted against him by the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Horsey presented, severally, the memorials of the President and Directors of the Bank of Washington, of the Bank of Alexandria, and of the Bank of Potomac, praying a renewal of their respective charters; and the memorials were read.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

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

Mr. Lloyd submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the justice and expediency of granting land for the purpose of education within the limits of the old states, corresponding with the appropriations which have been made for the same object within the limits of the new states.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Barbour asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill concerning the collection of public moneys; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Moses Wing, 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. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Irwin, 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. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill granting to the Governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, two tracts of land in

the county of Point Coupee, reported the same with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of John Coffee, reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Richard G. Waterhouse, communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting to the committee a report of the Third Auditor on said petition; and the letter and report were read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the said committee be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Morril, from the committee, reported that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the expediency of diminishing, equalizing, and establishing, the fees of attorneys, clerks, and marshals, and it was amended and agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of diminishing, equalizing, and establishing, the fees of district attorneys, clerks, and marshals, and other officers.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution yesterday reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, on the application of the Secretary of State, for an additional supply of the documents printed by order of the Senate; and agreed thereto.

The bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Gooding and James Williams was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Nicholas Perkins was read the second time.

The bill to incorporate the Columbian Society for literary purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and the title thereof be "An act to incorporate the Columbian College in the District of Columbia."

*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 incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia;" and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; and,

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820; and,

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Finance; and the said amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House, amended accordingly; and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill 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 authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out a canal in the state of Ohio, and the same having been amended, the President reported it to the House as amended; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a statement shewing the names and salaries of the



clerks employed in his office during the year 1820; and the letter and statement were read.

Mr. Edwards presented a petition, signed by a number of individuals, concerned directly or indirectly as purchasers of public lands prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously on them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as such payments will cover at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Edwards,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Noble presented four petitions, signed in like manner, and of the same import and object as the preceding; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Lanman submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire whether there are any obstructions to the navigation of the river Thames, in the state of Connecticut, which were placed there by the American ships blockaded during the late war; and, if any, what, measures ought to be adopted for the removal of such obstructions.

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nathan Ford, reported a bill for the relief of Nathan Ford; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries; and the bill was read.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of granting lands for the purpose of education within the limits of the old states; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Moses Wing; and,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Alexander Irwin; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole, the bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out a canal in the state of Ohio; and,

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 26  
Nays . . . . . 13.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lanman,	Mr. Roberts,
Brown,	Lloyd,	Smith,
Chandler,	Macon,	Taylor,
Eaton,	Mills,	Tichenor,
Elliott,	Morril,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Gaillard,	Otis,	Walker, of <i>Geo.</i>
Hunter,	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Mis.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Parrott,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Pleasants,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Dana,	Mr. Noble,	Mr. Thomas,
Dickerson,	Ruggles,	Trimble,
Edwards,	Sanford,	Van Dyke.
Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Stokes,	
Lowrie,	Talbot,	

So it was

*Resolved*, That the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

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

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1821.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the first of May last, requesting the Secretary of the Navy to cause to be revised the rules, regulations, and instructions, for the naval service; and the report was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dana presented the memorial of David Mallory, of Connecticut, praying a pension in consideration of Revolutionary services; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Otis, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, to whom was referred the petition of Julia Plantou, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Walker, of Georgia, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Tucker, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the Navy of the United States; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Trimble communicated the following resolutions of the General Assembly of the state of Ohio; which were read.

“ The committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor’s message as relates to the roads contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, have had the same under consideration, and have collected all the information on that subject within their reach; and find that, on the 26th of January last, a select committee was appointed in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, further provisions were necessary to give effect to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan. That to that committee, the resolution on that subject, passed by the General Assembly of this state, at their last session, was referred, together with other documents on the same subject. That that committee, on the 12th day of May last, made a long and elaborate report, accompanied by a resolution, which resolution the committee have thought proper to transcribe, and make a part of this report, which is as follows, viz:

“ *Resolved*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to bring in a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to contract with any person or persons to construct a permanent and suitable road, to extend from the foot of the rapids of the Miami of the Lake, to the western line of the Connecticut Western Reserve, according to the plan contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown; and, on such route passing through the reserve (so called) at Lower Sandusky, as the President may direct, in consideration of the whole of the tracts on each side of the contemplated road, which were granted by the treaty of Brownstown, or so much thereof, as, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury, may be adequate to the object. And in which bill shall also be inserted, among other things, a provision or provisions, that the person or persons so contracted with, do complete the said road within a reasonable time in said bill to be limited: That such person or persons do stipulate to keep said road in good repair for and during a number of years, to be in said bill defined; and, also, that the person or persons so contracted with, do also give bond, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful performance of his or their contract; and, also, a provision defining the time and manner in which the title to said land may be conveyed.

“ The committee, from an examination of the report and resolution above alluded to, are of opinion, that the plan contemplated therein is the best, under existing circumstances, that can be devised. The

committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*“Resolved, by the General Assembly of the state of Ohio, That they do concur in the afore-mentioned report made, and resolution reported to the Congress of the United States: And that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their best endeavors to procure the passage of the law contemplated thereby.*

*“Resolved further, That the Governor of this state be, and he is hereby, requested to send a copy of the foregoing report and resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.*

*“JOSEPH RICHARDSON,*

*“ Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*“ALLEN TRIMBLE,*

*“ Speaker of the Senate.*

*“ December 26, 1820.”*

*“ SECRETARY OF STATE’S OFFICE,*

*“ Columbus, Ohio, 27th December, 1820.*

*“I certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original remaining on file in this office.*

*“JOHN M’LENE, Secretary of State.”*

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered,* That the said resolutions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, 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 authorizing by law a patent to issue to James Nickles, senr. for the southwest quarter of section nine in township No. 11 north, range No. 5 east, which said southwest quarter has been located by the said James Nickles, senr. in the state of Indiana, by virtue of a warrant from the War Department, No. 245.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved,* That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of Willis Tandy.

Mr. Eaton submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved,* That the Committee on Finance inquire into the expediency of so amending the act of last session “to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes,”



that the private acts of Congress and Indian treaties shall be published in some one newspaper in the District of Columbia.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire whether there are any obstructions to the navigation of the river Thames, in the state of Connecticut, which were placed there by the American ships during the late war, and what measures ought to be adopted to remove them if any there are; and agreed thereto.

The bill for the relief of Nathan Ford was read the second time.

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries, was read the second time.

Mr. Edwards gave notice, that, on Monday next, he should ask leave to bring in a bill confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands, with instructions to—

1st. Make the provisions of the bill applicable to those purchasers of public lands only who have purchased at public sale since the 30th day of December, 1816.

2d. And with instructions to extend the contemplated relief to none but those who, on or before the 30th day of October last, had made a settlement on the lands by them so purchased, defining and considering the settlement of any quarter section, a settlement of all contiguous and adjoining land, not exceeding two entire sections.

3d. And with instructions to extend the contemplated relief to no section on which any town may have been laid off, and the lots sold by any individual or company of individuals:

On motion, by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Monday next, and that the said motion be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to amend the act, entitled “An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States; and the same having been amended,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

Further to amend the bill, by the addition of four sections:

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Wednesday next; and that the proposed amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Sanford laid on the table a memorial and documents, communicated to the Committee on Finance by the Bank of the United States in relation to the desired amendments to its charter; and,

On motion, by Mr. Otis,

That the said memorial and documents be printed for the use of the Senate:

A motion was made by Mr. Barbour to amend the said motion so as to include all documents from the Bank of the United States on the subject of the last mentioned bill in possession of the Committee on Finance; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the said motion, and the proposed amendment thereto, be postponed to Monday next.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

The Senate adjourned to Monday next.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements of the payments made according to law during the year 1820, for miscellaneous claims of such demands of a civil nature as are not otherwise provided for; of contracts made relative to oil, light-houses, buoys, stakeages, &c.; of contracts and purchases made by the collectors for the revenue service during the year 1819; and of expenditures on account of sick and disabled seamen during the year 1819; and the letter and statements were read.

The President also communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement exhibiting the amount received by each clerk in the several offices of the Treasury Department for services rendered during the year 1820; and the letter and statement were read.

Mr. King, of Alabama, presented ten petitions, severally signed by a number of the merchants, and citizens, shipmasters, and ship-owners, of the town of Blakeley, and of the merchants of the interior

towns in the state of Alabama, praying that the town of Blakeley may be made a port of entry; and the petitions were read.

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That they be severally referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, presented a petition, signed by a number of individuals, concerned, directly or indirectly, in the purchase of public lands prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of the public lands," stating that said law operates injuriously on them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as such payments will cover at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas presented a petition, signed by a number of the inhabitants of the village of Cote Sans Dessein, in the territory of Missouri, praying to be confirmed in their title to certain lands in said territory; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrill reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Margaret Perry;" and, the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821."

Mr. Smith submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the better to enable Congress in considering a bill "to amend the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States,'" to apportion the punishment to be inflicted upon the Presidents, Directors, Cashiers, or other officers or servants of the Bank of the United States, and of its several offices, or branch banks, the President of the Bank be requested to transmit to the Senate, if any such exist, a statement of any, and all, fraudulent conversions by the said Presidents, Directors, Cashiers, officers, or servants, or any of them, of any moneys, bills, notes, securities for money, evidences of debt, or other effects whatsoever, belonging to the said bank, to his or their own use. And in what offices these frauds have been practised, and to what extent, and by whom

committed; and at what times. And, likewise, to state what facilities each of those several officers have by means of their stations respectively to commit frauds of this character.

Mr. Trimble submitted the following motions for consideration:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law the employment of the topographical engineers, under the direction of the President of the United States, in surveying roads and canals through the public lands in such places and upon such plan as will best promote the general interest and improve the military defence of the United States.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law the employment of the topographical engineers in surveying, under the direction of the President of the United States, canals to connect the navigable waters between Boston Harbour, in the state of Massachusetts, and Pamlico Sound, in the state of North Carolina, in such direction and on such plan as will best promote the interests, and the military and naval defence, of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the 2d instant, instructing them to inquire into the expediency of authorizing a map of the military bounty lands to be annexed to the patent to be granted to each soldier.

On motion, by Mr. Morril,

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States of the 13th December, transmitting information relative to the execution of the "Act authorizing the purchase of fire engines and building houses for the safe-keeping of the same," be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, in behalf of the settlers on public lands, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorialist be rejected.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of that part of the state of Indiana, called the Brookville land district, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Edwards asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill confirming certain claims to lands in the state of Illinois; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Elisha Gordon, reported a bill for the relief of the representatives of Patience Gordon, widow, deceased; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Roberts laid on the table a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the claim of Elisha Gordon.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the committee on the resolution of the 19th December, for the reduction of salaries, in place of Mr. Burrill, deceased; and,

Mr. Stokes was appointed.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the Committee on Pensions in place of Mr. Wilson, resigned; and,

Mr. Macon was appointed.

The bill for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States, was read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Public Buildings on the petition of Julia Plantou; and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 12th instant instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of granting a patent to James Nickles, senr. for a quarter section of land; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 12th instant instructing the Committee on Pensions to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of Willis Tandy; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 12th instant instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of directing the publication of the private acts of Congress and Indian treaties; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee on the petition of Matthew Lyon.



Mr. Horsey was requested to take the chair: and the first resolution accompanying the said report having been amended,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the report 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 amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821."

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 President of the United States on the 11th instant approved and signed "An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks;" and, "An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi." And he withdrew.

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

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting an abstract of the expenditures on account of the contingent expenses of the Navy during the year ending on the 30th of September last; and the letter and abstract were read.

Mr. Lanman laid on the table certain depositions in relation to the obstructions of the navigation of the river Thames; which were,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, To be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1821.

Mr. Morrill reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed.

Mr. Noble laid on the table certain papers relative to the application of James Nickles, senr. to locate a quarter section of land; which were,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, To be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas presented the petition of the inhabitants and settlers in that part of the state of Illinois, commonly called the *Sangamo country*, praying the right of pre-emption to the lands settled by them; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Finance, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill supplementary to an act passed on the 11th of May, 1820, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;" and the bill was read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the Senate the latest statements he may have received, shewing the state of the several incorporated banks in the District of Columbia.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

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

The bill for the relief of the representatives of Patience Gordon, widow, deceased, was read the second time.

The bill confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois was read the second time; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee on the petition of Matthew Lyon; and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of the trustees of Worthington College, in Ohio; and,

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1821.

Mr. Ruggles communicated the following resolutions of the General Assembly of the state of Ohio; which were read.

*“Resolved, by the General Assembly of the state of Ohio, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law, granting and allowing, out of the United States’ lands lying within this state, now unlocated, and to which the Indian title has been recently extinguished, so much land for the use of schools in that part of the state known by the “Connecticut Reserve,” as shall, with such lands as have heretofore been granted, amount to one thirty-sixth part of the land on said reserve.*

*“Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.*

*“JOSEPH RICHARDSON,*

*“ Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*“ALLEN TRIMBLE,*

*“ Speaker of the Senate.*

*“ January 1, 1821.*

*“ SECRETARY OF STATE’S OFFICE,*

*“ Columbus, Ohio, January 4th, 1821.*

*“ I certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original, remaining on file in this office.*

*“JOHN M’LENE, Secretary of State.”*

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the resolutions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, presented the petition of William Dick,

of Alabama, praying that he may be permitted to surrender the certificate for a quarter section of land erroneously entered in his name, and that the amount paid therefor may be credited in payment for other lands; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of Isaac M. Johnson and others, inhabitants of that part of the state of Indiana called the "New Purchase," in the Brookville Land District, praying that the pre-emption right to a quarter section of land may be granted to Moses Finch, senr. for the purpose of building a bridge over Blue River; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of the General Assembly of that state, praying that a military road may be made on each side of the Mississippi river, from Fort St. Philip to the English Turn; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Secretary for the Department of War, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Swartwout, reported a bill for the relief of General Robert Swartwout; which was read.

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

Mr. Parrott gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing the repair of a sea-wall at the Isles of Shoals, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 2d instant instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to report a bill extending the judicial authority of the United States over the state of Missouri; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,  
*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 15th instant, calling on the President of the Bank of the United States for information in relation to such frauds as may have been committed on said bank and its offices, by any of their officers; and the same having been amended, it was disagreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 12th instant, to print a memorial and documents from the Bank of the United States, communicated to the Senate by the Committee on Finance, together with the amendment proposed thereto; and the said amendment having been rejected, the motion was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of the inhabitants of that part of the state of Indiana called the Brookville Land District; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, in behalf of the settlers on Public Lands; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorialists be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 15th instant instructing the Committee on Roads and Canals to inquire into the expediency of employing the topographical engineers in surveying roads and canals through the public lands; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 15th instant instructing the Committee on Roads and Canals to inquire into the expediency of employing the topographical engineers in surveying canals to connect the navigable waters between Boston Harbor and Pamlico Sound; and,

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,  
*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill supplementary to an act passed on the eleventh of May, 1820, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee on the petition of Matthew Lyon.



On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Georgia,  
That the said report be indefinitely postponed:

On motion,  
The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Director of the Mint; and the letter and report were read.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of the merchants, traders, manufacturers, mechanics, landlords, and others, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that a duty of ten per cent. may be imposed on all merchandise when disposed of at auction in the original packages, and fifteen per cent. when so disposed of in less quantities, with certain exceptions; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of the chiefs of the Choctaw nation of Indians in behalf of Silas Dinsmore, 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. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of John Hofman, reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Parrott asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill authorizing the repair of a sea-wall at the Isles of Shoals, and for other purposes; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing Jared E. Groce to enter a fraction of seventy-four acres of land situate on the Alabama river, township five, range four east, at such price as they may deem proper.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending an act, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes," passed on the 17th February, 1815.

The bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and, also, the bill for the relief of general Robert Swartwout, were severally read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 15th instant instructing the Committee on Roads and Canals to inquire into the expediency of employing the topographical engineers in surveying canals to connect the navigable waters between Boston Harbor and Pamlico Sound; and it was amended and agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law the employment of the topographical engineers in surveying, under the direction of the President of the United States, canals to connect the navigable waters between Boston Harbor, in the state of Massachusetts, and Pamlico Sound, in the state of North Carolina, and a military and post road from some part of the Penobscot river, in the state of Maine, to the Schodiack river, in said state, or the eastern line of the United States, in such directions or on such plan as will best promote the interests and the military and naval defence of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee on the petition of Matthew Lyon, together with the motion to postpone the same indefinitely; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the contracts made by the Commissioners of the Navy during the year 1820; and the letter and statement were read.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Seward;" and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of L. B. Macarty, of Louisiana, praying to be compensated for the injury and losses sustained in consequence of the military occupancy of his plantation by order of General Jackson in the winter of 1814-15; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tichenor presented the petition of the inhabitants of Bennington, in the state of Vermont; White Creek, Cambridge, Easton, Greenwich, and Saratoga, of the state of New York, praying the establishment of a certain post route; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Tichenor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Horsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington; and the bill was read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Isaac M. Johnson and others.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of authorizing Jared E. Groce to enter a fraction of land; and agreed thereto.

The bill authorizing the repair of a sea-wall at the Isles of Shoals and for other purposes, was read the second time; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee on the petition of Matthew Lyon, together with the motion to postpone the same indefinitely; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, for the use of the members of the Senate, sixty copies of the Naval Register for the year 1821; and the letter was read.

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

*To the Senate of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 4th instant, "requesting the President of the United States to communicate to the Senate any information he may have, as to the power or authority which belonged to Don John Bonaventure Morales and to the Baron Carondelet, to grant and dispose of the lands of Spain in Louisiana, previously to the year 1803"—I transmit a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting a letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with the document to which it refers.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, January 18th, 1821.*

The message and accompanying documents were read.

The honorable Nehemiah R. Knight, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the honorable James Burrill, jr. produced his credentials, which were read, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The credentials of the honorable James Noble, 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, were read.

*Ordered,* That they lie on file.

The bill authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select

committee on the petition of Matthew Lyon, together with the motion to postpone the same indefinitely; and

The question was taken on the indefinite postponement:

And determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 24  
Nays . . . . . 19.

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. Chandler,	Mr. King, of N. Y.	Mr. Parrott,
Dana,	Lanman,	Pinkney,
Eaton,	Lloyd,	Smith,
Elliott,	Mills,	Taylor,
Gaillard,	Morril,	Tichenor,
Horsey,	Noble,	Van Dyke,
Hunter,	Otis,	Walker, of Geo.
Johnson, of Lou.	Palmer,	Williams, of Tenn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lowrie,	Mr. Talbot,
Brown,	Macon,	Thomas,
Dickerson,	Pleasants,	Trimble,
Holmes, of Maine.	Roberts,	Walker, of Ala.
Holmes, of Mis.	Ruggles,	Williams, of Mis.
Johnson, of Ky.	Sanford,	
King, of Alab.	Stokes,	

So it was

*Resolved*, That the said report be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Barbour gave notice, that, on Monday next, he should ask leave to bring in a bill for the relief of Matthew Lyon.

Mr. Talbot communicated the following preamble and resolutions of the legislature of the state of Kentucky; which were read.

“Whereas many of the citizens of this commonwealth, allured by the prospect of increasing their wealth, or procuring a more desirable home for themselves or their posterity, which the uninterrupted growth of the western country presented to activity and enterprise, became purchasers of the public lands of the United States, under a well founded confidence that the earnings of honest labor, the profits of fair trade, or the sale of their other property, would speedily enable them to fulfil their engagements to the public: Whereas the unexpected depression in the price of labor and of property, the stag-



nation of trade, and the derangement of the local currency in the western states, rendering it unfit for the payment of dues at the several land offices, have darkened the fairest prospects, deprived the public debtors of their power to fulfil engagements made in good faith, and thrown upon them and their country an accumulated load of debt and distress, which no foresight could avert and no exertion can remove: Whereas, in addition to all these events, the Congress of the United States have, by the act of April, 1820, reducing the price of public lands, deprived the debtors of their last resource, and rendered them unable to sell any part of their purchases, and thereby raise the means to fulfil their engagements; by which events and act the said purchasers are in danger not only of forfeiting their whole purchases, but of losing the money already paid, and are reduced to the humble necessity of resigning themselves to their fate, or soliciting indulgence for an indefinite period at the hand of their government, with expense to themselves and injury to their country: And whereas it is not the interest or policy of a free government to push the citizen beyond his ability, nor rigidly exact a forfeiture of his property when such penalty is neither merited by any wilful delinquency, nor useful in affording a salutary public example, it is, in the opinion of this General Assembly, the duty of the Congress of the United States, as it is within their power, to relieve the purchasers of public lands from this oppressive debt, on terms equitable to them and just to the government: Wherefore,

*“Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law, permitting the purchasers of public lands at private sale to apply the instalments already paid to the payment in full for such portion of their purchases as such instalments may be adequate to pay for, at the price of two dollars per acre, and to relinquish the balance of their purchases to the United States.*

*“Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to present the foregoing preamble and resolution to the Senate and House of Representatives, of which they are members.*

*“ATTEST,      “J. CABELL BRECKENRIDGE, Secretary.”*

Mr. King, of New York, presented the memorial of Archibald Gracie, and sons, and others, ship owners and merchants of the city

of New York, praying an extension of the time allowed by law for unlading ships and vessels arriving in the ports of the United States; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to Monday next.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1821.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of John Bioren, of Philadelphia, and Fielding Lucas, jr. of Baltimore, booksellers, proposing to sell to government a certain number of copies of the edition of the laws of the United States, published by said Bioren and others, and to print a sixth volume, to contain all subsequent laws to the close of the present session of Congress, under the authority and patronage of Congress; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of Ann Hodge, relict of George Hodge, deceased, late a boatswain in the Navy of the United States, praying to be remunerated for the loss of household furniture, occasioned by the burning of the Navy yard at Washington, in the year 1814; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lowrie presented the petition of Thomas Dobson and son, booksellers of Philadelphia, praying that an act may be passed authorizing the purchase from them of six hundred copies of "Seybert's Statistical Annals of the United States," for the use of government; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Pleasants, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Shields, made a report, accom-

panied by a bill concerning Thomas Shields and others; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to establish a port of entry at Blakeley, in the state of Alabama.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 18th instant, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of amending the act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes; and agreed thereto.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820, together with the motion to recommit the same with certain instructions; and,

On the question to agree to said motion,

Mr. Smith asked to be excused from voting on this, and all other questions that may arise on said bill in the Senate, and stated as a reason why he should be excused, that, being a purchaser of public lands in Alabama, and not residing therein, he was interested in the provisions of the bill; and,

On the question to grant the leave asked,

It was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring on the motion to recommit, it was determined in the negative.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

To amend the first section of the bill by striking out all the words after the enacting clause and to insert a new section—

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the bill lie on the table, and that the proposed amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1821.

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

The Senate took up and considered the motion of the 12th of December, to discharge the Committee on Military Affairs from the

consideration of the petition of Rebecca Hodgson, and agreed thereto; and,

On his motion,

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, and Mr. Macon, be the committee.

Mr. Horsey presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in behalf of the stockholders, praying an extension of the charter of said bank; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

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

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of the merchants, traders, manufacturers, mechanics, landlords, and others, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that a duty of ten per cent. may be imposed on all merchandise sold at auction, when disposed of in original packages, and fifteen per cent. when so sold in less quantities, with certain exceptions; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of George Harpole; and, also, the petition of Drury Bettis, severally praying to be compensated for a horse lost while in the military service of the United States; and the petitions were severally read.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia Military Land Warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel M. Warren, 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. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to every person now residing on, and to those who may hereafter settle on the public lands on the bank of the Mississippi river, within the state of Louisiana, the right of pre-emption to a tract of such land at the minimum price fixed by law for the sale of the public lands of the United States, on condition that such persons shall make and keep up a substantial levee in front of the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of the chiefs of the Choctaw Indians, praying that Silas Dinsmore may be confirmed in his title to a tract of land; 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 on Public Lands on the petition of the trustees of Worthington College, in the state of Ohio; and,

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be further postponed until to-morrow.

The bill concerning Thomas Shields and others was read the second time.

Mr. Sanford laid on the table for the information of the Senate, a document communicated to the Committee on Finance by the Bank of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820, together with the proposed amendment; and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the bill lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to continue in force, for a further time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to establish an uni-



form system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and the same having been amended, the President reported it to the House, amended accordingly; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Tuesday next.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Wednesday the 31st instant.

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

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States on the 17th instant approved and signed "An act for the relief of Margaret Perry;" and "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821."

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States;" and, a bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, an act, entitled 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1821.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Louis Lauret a native of Orthez, in France, an alien, residing in Louisiana, praying to be admitted to the privileges of a citizen of the United States at an earlier period than is authorized by existing laws; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dana presented the petition of Ezekiel P. Belden, of Connecticut, who was a captain of cavalry in the Revolutionary army, praying to be allowed half pay; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of Nathaniel Allen, of New York, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts as paymaster of the New York militia, on the northern and western frontiers, in the year 1812, the disbursements made by him by virtue of orders from Governor Tompkins to said militia, for clothing; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the memorial of Paul Lanusse and F. Bailly Blanchard, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorial be not granted.

The report and resolution were read.

The two bills from the House of Representatives yesterday brought up for concurrence were severally read the first and second times by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes,'" be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of granting to actual settlers on the public lands on the Bank of the Mississippi, in Louisiana, the right of pre-emption on certain conditions; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Nathaniel M'Warren; 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 Public Lands on the petition of the trustees of Worthington College, in Ohio; and,

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole, the bill to continue in force the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes; and,

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

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

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the better regulation of the trade with the Indian tribes; and,

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

To amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting a new draught—

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the bill be postponed to Friday next, and that the said amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill confirming the title of the Marquis de Maison Rouge; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

To amend the bill by adding a proviso thereto—

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the bill be postponed to Friday next.

On motion, by King, of Alabama,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820, together with the amendment proposed to the first section thereof; and the said amendment having been withdrawn by Mr. Thomas,

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That the bill lie on the table.

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

tion of the bill explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart, passed May the 15th, in the year 1820, and no amendment having been proposed, 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 proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill granting to the Governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, two tracts of land in the county of Point Coupee, together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; and the said amendments having been agreed to,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

*Ordered*, That the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of John Coffee, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands, which was agreed to, and the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly; and the said amendment having been concurred in, the bill was further amended.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Gooding and James Williams; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Nicholas Perkins; and, the same being amended, the President reported it to the House as amended; and the amendments having been 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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1821.

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 the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq." a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Hunsinger;" a bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph McNeil;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander Milne;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;" a bill, entitled "An act to regulate the location of land warrants, and the issuing of patents in certain cases;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Brady;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duerge;" and a bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court in the northern District of New York;" and also, a "Resolution to suspend the recruiting service for a limited time;" in which bills and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills and resolution were severally read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Hunsinger;" the bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;" the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the location of land warrants, and the issuing of patents in certain cases;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Brady," be severally referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esquire," be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph McNeil;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander Milne;"



the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge;" be severally referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court in the northern District of New York," be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the "Resolution to suspend the recruiting service for a limited time," be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Trimble presented the memorial of Bartholomew Shaumburg, of the city of New Orleans, praying to be repaid the sum of 3000 dollars, entrusted to him by the paymaster of the 8th regiment of infantry at New Orleans in June, 1817, to be delivered to James P. Harrison, for the payment of a detachment of the said regiment at Fort Selden, and which was by him delivered to major Riddle, then acting as quartermaster at said Fort, to be conveyed for that purpose, and by him lost; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Job Shurborn, of the state of Maine, praying a pension in consideration of revolutionary services; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Otis presented the petition of Joshua Aubin, of Boston, the petition of William Whitehead, of New York; and the petition of James Graham, also of New York, praying the restitution of certain moneys paid by them respectively for duties wrongfully exacted on goods imported by them into Castine in the year 1814; and the petitions were severally read.

On motion, by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Horsey presented the memorial of the mayor, members of the board of aldermen, and of the common council, of the City of Washington, soliciting Congress to direct astronomical observations to be made in the said city, with a view to the establishment of a principal meridian for the United States; and he also presented the memorial of the President and Directors of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Georgetown, praying an extension of the charter of said bank; and the memorials were read.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Ordered*, That they be severally referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to authorize the clerk of the District Court of the United States for the District of Louisiana, to appoint a deputy to aid him in discharging the duties of his office.

Mr. Eaton gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill supplementary of an act passed at the last session of Congress, for the relief of John Harding and others.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. King, of Alabama, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to establish the District of Blakeley; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Matthew McNair, reported a bill for the relief of Matthew McNair, which was read.

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

Mr. Van Dyke, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Barker, 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. Roberts, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel M'Duff," reported it without amendment.

The bill explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart, passed May the 15th, in the year 1820, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart, passed May the 15th, in the year 1820.

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

The bill for the relief of John Coffee, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

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

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

The bill for the relief of Nicholas Perkins having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

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

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Finance, on the memorial of Paul Lanusse and F. Bailly Blanchard; and,

On motion, by Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, two tracts of land in the county of Point Coupee, as amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the appointment of certain Indian agents; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands, which were agreed to with further amendments, and 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 read a third time as amended?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries; and,

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

It was agreed to take the question on passing it to a third reading by yeas and nays.

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Nathan Ford, and no amendment having been proposed, 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 to incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia;" Mr. Van Dyke was requested to take the chair: and the bill having been amended,

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1821.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, to whom was referred, by resolution of the Senate of the 29th December last, the memorial of the mayor, aldermen, and commonalty of the city of New York; and the report was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the report, together with the memorial, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The President also communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in obedience to a resolution of the 16th instant, statements shewing the state of the several Banks in the District of Columbia; and the letter and statements were read.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, presented the memorial of Kon-na-noo-lus-kee or Chalange, a native of the Cherokee nation of In-

dians, praying that the *life* estate to a reservation of land in the state of Alabama, secured to him by the treaty with said nation in 1817, may be extended to a *fee-simple* estate, or that he may be permitted to purchase the same at the minimum price, with a reasonable time to accomplish the payment; and the memorial 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. Barbour presented the memorial of Richard S. Hackley, late consul of the United States at Cadiz, praying to be remunerated for certain disbursements made by him in the discharge of his official duties; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lanman presented the petition of Abel Sholes, of Connecticut, praying an increase of his pension; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of John Lowden, of South Carolina, praying to be refunded the amount of an export bond paid at the custom house at Charleston, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, praying permission to tax the lands sold by the United States; made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorize the clerk of the District Court of the United States for the District of Louisiana to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,



*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dickerson, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of Representatives in Congress, and the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States; reported it with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of the register and receiver of public moneys at Shawneetown, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Eaton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill supplementary to an act passed on the 5th of April, 1820, entitled "An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nichols;" which was read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

It was agreed to reconsider the vote of yesterday, on ordering the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," to be read a third time; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands, further to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Jacob Barker; and,

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The bill for the relief of Matthew McNair, and the bill to establish the district of Blakeley, were severally read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Nathan Ford, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the 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 Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the representatives of Patience Gordon, widow,

deceased, and no amendment having been proposed, 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 proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Georgia,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill supplementary to an act passed on the 11th of May, 1820, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;" and no amendment having been proposed, 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 proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of General Robert Swartwout; and,

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of John Hofman; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States, in the City of Washington; and,

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill concerning Thomas Shields and others; and,

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office;" Mr. King, of Alabama, was requested to take the chair; and no amendment having been proposed, the President resumed the chair, and the bill 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 authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Gooding and James Williams; and,

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel McDuff;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Friday next.

Mr. Horsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the resolution from the House of Representatives, 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 without amendment.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

The Senate adjourned to Monday next.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting statements exhibiting the contracts which were made by the quartermaster general, commissary general of subsistence, the ordnance department, the commissary general of purchases, and the engineer department, in the year 1820; and the letter and statements were read.

Mr. Horsey presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Columbia, and the petition of the Directors of the

Patriotic Bank of Washington, severally praying an extension of the charters of the said Banks, respectively; and the petitions were read.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Ordered*, That they be severally referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of Harriet Shackerley and others, surviving children of Peter Shackerley, who was slain on board the frigate Chesapeake, in the rencounter with the British frigate Leopard, in 1807, praying to be allowed a stipend equal to that proffered by the British government, to the families of those killed on that occasion; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. King, of New York, presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, praying that such an increase of the naval force of the United States, on the south western coast of America, may be made, as will afford sufficient protection to the commerce of the United States in that quarter; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hunter presented the petition of Stephen F. Northam and others, of Rhode Island, merchants, representing that they took out license in the year 1815, for distilling spirits from molasses for one year; that a few days after their distillery was inundated and so much injured by the violent gale of wind and flood of tide, which at that time happened, as to suspend its operation nearly half the year, and praying that so much of the money paid for said license, may be restored to them, as will be equal to the time the distillery remained inoperative; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the petition of Watson Brown, of Louisiana, praying a grant of land, in consideration of military services; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*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 George Jackson, 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. Roberts, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. L. B. Macarty, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of J. L. B. Macarty; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Roberts, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of James Villeré, 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. Roberts, from the same committee, to whom the subject was referred by resolution of the Senate of the 9th instant, made a report on the claim of Matthew B. Cathey, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner's claim ought not to be allowed.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Roberts, from the same committee, to whom was referred the memorial of E. B. Clemson, 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. Van Dyke, from the last mentioned committee, to whom was referred the petition of Hanson Catlett, 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 Finance, to whom was referred the petition of William Smith, junior, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be refused.

The report and resolution were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands, on the memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, praying permission to tax certain lands; and,



On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands, on the memorial of the register and receiver of the Land Office at Shawneetown; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Jacob Barker; and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill supplementary to an act passed on the 5th of April, 1820, entitled "An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nichols," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of the representatives of Patience Gordon, widow, deceased, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of the representatives of Patience Gordon, widow, deceased."

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

The bill supplementary to an act passed on the eleventh of May, 1820, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of 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 supplementary to an act passed on the 11th of May, 1820, entitled 'An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes.'"

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

The bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*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 for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it 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 further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and having amended the same.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1821.

Mr. Noble presented a petition signed by a number of individuals, concerned, directly or indirectly, as purchasers of public lands prior to the law "making further provision for the sale of public lands," stating, that said law operates injuriously upon them, and praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made, to such portions of their entries, as such payments will cover at two dollars per acre, and that the residue may revert to the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. King, of New York, laid on the table sundry resolutions adopted at an assemblage of the citizens of the city of New York, consisting of the most respectable merchants, landlords, and others, declaring the pernicious and injurious effects upon commerce from sales at auction, under the existing system; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, 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 Russellville to Owensburgh, in the state of Kentucky; from thence, to Rockport, in the state of Indiana; and from thence, to Indianapolis, by the way of Portersville, Bloomington, and Cutler's.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill concerning the collection of public moneys, reported the same with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Seward," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the location of land warrants, and the issuing of patents in certain cases," reported it with amendments, which were read.

The bill for the relief of J. L. B. Macarty was read the second time.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution from the House of Representatives, to suspend the recruiting service for a limited time; reported it without amendment.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Hardeman, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers accompanying the same.

The report and resolution were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of George Jackson; and,

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the claim of Matthew B. Cathey; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner's claim ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of E. B. Clemson; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

On motion, by Mr Roberts,

*Ordered*, That E. B. Clemson have leave to withdraw his petition and the documents accompanying the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Hanson Catlett; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Finance, on the petition of William Smith, junior; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be refused.

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 John Webster;" a bill, entitled "An act to establish the district of Pearl river;" and a bill, entitled "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes, as amended; and the bill having been further amended, the President reported it to the House; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

*Ordered*, That it 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 concerning Thomas Shields and others, and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820, Mr. Macon was requested to take the chair: and having amended the bill,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a statement of all contracts made by the post office department during the last year, and a statement of contracts made in a former year; and the letter and statements were read.

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

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit to Congress a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting copies of the instructions given to the commissioners appointed under the act of the 15th of May, 1820, authorizing the location of a road from Wheeling, in the state of Virginia, to a point on the left bank of the Mississippi river, between St. Louis, and the mouth of the Illinois river; and copies of the report made by the said commissioners to the Treasury Department, of the progress they have made in the execution of the duties prescribed by the said act, together with maps of the country through which the location is to be made.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, January 31, 1821.*

The message and report were read.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Chandler 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 the town of Warsaw, in the state of Maine, through the towns of Hartland and St. Alban's, to Palmyra, in the same state; and to discontinue the post route which now exists from the town of Warsaw to Palmyra aforesaid.

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph McNiel;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander Milne;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille;" and, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was



recommitted the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," reported it with amendments; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of John Bioren and Fielding Lucas, jr. and, also, from the resolution of the 10th instant, instructing said committee to inquire into the expediency of diminishing, equalizing, and establishing, the fees of district attorneys, clerks, and marshals, and other officers.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

That the committee appointed on the 19th of December to inquire into the expediency of reducing the allowances authorized by law for the two houses of Congress and for the Executive Departments, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the committee be permitted to lay on the table a document in relation to the subject of said inquiry:

A division of the question was called for, and the question was taken on the first member of the motion; and,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 14  
Nays . . . . . 31.

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. Dana,	Mr. Mills,	Mr. Talbot,
Edwards,	Noble,	Taylor,
Johnson, of Ky.	Otis,	Walker, of Geo.
Johnson, of Lou.	Parrott,	Williams, of Ten.
King, of Alab.	Stokes,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. King, of N. Y.	Mr. Ruggles,
Brown,	Knight,	Sanford,
Chandler,	Lanman,	Smith,
Dickerson,	Lloyd,	Thomas,
Eaton,	Lowrie,	Tichenor,
Elliott,	Macon,	Trimble,
Gaillard,	Morril,	Van Dyke,
Holmes, of Maine.	Palmer,	Walker, of Alab.
Holmes, of Miss.	Pinkney,	Williams, of Is.
Horsey,	Pleasants,	
Hunter,	Roberts,	

Mr. Dana, from the last mentioned committee, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is not expedient at the present time to reduce the compensations allowed by law for the respective Houses of Congress, and for the principal and other officers in the Executive departments.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Horsey presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Central Bank of Georgetown and Washington, in behalf of the stockholders, praying that the charter of said bank may be continued, until they can effectually close the concerns thereof; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

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

The bill concerning Thomas Shields and others having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act concerning Thomas Shields and others."

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Webster;" the bill, entitled "An act to establish the district of Pearl river;" and the bill, entitled "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory;" were severally read the second time.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Webster," be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to establish the district of Pearl river," be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory," be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of James Villeré; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Friday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands, on the petition of Thomas Hardeman; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to inquire into the expediency of establishing a certain post route; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, prior to the first day of July, 1820, as amended; Mr. Macon in the chair; and the bill having been further amended,

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate, as amended.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, as amended; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the governor of the state of Ohio, transmitting the report and resolutions of the joint committee of both Houses of the General Assembly of that state, on the communication of the auditor of state, upon the subject of the proceedings of the Bank of the United States against the officers of state, in the circuit court of the United States, and which were approved and adopted by the said General Assembly; and the letter, report, and resolutions, were read.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

Mr. Otis presented the petition of Samuel Parker, of Massachu-

setts, praying that the patent heretofore granted to him for certain improvements in machinery, the limitation of which is about to expire, may be renewed; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Otis,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Louis Lauret, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorialist be not granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his papers.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the 13th of December, to inquire if any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made to the act "relative to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and declaring the officer who shall act as President in case of vacancies in the offices both of President and Vice President, passed March 1, 1792;" reported that it is inexpedient to legislate further on the subject at this time; and,

The report was read.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the 13th of December, to inquire if any, and what, provisions are necessary to be made by law, to meet contingencies which may arise from unlawful votes, under that part of the twelfth article of the amendments to the constitution which relates to counting the votes of the electors for President and Vice President, reported that it is inexpedient at this time to legislate on the subject; and the report was read.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Allen, reported a bill for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Walker, of Georgia, gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill concerning the process of execution issuing from the sixth circuit court of the United States for the district of Georgia.

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was refer-

red the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes,'" reported it without amendment.

Mr. Horsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the erection of a marine hospital at, or near to, the city of New Orleans, for the admission of sick and disabled seamen of the United States, and for the accommodation of sick and disabled boatmen who may descend the Mississippi river.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to inquire into the expediency of establishing a certain post route; and agreed thereto.

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 incorporate the Columbian College in the District of Columbia." They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Pierre Dennis De La Ronde;" a bill, entitled "An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;" and a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the land office, in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The four bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On his motion,



*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrill, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office."

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance on the memorial of Paul Lanusse and F. Bailly Blanchard; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorial be not granted.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Andrew Peters and others, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer be not granted.

The report and resolution were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of Thomas Hardeman; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That it 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 to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

The Senate took up, and considered, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, prior to the first day of July, 1820, as amended; Mr. Macon in the chair: and, the bill having been further amended,

On motion, by Mr. Elliott,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business, the Senate adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a list of unproductive post roads; and the letter and list were read.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of William Vaughan, sailing-master in the navy, praying to be allowed prize-money for the destruction of two vessels of the enemy in the late war; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom were referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Hunsinger;" and the bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army," reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Lowrie, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Brady," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the memorial of Archibald Gracie & Sons, and others, reported a bill to extend the time for unloading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Horsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the memorial of the Bank of Potomac, reported a bill to extend the charter of the Bank of Potomac; which was read.

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

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufac-

tures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish the district of Pearl river," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, gave notice, that, on Monday next, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to establish a new land office in the state of Mississippi, and for the better regulation of certain land districts in the states of Alabama and Mississippi.

The bill for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service, and the bills from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Pierre Dennis De La Ronde;" "An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the land office in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas;" and "An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;" were severally read the second time.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Pierre Dennis De La Ronde," be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the land office in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas;" and the bill, entitled "An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;" be severally referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the memorial of Louis Lauret, and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorialist be not granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his papers.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the resolution of the 13th of December, directing them to inquire if any, and what, provisions are necessary to be made by law to meet contingencies which may arise from unlawful votes under that part of the twelfth article of the amendment to the constitution which relates to counting the votes of the electors for President and Vice President; and concurred therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the resolution of the 13th of December, directing

them to inquire if any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made to the act "relative to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and declaring the officer who shall act as President in case of vacancies in the offices both of President and Vice President;" and concurred therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures to inquire into the expediency of establishing a marine hospital at New Orleans; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the memorial of Andrew Peters and others, officers of the Revolutionary army; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer be not granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Committee of Claims on the petition of James Villeré; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana, to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office; and the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the district court in the northern district of New York," reported them severally without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole, the bill authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington, which was amended, and the President reported it to the House accordingly; and, the amendments having been 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. Thomas,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820, as amended; Mr. Macon in the chair: and, the bill having been further amended, the President resumed the chair, and reported it to the House as amended.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

To strike out the amendment in the seventh line of the second section, viz: "thirty-seven and an half," and to insert the words "twenty-five,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 20  
Nays . . . . . 21

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Lowrie,	Mr. Pleasants,
Dickerson,	Macon,	Roberts,
Horsey,	Mills,	Sanford,
Hunter,	Morril,	Smith,
King, of N. Y.	Otis,	Tichenor,
Knight,	Palmer,	Van Dyke,
Lanman,	Parrott,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Johnson, of Ky.	Mr. Talbot,
Eaton,	Johnson, of Lou.	Taylor,
Edwards,	King, of Alab.	Thomas,
Elliott,	Lloyd,	Trimble,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Walker, of Alab.
Holmes, of Maine,	Ruggles,	Walker, of Geo.
Holmes, of Miss.	Stokes,	Williams, of Miss.

And, the said amendments having been concurred in,

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That the bill, as amended, be recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon; and that the committee cause the bill to be reprinted, with such amendments as they may propose.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

It was agreed to reconsider the vote of yesterday on the report of the Committee on Finance on the memorial of Paul Lanusse and F. Bailly Blanchard; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to reduce and



fix the military peace establishment of the United States," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Williams also laid on the table an estimate of the comparative expenses of the army, under the organization of the last mentioned bill, as it passed the House of Representatives, and that of the proposed substitute, which was read; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury report to the Senate what proceedings have been had in relation to the claim of John H. Piatt, authorized to be liquidated and settled by an act of the 8th day of May, 1820; and that he report how, and upon what principles, reasons, and construction of the law, the said claimant attempts to support his claim.

On motion, by Mr. Otis,

The Senate adjourned to Monday next.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, showing the amount of the appropriations for the Navy Department for the year 1820; and the balances remaining unexpended in the Treasury on the 31st of December last; and the letter and statement were read.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of James Duffie, executor of captain William Sloo, deceased, praying payment of three certificates issued to the deceased by the quartermaster general, for services rendered in the Revolutionary war; 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. Dana presented the petition of William Sizer, one of the surviving officers of the Revolutionary army, praying that the benefit of the late act of Congress, granting pensions to the indigent surviving officers and soldiers of that army, may be extended to him; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of John Lowden, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Pleasants, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esquire," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas H. Boyles, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Thomas, from the last mentioned committee, to whom was referred the petition of Clarissa Scott, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Manuel and Isaac Monsanto, deceased; and the report and bill were read.

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

The bill authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States, in the city of Washington, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States, in the city of Washington."

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

The bill to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia; the bill to extend the charter of the Bank of Potomac; and the bill to extend the time for unlading vessels arriving from foreign ports, in certain cases, were severally read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the select committee appointed to inquire into the propriety of reducing the allowances authorized by law for the two Houses of Congress, and for the Executive Departments; and,

A motion was made, by Mr. Roberts,

To amend the resolution accompanying the report by striking out

from the word "Resolved," to the end, and inserting a substitute, and an additional resolution.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

That the report be postponed to Monday the 19th instant,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 23  
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. King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Mr. Talbot,
Edwards,	King, of <i>N. F.</i>	Taylor,
Elliott,	Mills,	Thomas,
Gaillard	Noble,	Trimble,
Horsey	Otis,	Van Dyke,
Hunter	Parrott	Walker, of <i>Geor.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Pleasants,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Sanford,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Knight,	Mr. Roberts,
Chandler,	Lanman,	Ruggles,
Dana,	Lloyd,	Smith,
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Tichenor,
Eaton,	Macon,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Morril,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the amendment proposed to the last mentioned report, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the mayor, aldermen, and commonalty, of the city of New York, reported a bill to authorize the reconveyance of a tract of land to the city of New York; and the bill was read.

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of George Jackson; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered,* That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of James Villeré; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill authorizing the repair of a sea wall at the Isles of Shoals, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

Further to amend the bill, by inserting a new section:

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

*Ordered*, That the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow; and that the proposed amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was recommitted the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, prior to the first day of July, 1820, reported it with amendments; which were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States; 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. Horsey,

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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement by the Second Comptroller, of the appropriations for the service of the year 1820, showing the amount expended, and the balance remaining unexpended, on the 31st of December last; and the letter and statement were read.

Mr. Thomas communicated a resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, which was read, as follows:

*"Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, That our Senators and Represen-*

tatives in Congress be requested to endeavor to obtain the passage of a law, so amending the act of the last session of Congress, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned," as that the said road may be surveyed and laid out through the seats of government of the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois: *Provided*, the commissioners to have been appointed by that act have not yet performed the duties enjoined upon them by the same: but, that if in case they *have* made the survey contemplated by said act, they endeavor to obtain the passage of one authorizing a new survey, and lay out the said road through the seats of government of the said states.

"JOHN McLEAN,

*"Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

"GEO. CADWELL,

*"Speaker of the Senate, pro tempore."*

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Barbour submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and of notifying the persons elected of their election.

Mr. Morrill, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia."

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the reports of the Land Commissioners at Jackson court house and at St. Helena; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Johnson of Louisiana, Mr. Williams of Mississippi, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Walker of Alabama, and Mr. Lowrie, be the committee.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the Land Office in the district of Lawrence



county, in the territory of Arkansas;" and, the bill, entitled "An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for the allowance and payment of the claim of David Cooper, for property taken for military services during the late war by order of Captain C. H. Holden.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of complying with the request made by the chiefs of the Choctaw tribe of Indians, to grant tracts of land to certain individuals named in the documents which accompanied the message of the President of the United States, transmitting to the Senate the treaty concluded at Doakes, on the 18th day of October, in the year 1820.

The bill for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the Navy 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 for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the Navy of the United States."

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

The bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Manuel and Isaac Monsanto, deceased; and the bill to authorize the reconveyance of a tract of land to the city of New York; were severally read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Finance on the petition of John Lowden; and,

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of Thomas H. Boyles; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of George Jackson; and,

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it 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 an enrolled bill, 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 making appropriations for the public buildings," in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, as amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

That the bill be postponed indefinitely—

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

It was agreed to take this question by yeas and nays.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1821.

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 report of the 5th of February, 1820, so far as the same have been completed, are fully detailed in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury to that board, also communicated as part of the report of said commissioners; and the report was read.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, presented the memorial of the General Assembly of that state, praying that the right of pre-emption may be granted to certain settlers on the public lands within said state; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the petition of Joseph G. Ro-

berts, of that state, and late a surgeon in the Navy, praying to be allowed a share of certain prize money; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Walker, of Georgia, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill concerning the process of execution issuing from the sixth circuit court of the United States, for the district of Georgia; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde;" and, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Pierre Dennis De La Ronde;" reported them severally without amendment.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings," was twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday to appoint a joint committee to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes of President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons elected of their election, and agreed thereto.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Barbour and Mr. Macon be the committee on the part of the Senate.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of complying with the request of the Choctaw Indians to grant tracts of land to certain individuals; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee of Claims to inquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of David Cooper; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of George Jackson; and,

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance on the petition of John Lowden; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820, together with the amendments reported there-to by the Committee on Public Lands; and the said amendments having been agreed to, further amendments were proposed; and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands, further to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, as amended, together with the motion to postpone the same indefinitely; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1821.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, exhibiting the names of the clerks employed in the several offices attached to the Department of War; and the sums paid to each; and the report was read.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of David Chambers, of Ohio, praying to be allowed, in payment for any public land he may enter, a credit for 320 dollars, being the first payment made by him for a quarter section of land, which has become forfeited to the United States; 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.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to establish a new Land Office in the state of Mississippi, and for the better regulation of certain

land districts in the states of Alabama and Mississippi; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of James Graham, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the claim of the petitioner be rejected.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Aubin, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of William Whitehead, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Parrott, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of William Vaughan, reported a bill to reward lieutenant Gregory, his officers and companions; and the bill was read.

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

The bill concerning the process of execution issuing from the sixth circuit court of the United States, for the district of Georgia, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

The Senate took up and considered the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, as amended, together with the motion to postpone the same indefinitely.

And, after debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1821.

The credentials of the honorable James Barbour, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Virginia, for the term of six years, to commence on the fourth day of March next, were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on the file.

Mr. Dana presented the petition of William Plumbe, of Connecti-



cut, praying to be allowed a pension of twenty-five dollars per month during life, in consideration of Revolutionary services and sacrifices; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Levi Chadwick, praying the renewal of a land warrant issued to him for Revolutionary services, and which is now lost; 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.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution of the 4th December, "to inquire into the propriety of so modifying the law punishing piracy as to authorize the President of the United States, in such cases as he may deem expedient, to commute capital punishments for confinement in penitentiary houses," reported that it is inexpedient to make the modification suggested; and the report was read.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Oxley, reported that "the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted;" and the report was read.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Hook, jr. made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Josiah Hook, jr. and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the resolution of the 11th of January, "to inquire into the justice and expediency of granting land for the purposes of education within the limits of the old states," reported that it is inexpedient to grant lands to the extent contemplated in the resolution, but that it is just and expedient to grant a per centum on the sales of public lands to a reasonable extent, for promoting education in the old states, and to grant an equivalent to the new states; and the report was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That five hundred additional copies of the last mentioned report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, to whom was recommit-  
ted the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the

first day of July, 1820, reported the same with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory," reported the same with amendments; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

That the message of the President of the United States of the 12th of May last, transmitting a report of the Secretary of State on the subject of claims of citizens of the United States for Spanish spoliation, be printed for the use of the Senate—

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to reward lieutenant Gregory, his officers, and companions; and the bill to establish a new Land Office in the state of Mississippi, and for the better regulation of certain land districts in the states of Alabama and Mississippi; were severally read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned bill be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Finance, on the petition of James Graham; and,

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it, together with the reports of the same committee on the petitions of Joshua Aubin and William Whitehead, be postponed to Monday next.

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have concurred in the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a joint committee to ascertain a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and have appointed a committee on their part.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Buntin;" and a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar and spirits distilled from molasses;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

Mr. Morrill, from the committee reported, that they yesterday

laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, as amended, together with the motion to postpone the same indefinitely; and,

On the question to agree to the motion:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 10  
Nays . . . . . 32.

The yeas and nays having been previously ordered,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Smith,
Eaton,	Pleasants,	Walker, of <i>Ala.</i>
King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Roberts,	Williams, of <i>Mis.</i>
Macon,		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Mr. Pinkney,
Chandler,	Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Sanford,
Dana,	King, of <i>N. F.</i>	Stokes,
Dickerson,	Knight,	Talbot,
Edwards,	Lanman,	Taylor,
Elliott,	Lloyd,	Thomas,
Gaillard,	Lowrie.	Tichenor,
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Mills,	Trimble,
Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Otis,	Van Dyke,
Horsey,	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Mis.</i>
Hunter,	Parrott,	

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1821.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Job Shurborn, of Maine, praying to be reimbursed in certain expenses incurred, and compensated for services rendered, in the army, during the late war; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas W. Todd, 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. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of John W. Whitney, and John Snodgrass, in behalf of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Dean Weymouth, 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. Holmes, of Maine, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the act, entitled "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same."

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Buntin;" and the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses;" were severally read.

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

The bill for the relief of Josiah Hook, jr. was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of yesterday to reprint the President's message of the 12th May last, on the subject of Spanish spoliations; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the resolution of the 4th December last, to commute the punishment for the crime of piracy; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Thomas Oxley, and concurred therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the resolution of the 11th of January last, to grant

lands for the purposes of education within the limits of the old states; and,

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, as amended; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

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

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States on the 9th instant approved and signed "An act to incorporate the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia."

*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 a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821;" and a bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last brought up for concurrence were severally read twice by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the first mentioned bill be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned bill be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820, together with the amendments reported there-to by the Committee on Public Lands, and the said amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

To amend the first amendment to the third section by striking out



the words "at a price less than three dollars the acre," in the third line, and also to strike out the whole of the second amendment, as follows: "and that on all such debts which may have arisen from the purchase of public land at or above three dollars the acre, a discount at the rate of thirty-three and one-third per cent. shall be allowed:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 12  
Nays . . . . . 28.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Lanman,	Mr. Roberts,
Dana,	Lloyd,	Sanford,
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Talbot,
Knight,	Macon,	Trimble.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. King, of Ala.	Mr. Smith,
Eaton,	King, of N. F.	Stokes,
Edwards,	Mills,	Thomas,
Elliott,	Morril,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Van Dyke,
Holmes, of Maine,	Otis,	Walker, of Ala.
Holmes, of Mis.	Parrott,	Walker, of Geo.
Hunter,	Pleasants,	Williams, of Mis.
Johnson, of Ky.	Ruggles,	Williams, of Ten.
Johnson, of Lou.		

And the amendments having been concurred in with further amendments—

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

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 36  
Nays . . . . . 5.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holmes, of Maine,	Mr. King, of Ala.
Dickerson,	Holmes, of Mis.	King, of N. F.
Eaton,	Horsey,	Lanman,
Edwards,	Hunter,	Lloyd,
Elliott,	Johnson, of Ky.	Mills,
Gaillard,	Johnson, of Lou.	Morril,

Mr. Noble,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Trimble,
Otis,	Stokes,	Van Dyke,
Parrott,	Talbot,	Walker, of Ala.
Pleasants,	Taylor,	Walker, of Geo.
Ruggles,	Thomas,	Williams, of Mis.
Sanford,	Tichenor,	Williams, of Ten.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Lowrie,	Mr. Roberts.
Dana,	Macon,	

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

The Senate took up and considered the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, as amended; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1821.

Mr. Lloyd presented the memorial of the merchants and underwriters of the city of Baltimore, suggesting to Congress the expediency of augmenting the naval force of the United States in the Pacific Ocean, to an extent equal to the protection of our commerce there; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lowrie communicated the following resolutions of the General Assembly of the state of Pennsylvania; which were read.

*"In the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

*"Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their exertions in procuring the passage of a law providing for the removal of the obstructions in the entrance of Erie Harbor; and that this commonwealth will co-operate with the United States in the accomplishment of that object.*

*"Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States.*

**"JOHN GILMORE,**

*"Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

**"WILLIAM MARKS, jr.**

*"Speaker of the Senate.*

“Approved February the first, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

“JOSEPH HIESTER.

“SECRETARY’S OFFICE, *Harrisburg, February 3, 1821.*

“I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy, taken from the original resolution remaining on the files of this office.

“Witness my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

“ANDREW GREGG, *Secretary.*”

The bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Robert Buntin” was read the second time; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled “An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses,” was read the second time; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased, was read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Thomas W. Todd; and,

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Dean Weymouth; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 10th instant, instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of altering the act “for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same,” and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of George Jackson; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance on the petition of James Graham; and,

On motion, by Mr. Otis,

The resolution accompanying the same was amended, and agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the claim of the petitioner be allowed, and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to report a bill for his relief.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance on the petition of Joshua Aubin; and,

On motion, by Mr. Otis,

The resolution accompanying the same was amended, and agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be allowed, and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to report a bill for his relief.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance on the petition of William Whitehead; and,

On motion, by Mr. Otis,

The resolution accompanying the same was amended, and agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be allowed, and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to report a bill for his relief.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the resolution of the 11th January last, to grant lands for the purposes of education within the limits of the old states; and,

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820."

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, as amended; and a further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Holmes, of Maine;

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

That the bill be committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report amendments thereto, which shall

secure to all classes of the community, other than the descriptions of persons contained in the first section of the bill, the privilege, at their election, of becoming voluntary bankrupts, with the consent and approbation of a major part, in value, of all the creditors of such voluntary bankrupt, previously obtained and duly certified. And further providing, that such bankrupt shall be subjected to the same proceedings, and liable to the same penalties, fines, and forfeitures, and be entitled to all the privileges, benefits, and advantages, as are provided for, and made applicable to, all other bankrupts by the regulations of the said bill:

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill lie on the table, and that the proposed amendment and the last mentioned motion be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1821.**

The credentials of the honorable Elijah H. Mills, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Massachusetts for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next, were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

Mr. Lanman presented the memorial of John Parish and others, inhabitants of the county of Windham, in the state of Connecticut, praying for the establishment of a certain post route; and the memorial was read.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Robert Caldwell and others, inhabitants of Morgan and Guernsey counties, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a certain post route; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of William Pancoast, made a report refusing the prayer of the petitioner; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,



*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of the 12th of January, "to inquire whether there are any obstructions to the navigation of the river Thames, in the state of Connecticut, which were placed there by the American ships blockaded during the late war, and, if any, what measures ought to be adopted for the removal of such obstructions;" and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Mills, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Parker, made a report, accompanied by a bill to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents, for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill to establish a new Land Office in the state of Mississippi, and for the better regulation of certain land districts in the states of Alabama and Mississippi; reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of George Jackson; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, together with the proposed amendment, and the motion of yesterday, to recommit the bill; and,

On the question to agree to said motion:

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas . . . . .	13
	{ Nays . . . . .	24

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. Morrill,	Mr. Talbot,
Chandler,	Pleasants,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Ruggles,	Walker, of <i>Geor.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Smith,	
Macon,	Stokes,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Lanman,	Mr. Roberts,
Elliott,	Lloyd,	Sanford,
Gaillard,	Lowrie,	Thomas,
Holmes, of Miss.	Mills,	Tichenor,
Horsey,	Noble,	Trimble,
Hunter,	Otis,	Van Dyke,
King, of N. Y.	Palmer,	Williams of Miss.
Knight,	Parrott,	Williams, of Ten.

On the question to agree to the said proposed amendment, which is in the following words:

“ SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever any person resident within the United States, not being a merchant or person actually using the trade of merchandise by buying and selling in gross or by retail, nor dealing in exchange, nor as a banker, broker, factor, underwriter, or marine insurer, shall do or suffer any act or thing which is herein described, or declared to be an act of bankruptcy, any one creditor, or a greater number, being partners, whose single debt shall amount to five hundred dollars, or any two or more creditors whose debts shall amount to one thousand dollars, may petition in writing against such person, in the same manner, and the same proceedings shall be had therein, as is directed and prescribed in the second section of this act; and the commissioners designated by the judge shall, moreover, issue a summons under their hands and seal, notifying and commanding such person to appear at a certain time and place before said commissioners, to shew cause why he or she shall not be declared a bankrupt; and the same commissioners shall cause personal service to be made on such person, and reasonable notice of the time and place to be given, and if such person shall not appear, or, appearing, shall consent to a commission of bankruptcy, then, and not otherwise, such person may be declared a bankrupt, and shall be subject to all the provisions of this act.”

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 13  
Nays . . . . . 24

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Knight,	Mr. Walker, <i>of Alab.</i>
Chandler,	Macon,	Walker, <i>of Geor.</i>
Eaton,	Pleasants,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i>	Ruggles,	
Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i>	Smith,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Mr. Sanford,
Elliott,	Lanman,	Stokes,
Gaillard,	Lloyd,	Talbot,
Horsey	Lowrie,	Thomas,
Hunter,	Mills,	Tichenor,
Johnson, <i>of Ken.</i>	Otis,	Trimble,
Johnson, <i>of Lou.</i>	Parrott,	Van Dyke,
King, <i>of Alab.</i>	Roberts,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered,* That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Barbour, from the joint committee appointed on the 7th instant to consider and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and of notifying the persons elected of their election, reported the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved,* That the two Houses shall assemble in the Chamber of the House of Representatives on Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, and the President of the Senate shall be the presiding officer; that one person be appointed a teller on the part of the Senate, to make a list of the votes as they shall be declared; that the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce the state of the vote, and the persons elected, to the two Houses assembled as aforesaid, which shall be deemed a declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President of the United States; and, together with a list of votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

*Resolved,* That if any objection be made to the votes of Missouri, and the counting, or omitting to count which, shall not essentially change the result of the election, in that case, they shall be reported by the President of the Senate in the following manner: Were the votes of Missouri to be counted, the result would be for A B, for President of the United States — votes. If not counted, for A B, for President of the United States — votes. But in either event

A B, is elected President of the United States. And in the same manner for Vice President.

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

On motion,  
The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1821.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to the appointment of a teller on their part in pursuance of the report of the joint committee appointed to consider and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States; and

Mr. Barbour was appointed.

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

Mr. Knight presented the petition of Lemuel White, of Rhode Island, praying a pension, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Knight,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of François Dufossat, son of Guy Dufossat, representing that certain forts have been erected and established on his land in Orleans county, in said state, and praying that other lands may be granted to him of equal value in lieu thereof; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

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

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, in pursuance of instructions of the 12th instant, reported a bill for the relief of William Whitehead, Joshua Aubin, and James Graham; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Van Wyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of P. P. Saint Guirons and others, French

emigrants, engaged in the cultivation of the vine and olive, 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. Roberts, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings," reported it with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, laid on the table the copy of a letter from him to the President of the Bank of the United States, and the answer thereto; which were read; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, To lie on file.

The bill to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds, was read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of William Pancoast; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion,

The Senate took up and considered the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, as amended;

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have rejected the resolution of the Senate declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union.

The House of Representatives concur in the report of the joint committee appointed to make arrangements upon the subject of counting the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and have appointed tellers on their part, and are now ready to receive the Senate to perform that ceremony. And he withdrew.

Whereupon,

The two Houses of Congress, agreeably to the joint resolution, assembled in the Representatives' Chamber, and the certificates of the electors of the several states, beginning with the state of New Hampshire, were, by the President of the Senate, opened and deli-



vered to the tellers appointed for the purpose, by whom they were read, except the state of Missouri; and, when the certificate of the electors of that state was opened, an objection was made by Mr. Livermore, a member of the House of Representatives from the state of New Hampshire, to counting said votes.

Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,  
The Senate returned to their own Chamber.

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

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives is *now* ready to receive the Senate in the Chamber of the House of Representatives for the purpose of continuing the enumeration of the votes of the electors for President and Vice President, according to the joint resolutions agreed upon between the two Houses. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Resolved,* That the Senate proceed to meet the House of Representatives in order to conclude the counting of the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, according to the last of the joint resolutions adopted for that purpose.

Whereupon,

The two Houses having again assembled in the Representatives' Chamber, the certificate of the electors of the state of Missouri was, by the President of the Senate, delivered to the tellers, who read the same, and who, having examined and ascertained the whole number of votes, presented a list thereof to the President of the Senate, by whom it was read, as follows:

Number of votes to which each state is entitled.	STATES.	FOR PRESIDENT.		FOR VICE PRESIDENT.				
		James Monroe, of Virginia.	John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts.	Daniel D. Tompkins, of New York.	Richard Stockton, of New Jersey.	Robert Goodloe Harper, of Maryland.	Richard Rush, of Pennsylvania.	Daniel Rodney, of Delaware.
8	New Hampshire - - -	7	1	7			1	
15	Massachusetts - - -	15		7	8			
4	Rhode Island - - -	4		4				
9	Connecticut - - -	9		9				
8	Vermont - - -	8		8				
29	New York - - -	29		29				
8	New Jersey - - -	8		8				
25	Pennsylvania - - -	24		24				
4	Delaware - - -	4						4
11	Maryland - - -	11		10		1		
25	Virginia - - -	25		25				
15	North Carolina - - -	15		15				
11	South Carolina - - -	11		11				
8	Georgia - - -	8		8				
12	Kentucky - - -	12		12				
8	Tennessee - - -	7		7				
8	Ohio - - -	8		8				
3	Louisiana - - -	3		3				
3	Indiana - - -	3		3				
3	Mississippi - - -	2		2				
3	Illinois - - -	3		3				
3	Alabama - - -	3		3				
9	Maine - - -	9		9				
3	Missouri - - -	3		3				
		228	1	215	8	1	1	4

The whole number of the electors appointed being 235, including those of Missouri, of which 118 make a majority; or, excluding the electors of Missouri, the whole number would be 232, of which 117 make a majority; but, in either event, James Monroe, of Virginia, is elected President, and Daniel D. Tompkins, of New York, is elected Vice President of the United States.

Whereupon,

The President of the Senate declared JAMES MONROE, of Virginia, duly elected President of the United States, commencing with the fourth day of March next; and DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, Vice President of the United States, commencing with the fourth day of March next.

The votes of the electors were then delivered to the Secretary of the Senate; the two Houses separated, and the Senate returned to their own Chamber.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1821.

After the consideration of Executive business,

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

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit to Congress a report from the Director of the Mint, enclosing a statement of the Treasurer, submitting the operations of the Mint for the last year.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, February 14, 1821.*

The message and report were read.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of Charlotte Read, widow of Thomas M. Read, deceased, late a captain in the army, praying to be allowed a pension, in consideration of the military services of her late husband; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Roberts gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union.

Mr. Horsey gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill concerning divorces and alimony in the District of Columbia.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of John B. Chatard, David Mallory, William Sizer, and William Plumbe.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That John B. Chatard and William Plumbe have leave respectively to withdraw their petitions and papers.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the consideration of the memorials of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, and the merchants and underwriters of the city of Baltimore; and,

On his motion,

*Resolved*, That they be respectively referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

On motion by Mr. Trimble,

The Senate took up and considered the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Dean Weymouth; and the resolution accompanying the same was amended, and agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and that the committee be instructed to report a bill allowing him a pension at the rate of twelve dollars and fifty cents per month.

Mr. Smith submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate the original order for building the barracks at Sackett's Harbor, together with all the communications between the War Department and Major General Brown relative thereto, and the amount of public moneys expended thereon.

The bill for the relief of William Whitehead, Joshua Aubin, and James Graham, was read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of P. P. St. Guirons and others; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

On motion,

The Senate took up and considered the bill to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, as amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

Further to amend the bill by inserting in the 47th line of the first section, after the word "act," the following: *And provided also, That no discharge which may be given to a bankrupt under this act, shall operate so as to discharge the bankrupt from debts which may be due to any persons except those debts which may be due to merchants bankers, brokers, factors, underwriters, or marine insurers:*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 17  
Nays . . . . . 22

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

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. Talbot,
Chandler,	Morril,	Trimble,
Eaton,	Noble,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Pleasants,	Walker, of <i>Geor.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Roberts,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Lloyd,	Smith,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Dana,	Mr. King, of <i>N. F.</i>	Mr. Stokes,
Dickerson,	Lanman,	Taylor,
Edwards,	Lowrie,	Thomas,
Elliott,	Mills,	Tichenor,
Horsey,	Otis,	Van Dyke,
Hunter,	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Parrott,	
King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Sanford,	

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of *Maine,*

To strike out the 21st section, as follows: *That it shall be lawful for the commissioners, (on probable cause, shewn by oath or affirmation,) to issue their warrant, under their hands and seals, directed to any person or officer, authorizing him to break open, in the day time, the houses, chambers, shops, warehouses, doors, trunks, or chests, of the bankrupt, where any of his or her goods, or estate, deeds, book of account, or writings, shall be, and to take possession of the goods, money, and other estate, deeds, books of account, or writings, of such bankrupt:*



It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 14  
 { Nays . . . . . 27

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Stokes,
Eaton,	Morril,	Talbot,
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Pleasants,	Walker, of <i>Geor.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Roberts,	Williams, of <i>Tenn.</i>
Lloyd,	Smith,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Mr. Parrott,
Dana,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Sanford,
Dickerson,	Knight,	Taylor,
Edwards,	Lanman,	Thomas,
Elliott,	Lowrie,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Mills,	Trimble,
Horsey,	Noble,	Van Dyke,
Hunter,	Otis,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

To add to the end of the 61st section the following words: *Or to release any person who may hereafter be declared a bankrupt from any debt existing at the passage of this act:*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 14  
 { Nays . . . . . 26

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. Lloyd,	Mr. Roberts,
Chandler,	Lowrie,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Macon,	Trimble,
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Morril,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Pleasants,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Dana,	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Hunter,
Dickerson,	Gaillard,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>
Edwards,	Horsey,	Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>

Mr. King, of <i>N. F.</i>	Mr. Palmer,	Mr. Tichenor,
Knight,	Parrott,	Van Dyke,
Lanman,	Sanford,	Walker, of <i>Geor.</i>
Mills,	Stokes,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Noble,	Taylor,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Otis,	Thomas,	

And, the amendments having been concurred in, the bill was further amended; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 19  
Nays . . . . . 18

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. Dana,	Mr. Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Mr. Stokes,
Dickerson,	King, of <i>N. F.</i>	Thomas,
Edwards,	Knight,	Tichenor,
Elliott,	Lanman,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Mills,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Horsey,	Otis,	
Hunter,	Parrott,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Roberts,
Chandler,	Lowrie,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Macon,	Trimble,
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Morril,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Palmer,	Walker, of <i>Geor.</i>
King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Pleasants,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of the 15th of May last, statements exhibiting the number of militia from each state, that were called into the public service by orders of the President of the United States; the number furnished by each state; the number recognized by the United States from each state, and the

period of their service; the amount of fines imposed for neglect of duty, distinguishing the number of persons on whom fines have been imposed, the sums collected, and the sums paid into the Treasury; and the expenses of courts martial in the several states; and the letter and statements were read.

Mr. Pinkney presented the petition of Nathaniel W. and C. H. Appleton, merchants, and late copartners in Baltimore, praying for the restitution of certain moneys illegally exacted from them for duties on goods imported into Castine whilst in possession of the British, and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pinkney,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Roberts asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union; and the resolution was read.

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

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Horsey asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill concerning divorces and alimony in the District of Columbia; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

Mr. Horsey laid on the table a communication from the vaccine agent in Baltimore, exhibiting the present state of the vaccine institution.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, requesting the President of the United States to lay before the Senate the original order for building the barracks at Sackett's Harbor, and other documents connected therewith; and agreed thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Roberts; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill lie on the table.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole,

the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Military Affairs; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

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

The honorable Samuel L. Southard, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of New Jersey, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable James J. Wilson, 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. Holmes, of Maine, from the committee, reported the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, correctly engrossed.

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 William A. Burwell, late a member of the House of Representatives from the state of Virginia, and that his funeral will take place to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Senate will attend the funeral of the honorable William A. Burwell, late a member of the House of Representatives from the state of Virginia, to-morrow at 10 o'clock; and, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, they will go into mourning, and wear crape round the left arm for thirty days.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate adjourned to Monday next.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1821.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, complying with the resolution of the Senate of the 2d instant, relative to the liquidation and settlement of the claims of John H. Piatt at the Treasury; and the report was read.

Mr. Sanford presented the memorial of Jacob Barker, of New York, representing that the report of the Committee of Claims made on his former memorial is erroneous; exhibiting additional

evidence in support of the claim, and praying a revision thereof; 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. Thomas presented the memorial of John Caldwell and others, purchasers of certain lots in Shawneetown, which they presented to the county of Gallatin, for the purpose of erecting a Court House and Jail, praying that the balance of the purchase money due may be remitted; 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.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of Daniel Carroll, of Duddington, and others, proprietors of the House occupied by the Senate and House of Representatives during the 14th and 15th Congresses, praying that the damages which the House sustained during the said occupancy may be repaired; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lowrie presented the petition of Henry S. Tanner, praying the aid of the government to enable him to publish an atlas, to embrace the whole territory of the United States, with its relative importance with respect to other portions of the world; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. King, of New York, presented the memorial of Gurdon Buck and others, citizens of the United States, praying that additional lights may be authorized for greater safety in navigating the "Sound," between the continent and Long Island; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of Samuel S. Baldwin and others, of New York, praying the establishment of certain post routes; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,



*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the resolution of the 19th of January, instructing said committee to inquire into the expediency of authorizing Jared E. Groce to enter a fraction of land, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Eaton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Kon-na-noo-lus-kee or Challenge, of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Kon-na-noo-lus-kee or Challenge, one of the tribe of the Cherokee Indians; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Dobson and Son, 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. King, of New York, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned;" and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the select committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill supplementary to the several acts 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 a second reading.

The resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee on the reduction of salaries, together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Roberts; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

That the report lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 17  
 { Nays . . . . . 19.

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. Hunter,	Mr. Pleasants,
Brown,	Johnson, <i>of Lou.</i>	Sanford,
Eaton,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Stokes,
Elliott,	Lanman,	Walker, <i>of Geo.</i>
Gaillard,	Mills,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i>	Otis,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Dana,	Mr. Noble,	Mr. Taylor,
Dickerson,	Palmer,	Thomas,
Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Roberts,	Trimble,
Knight,	Ruggles,	Walker, <i>of Ala.</i>
Lowrie,	Smith,	Williams, <i>of Mis.</i>
Macon,	Southard,	
Morril,	Talbot,	

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the said report be postponed to Thursday next.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole, the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Roberts; and,

On the question to agree to the first section of the said amendment as follows:

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That the bills or notes of the offices of discount and deposit of the said bank, excepting those of the office in the District of Columbia, originally made payable, or which shall have become payable, on demand, shall be receivable in all payments to the United States, only in the states and territories in which they are made payable, and in the states and territories in which no office of discount and deposit shall be established; any thing in the fourteenth section of the act incorporating the subscribers to the Bank of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided, That all notes of the denomination of five dollars, issued either by the bank or any of its offices of discount and deposit, made payable on demand, shall be receivable*

at the bank or any of its offices: And provided further, That it shall not be lawful for the directors of the said bank to establish more than one office of discount and deposit in any state without the consent of the legislature thereof first had and obtained:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 7  
Nays . . . . . 30.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Dana,	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Taylor,
Dickerson,	Roberts,	Williams, of <i>Mis.</i>
Edwards,		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Sanford,
Brown,	Lanman,	Smith,
Chandler,	Lowrie,	Southard,
Eaton,	Macon,	Stokes,
Gaillard,	Mills,	Talbot,
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Noble,	Tichenor,
Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Otis,	Trimble,
Horsely,	Palmer,	Walker, of <i>Ala.</i>
Hunter,	Pleasants,	Walker, of <i>Geo.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Ruggles,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>

And the residue of the said amendment having been disagreed to, the bill was amended, and the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the amendments having been concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 26  
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. Barbour,	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>
Dana,	Gaillard,	Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>
Dickerson,	Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>
Eaton,	Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Mills,
Edwards,	Hunter,	Morril,

Mr. Otis,	Mr. Sanford,	Mr. Walker, <i>of Ala.</i>
Parrott,	Southard,	Walker, <i>of Geo.</i>
Pleasants,	Stokes,	Williams, <i>of Mis.</i>
Roberts,	Tichenor,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Noble,	Mr. Talbot,
Lanman,	Palmer,	Trimble.
Lowrie,	Ruggles,	
Macon,	Smith,	

At the request of Mr. Knight, who stated that he is a stockholder in the Bank of the United States, he was excused from voting on the preceding questions.

The engrossed bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States was read the third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 23.  
Nays . . . . . 19.

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. Brown,	Mr. Johnson, <i>of Lou.</i>	Mr. Sanford,
Dana,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Southard,
Dickerson,	Knight,	Stokes,
Edwards,	Lanman,	Taylor,
Elliott,	Mills,	Thomas,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Van Dyke,
Horsey,	Otis,	Williams, <i>of Mis.</i>
Hunter,	Parrott,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lowrie,	Mr. Talbot,
Chandler,	Macon,	Trimble,
Eaton,	Morril,	Walker, <i>of Alab.</i>
Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i>	Pleasants,	Walker, <i>of Geo.</i>
Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Roberts,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Ruggles,	
King <i>of Alab.</i>	Smith,	

So it was,

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to establish an uniform system of Bankruptcy throughout the United States."

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

After the consideration of Executive business,  
The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1821.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of State, with a transcript of all the lists of passengers taken on board ships and vessels in foreign ports and places, which arrived in the United States from the first of October, 1819, to the 30th September, 1820, inclusive; and the letter and transcript were read.

Mr. Horsey presented the petition of John Threlkeld and Joseph Brooks, of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, praying authority to close a certain public road in the county of Washington, in said district; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

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

Mr. Tichenor presented the petition of Josephus B. Stuart, late paymaster of the 29th regiment of infantry, praying that certain lots of land in Ohio may be received in discharge of a balance due by him to the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Tichenor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the subject was referred by a resolution of the Senate of the 7th instant, reported a bill for the relief of David Cooper; which was read.

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

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom the subject was referred by a resolution of the Senate of the 12th instant, reported a bill concerning vessels employed in the fisheries; which was read.

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

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Buntin," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post



route from Richmond in the county of Wayne, via Salisbury, Centerville, to the seat of government for the state of Indiana.

*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, in the county of Franklin, to the seat of government for the state of Indiana.

The bill supplemental to an act, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned;" and the bill for the relief of Koo-na-noo-lus-kee or Challenge, one of the tribe of the Cherokee Indians; were severally read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands, on the application of Jared E. Groce to enter a fraction of land; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of Thomas Dobson and Son; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes, as amended; and the bill having been further amended, the amendments were concurred in.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States.'"

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

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 reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Military Affairs; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union: Mr. King, of Alabama, was requested to take the chair; and the resolution having been amended,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate as amended.

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 2d January, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to report a bill extending the judicial authority of the United States over the state of Missouri; and the same having been amended,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Barbour submitted the following motions for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait on the President of the United States, and to notify him of his re-election to the office of President of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be transmitted to Daniel D. Tompkins, Esquire, of New York, Vice President of the United States, a notification of his re-election to that office.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1821.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of John B. Lemaitre, of South

Carolina, merchant, praying the restitution of the amount of an export bond paid by him, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas presented the petition of the inhabitants of Livingston county, in the state of Kentucky, praying the establishment of a certain post route;

Mr. Edwards presented the petition of the inhabitants of, and settlers on, the military bounty lands in the state of Illinois, praying the establishment of post offices and post routes therein; and

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of the inhabitants of the counties of Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Ontario, in the state of New York, also, praying the establishment of a post route; and the petitions were severally read; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the consideration of the "report of the joint committee of the General Assembly of Ohio, on the subject of the suit of the Bank of the United States against the officers of that state."

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of William Doak, made a report, accompanied by a bill giving the right of pre-emption to William Doak and Noble Osborne; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Caldwell and others, purchasers of lots in Shawneetown, made a report, accompanied by a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to remit the instalments due on

certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Bartholomew Shaumburg, 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.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to appoint a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and to notify him of his re-election; and agreed thereto.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Barbour, and Mr. King of New York, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, requesting the President of the United States to notify the Vice President of his re-election; and agreed thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

The bill supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims to land and establishing land offices in the districts east of the island of New Orleans; the bill for the relief of David Cooper; and the bill concerning vessels employed in the fisheries; were severally read the second time.

The bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes."

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union, as amended—

Mr. King, of Alabama, in the chair.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

That the resolution be indefinitely postponed,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 18  
Nays . . . . . 24

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. Brown,	Mr. Lanman,	Mr. Sanford,
Chandler,	Lowrie,	Smith,
Dickerson,	Macon,	Southard,
Eaton,	Mills,	Tichenor,
Horsey,	Noble,	Van Dyke,
King, of N. Y.	Otis,	Williams, of Mis.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Johnson, of Lou.	Mr. Stokes,
Dana,	King, of Ala.	Talbot,
Edwards,	Knight,	Taylor,
Elliott,	Morril,	Thomas,
Gaillard,	Palmer,	Trimble,
Holmes, of Maine,	Parrott,	Walker, of Ala.
Holmes, of Mis.	Pleasants,	Walker, of Geo.
Johnson, of Ky.	Roberts,	Williams, of Ten.

The resolution was further amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

To strike out the proviso as amended, which is in the following words:

“ *Provided*, That the following be taken as fundamental conditions and terms upon which the said state is admitted into the Union, namely: that the fourth clause of the twenty-sixth section of the third article of the constitution, submitted by the people of Missouri to the consideration of Congress, shall, as soon as the provisions of said constitution will admit, be so modified, that it shall not impair the privileges or immunities of any description of persons who may now be, or hereafter shall become, citizens of any state in this Union; and that, until so modified, no law, passed in conformity thereto, shall be construed to exclude any citizen of either state in this Union, from the enjoyment of any of the privileges and immunities to which such citizen is entitled under the constitution of the United States:”

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 15  
Nays . . . . . 27

On motion, by Mr. Otis,



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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Mills,	Van Dyke,
Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Otis,	Walker, <i>of Alab.</i>
King, <i>of Alab.</i>	Sanford,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Smith,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Mr. Pleasants,
Chandler,	Johnson, <i>of Lou.</i>	Roberts,
Dana,	Knight,	Southard,
Dickerson,	Lanman,	Stokes,
Eaton,	Lowrie,	Talbot,
Edwards,	Morril,	Taylor,
Elliott,	Noble,	Thomas,
Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i>	Palmer,	Trimble,
Horsey,	Parrott,	Walker, <i>of Geo.</i>

The President reported the resolution to the House as amended, and the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 19  
Nays . . . . . 24

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. Barbour,	Mr. Lowrie,	Mr. Talbot,
Edwards,	Morril,	Taylor,
Elliott,	Parrott,	Thomas,
Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i>	Pleasants,	Walker, <i>of Geo.</i>
Horsey,	Roberts,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Southard,	
Johnson, <i>of Lou.</i>	Stokes,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Eaton,	Mr. King, <i>of N. Y.</i>
Chandler,	Gaillard,	Knight,
Dana,	Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Lanman,
Dickerson,	King, <i>of Alab.</i>	Macon,

Mr. Mills,  
Noble,  
Otis,  
Palmer,

Mr. Ruggles,  
Sanford,  
Smith,  
Tichenor,

Mr. Trimble,  
Van Dyke,  
Walker, of *Alab.*  
Williams, of *Mis.*

So the resolution was lost.

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 reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Military Affairs: Mr. Van Dyke was requested to take the chair; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

Mr. Talbot gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to extend the judicial authority of the United States over the state of Missouri.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, exhibiting the official emoluments and expenditures of certain officers of the customs for the year 1820; and the report was read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1821.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, presented the memorial of the convention convened pursuant to the act of Congress "to enable the people of the Alabama territory to form a constitution and state government," in behalf of the people of the state of Alabama, suggesting the expediency and policy of annexing to that state so much of the country lately ceded by Spain as lies west of the Appalachicola river, and declaring their consent to such annexation; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred by resolution of the 6th December, reported a bill to designate the boundaries of a land district and for the establishment of a land office in the state of Indiana; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill supplementary to an act passed on the 5th of April, 1820, entitled "An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nichols," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, in pursuance of a resolution of the 15th instant, reported a bill for the relief of Dean Weymouth; which was read.

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John Slocum, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Cahoon, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be not granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the 12th of December to inquire into the expediency of amending the judiciary laws, so as to authorize writs of error in criminal cases, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject; and the report was read.

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois; and the bill giving the right of pre-emption to William Doak and Noble Osborne; were severally read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of Bartholomew Shaumburg; 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 select committee on reducing the allowances authorized by law for the two Houses of Congress, and for the Executive Departments; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

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

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States, on the 9th instant, approved and signed "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office."

The House of Representatives have concurred in the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of his re-election, and have appointed a committee on their part. They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States," with an amendment.

They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to fix and equalize the pay of the officers in the army of the United States;" a resolution providing for jails in certain cases, for the safe custody of persons committed under the authority of the United States; and a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to report the subjects proper to be acted on during the present session; in which amendment, bill, and resolutions, they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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 reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Military Affairs; Mr. Van Dyke in the chair:

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

To amend the said amendment by striking out of section nine, lines one, two, and three, the words "that there shall be one judge advocate with an annual salary of two thousand dollars:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 21  
Nays . . . . . 18

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Mr. Sanford,
Chandler,	Knight,	Smith,
Dana,	Lanman,	Southard,
Dickerson,	Macon,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Van Dyke,
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Palmer,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Horsey,	Ruggles,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Eaton,	Mr. King, of N. Y.	Mr. Stokes,
Edwards,	Lowrie,	Taylor,
Elliott,	Mills,	Thomas,
Holmes, of Mis.	Otis,	Trimble,
Hunter,	Parrott,	Walker, of Geo.
Johnson, of Ky.	Roberts,	Williams, of Ten.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

Further to amend the said amendment, by striking out of section five, lines two and three, the words "major general with two aids de camp, two brigadier generals each," and inserting *brigadier general*; and, also, by striking out of the third line, the words "aids de camp," and inserting *aid de camp*:

A division of the question was called for, and the question was taken on striking out the words "major general with two aids de camp;" and,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 16  
Nays . . . . . 24

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lanman,	Mr. Smith,
Dana,	Lowrie,	Southard,
Dickerson,	Macon,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Van Dyke.
King, of Alab.	Palmer,	
Knight,	Ruggles,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Johnson, of Ky.	Mr. Stokes,
Eaton,	Johnson, of Lou.	Talbot,
Edwards,	King, of N. Y.	Thomas,
Elliott,	Mills,	Trimble,
Holmes, of Maine,	Otis,	Walker, of Alab.
Holmes, of Miss.	Parrott,	Walker, of Geo.
Horsey,	Roberts,	Williams, of Miss.
Hunter,	Sanford,	Williams, of Ten.

And the question being taken on the residue of the proposed amendment to the said amendment,



It was also determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 9  
 { Nays . . . . . 31.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lowrie,	Mr. Palmer,
Dana,	Macon,	Ruggles,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Smith.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Mr. Talbot,
Dickerson,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Thomas,
Eaton,	Knight,	Tichenor,
Edwards,	Lanman,	Trimble,
Elliott,	Mills,	Van Dyke,
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Otis,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Parrott,	Walker, of <i>Geo.</i>
Horsey,	Roberts,	Williams of <i>Miss.</i>
Hunter,	Sanford,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Southard,	
Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Stokes,	

And the said amendment having been further amended, it was agreed to, and the bill was reported to the House, amended accordingly; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1821.

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

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

The Treaty of Amity, Settlement, and Limits, between the United States and Spain, signed on the 22d of February, 1819, having been ratified by the contracting parties, and the ratifications having been exchanged, it is herewith communicated to Congress, that such legislative measures may be taken as they shall judge proper for carrying the same into execution.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, February 22, 1821.*

The message and treaty were read.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*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. Gouverneur, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 16th instant, requesting "the President of the United States to cause to be laid before the Senate, the original order for building the barracks at Sackett's Harbour, together with all communications between the War Department and Major General Brown, relative thereto, and the amount of public moneys expended thereon," I now transmit a report from the Secretary of War, with the papers enclosed, which contain the information desired.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, February 22, 1821.*

The message and report were read.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of State, upon weights and measures, prepared in conformity to a resolution of the Senate of the 3d of March, 1817; and the report was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That six hundred copies thereof be printed; five hundred of which shall be for the use of the Senate, and one hundred for the use of the Department of State.

The President communicated the general account of the Treasurer of the United States, from the first of October, 1819, to the 30th June, 1820, as also the War and Navy accounts, from the first of October, 1819, to the 30th September, 1820, with the reports thereon; which were read.

The President also communicated a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting the reports of the Land Officers at Jackson court house, on claims for land; and the letter and reports were read.

The credentials of the honorable Samuel L. Southard, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of New Jersey, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next, were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

Mr. Pleasants presented the memorial of the inhabitants of that part of Virginia lying between the town of Staunton and the Pan-

ther Gap, west of the north mountain, including a part of Augusta and Rockbridge counties, praying the establishment of certain post offices and post routes; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. King, of New York, presented the memorial of the merchants of the city of New York, representing that, by the construction given to the thirteenth section of the act supplementary to an act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage at the custom house, and which, they believe, is erroneous, they are subjected to great inconvenience and frequent penalties, and praying that an act may be passed explanatory thereof, and that the penalties incurred may be remitted; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of the inhabitants of thirteen counties in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that such a reorganization of the circuit court of the United States in that state may be made, as to the times and places of holding said court, as will conduce more to their convenience; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the convention that formed the constitution of Alabama, yesterday presented to the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to revive and continue in force "An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks employed in their offices, and of the Librarian;" approved April 18th 1818.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Mobile, made a report, accompanied by a bill granting to the corporation of the city of Mobile, in the state of Alabama, certain lots of ground in the said city; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Watson Brown, 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. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Lawrenceburg to the seat of government for the state of Indiana.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Talbot asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Missouri; which was read.

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

Mr. Barbour submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, at their next session, whatever information he may possess in relation to the execution or violation of the laws, entitled "An act concerning navigation," passed April 18th, 1818; and an act, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act concerning navigation, passed May 15th, 1820,'" whether any, and, if any, what, additional measures be necessary to give full effect to the laws aforesaid.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the Navy of the United States;" and,

*Resolved*, That they do concur therein.

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

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to fix and equalize the pay of the officers in the army of the United States," was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The resolution from the House of Representatives providing for jails in certain cases for the safe custody of persons committed under the authority of the United States, was read.

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

The resolution from the House of Representatives for the appoint-

ment of a joint committee to report the subjects proper to be acted on during the present session, was read three times by unanimous consent; and,

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sanford and Mr. Smith be the committee on the part of the Senate.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of John Slocum; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of John Cahoon; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be not granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the expediency of extending to the supreme court appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases; and concurred therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," as amended in committee of the whole; and the amendment having been further amended, it was concurred in.

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

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 making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1821;" and a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of light houses on Cross and Pond islands, in the harbor of Booth bay, and at the mouth of Oswego river, and placing buoys on the shoals of Nantucket and Vineyard Sound, near the harbor of Wickford, and on the Altamaha river, and for other purposes;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1821.

The two bills from the House of Representatives yesterday brought up for concurrence, were severally read twice by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of light houses on Cross and Pond Islands, in the harbor of Boothbay, and at the mouth of Oswego river, and placing buoys on the Shoals of Nantucket and Vineyard Sound, near the harbor of Wickford, and on the Altamaha river, and for other purposes," be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821," be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Horsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill concerning divorces and alimony in the District of Columbia, reported it with amendments, which were read.

Mr. Horsey, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Threlkeld and Joseph Brooks, reported a bill to empower the levy court for the county of Washington to discontinue a certain road therein mentioned; and the bill was read.

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Webster," reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Sanford asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to revive and continue in force "An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks employed in their offices, and of the librarian," approved the 18th day of April, 1818; which was read.

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

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of modifying the laws organizing the district court of the United States for the state of Louisiana, so as to re-

quire the the judge of said district to hold a court at Opelousas or at Alexandria, in the western district of the state, during the months of August and September in every year.

Mr. Eaton submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, if any, and what, proceedings have been had in relation to any person holding an office under the authority of this government, charged with being concerned in the introduction of any slave or slaves into the United States, contrary to existing laws upon the subject; and that he report such evidences and opinions connected therewith, not confidentially communicated to him, as may be in his possession.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 2d instant, relative to the claim of John H. Piatt, be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to designate the boundaries of a land district, and for the establishment of a land office in the state of Indiana; the bill for the relief of Dean Weymouth; the bill granting to the corporation of the city of Mobile, in the state of Alabama, certain lots of ground in the said city; and the bill to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Missouri; were severally read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

The Senate proceeded to consider the last mentioned bill, as in committee of the whole; and,

On his motion,

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

The resolution from the House of Representatives providing for jails in certain cases for the safe custody of persons imprisoned under the authority of the United States, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, for information relative to the execution or violation of the navigation laws; and agreed thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary lay the said resolution before the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of Watson Brown; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass with an amendment.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia; and the same 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 to continue in force for a further time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and the same having been amended,

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

Further to amend the bill, by inserting a new section, as follows:

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the superintendent of Indian trade shall not hereafter purchase any goods for the Indian Department, except for such factories as the United States are bound by treaty to continue; and that the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary and proper to have the funds and the property employed in the Indian trade to be paid into the Treasury of the United States:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 12  
Nays . . . . . 23

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Eaton,	Mr. Ruggles,	Mr. Trimble,
King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Sanford,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Lanman,	Smith,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Macon,	Taylor,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Parrott,
Chandler,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Pleasants,
Dana,	Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Southard,
Elliott,	King of <i>Alab.</i>	Stokes,
Gaillard,	Knight,	Thomas,
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Lowrie,	Van Dyke,
Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Mills,	Walker, of <i>Geo.</i>
Horsey	Palmer,	

And no further amendment having been proposed, the President reported the bill to the House as amended, and the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the better regulation of the trade with the Indian tribes; and,

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill confirming the title of the Marquis de Maison Rouge, together with the proposed amendment thereto; and the said amendment having been agreed to, and a further amendment having been made to the bill, the President reported it to the House, amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 22  
Nays . . . . . 9

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Mills,	Mr. Thomas,
Elliott,	Otis,	Trimble,
Gaillard,	Pleasants,	Van Dyke,
Horsey,	Ruggles,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Hunter,	Sanford,	Williams of <i>Mis.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Southard,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Stokes,	
Lowrie,	Taylor,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Mr. Macon,
Eaton,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Palmer,
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Lanman,	Smith.

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

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to report whether it be or be not expedient to admit Missouri into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and to provide for the due execution of the laws therein, and, if not, whether any other, and what, provision adapted to her actual condition ought to be made by law. And he withdrew.

The resolution last mentioned was read three times by unanimous consent; and,

On the question, "Shall this resolution pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 29  
Nays . . . . . 7

On motion,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Johnson, of <i>Lou.</i>	Mr. Southard,
Chandler,	King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Stokes,
Eaton,	Knight,	Talbot,
Elliott,	Lanman,	Taylor,
Gaillard,	Lowrie,	Trimble,
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Morril,	Van Dyke,
Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Palmer,	Walker, of <i>Alab.</i>
Horsey,	Parrott,	Walker, of <i>Geo.</i>
Hunter,	Pleasants	Williams, of <i>Mis.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Roberts,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,



Mr. Dana,  
King, of N. Y.  
Mills,

Mr. Otis,  
Ruggles,  
Sanford,

Mr. Smith.

So it was,

*Resolved*, That the said resolution do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Holmes, of Maine, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Morrill, Mr. Southard, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, and Mr. King, of New York, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

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

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill providing for the adjudication and payment of claims arising under the treaty of amity, settlement, and limits, between the United States and his Catholic Majesty; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the memorial of the merchants of the city of New York, which was yesterday presented to the Senate.

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 authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley," in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1821.

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

*To the Senate of the United States*:

I transmit to Congress a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing "An annual return of the militia of the United States," prepared by the Adjutant and Inspector General, conformably to the militia laws on that subject.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 24, 1821.

The message and accompanying documents were read.

Mr. Sanford presented the petition of the inhabitants of that part of the state of New York, residing on the turnpike road from Catskill to Ithica, praying the establishment of a certain post route; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lanman presented the memorial of Elisha Denison and others, of New London; and, also, the memorial of W. Heaton and others, of New Haven and Hartford, in Connecticut, severally praying the establishment of additional lights on the Sound, between the continent and Long Island, for the better security to vessels navigating the same; and the memorials were read.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Joint Committee of the two Houses of Congress, appointed on the subject, reported a resolution providing for the admission of Missouri into the Union on a certain condition; which was read, and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of the Alabama convention, presented to the Senate on the 22d instant.

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

The *twenty-fourth rule* for conducting business in the Senate having been suspended for the purpose, on motion, by Mr. King, of New York, he asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to amend the act entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the second day of March, 1799;" and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the report of the Treasury Department, in relation to the claim

of John H. Piatt, made a report, accompanied by a bill explanatory of the act for the relief of John H. Piatt; and the report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Roberts, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Richard S. Hackley, 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. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of Jacob Barker, presented to the Senate on the 19th instant.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley," was twice read by unanimous consent.

The bill to revive and continue in force "An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks employed in their offices, and of the librarian," approved the 18th day of April, 1818; and the bill to empower the levy court for the county of Washington to discontinue a certain road therein mentioned; were severally read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 24th instant, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of making certain modifications to the law organizing the district court in Louisiana; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 24th instant, requesting the President of the United States to communicate what proceedings, if any, have been had in relation to persons holding offices under the government charged with being concerned in the introduction of slaves into the United States, contrary to existing laws; and agreed thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary lay the said resolution before the President of the United States.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Missouri; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the appointment of certain Indian agents; 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 bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill confirming the title of the Marquis de Maison Rouge having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 26  
Nays . . . . . 8.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Johnson, of Lou.	Mr. Sanford,
Dana,	Knight,	Talbot,
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Taylor,
Elliott,	Mills,	Thomas,
Gaillard,	Otis,	Trimble,
Holmes, of Mis.	Parrott,	Van Dyke,
Horsey,	Pleasants,	Williams, of Mis.
Hunter,	Roberts,	Williams, of Ten.
Johnson, of Ky.	Ruggles,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. King, of N. Y.	Mr. Pinkney,
Eaton,	Lanman,	Tichenor.
Holmes, of Maine,	Macon,	

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act confirming the title of the Marquis de Maison Rouge."

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

The bill to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.'"

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

The bill to extend the charters of certain Banks in the District of Columbia having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to extend the charters of certain Banks in the District of Columbia."

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill providing for the adjudication and payment of claims arising under the treaty of amity, settlement, and limits, between the United States and his Catholic Majesty; and the same having been amended, and the blanks filled, the President reported it to the House; 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 to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries; 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 bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Pinkney communicated the preamble and resolutions of the General Assembly of the state of Maryland, on the subject of the grant of lands for the purpose of education; which were read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Roberts gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in resolutions for an allowance for extra services, to the assistants to the doorkeeper of the Senate, and for compensating a temporary clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.



The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Matthew McNair; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to establish the district of Blakeley; and no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

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

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1821.

Mr. Dana presented the memorial of Wolcott and Kilbourn and others, inhabitants of sundry towns in Connecticut, praying the establishment of additional lights on the Sound, between the continent and Long Island, for the better security to vessels navigating the same; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas presented the petition of John McLeene and others, citizens of Vandalia and other parts of the state of Illinois, praying the establishment of a certain post office and post route; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, appointed to consider what subjects before the two Houses are proper to be acted on during the present session of Congress, made a report; which was read.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821," reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the consideration of the petition of John B. Lemaitre.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Rufus Easton; and from the consideration of the resolution of the 22d January, instructing said committee to inquire into the expediency of amending the "Act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes, passed on the 17th February, 1815."

Mr. Barbour, from the Joint Committee appointed for the purpose, reported that, pursuant to the resolution, the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives yesterday waited on the President of the United States and notified him of his re-election to that office; and that he informed the committee he would take the oath prescribed by the constitution on Monday next.

Mr. Stokes, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," reported it with amendments; which were read.

The bill explanatory of the act for the relief of John H. Piatt, was read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Richard S. Hackley; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution from the House of Representatives 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. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Gooding and James Williams; and no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House.

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 General Robert Swartwout; and no amendment having been proposed thereto, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill to authorize the appointment of certain Indian agents having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the appointment of certain Indian agents."

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

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries."

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

The bill to establish the district of Blakeley having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the blanks were filled.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to establish the district of Blakeley."

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

The bill providing for the adjudication and payment of claims aris-

ing under the Treaty of Amity, Settlement, and Limits, between the United States and his Catholic Majesty, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act providing for the adjudication and payment of claims arising under the Treaty of Amity, Settlement, and Limits, between the United States and his Catholic Majesty."

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

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Roberts asked and obtained leave to bring in the following resolutions, which were read:

*Resolved*, That Robert Tweedy, Tobias Simpson, and George Hicks, assistants to the sergeant-at-arms and doorkeeper of the Senate, be paid out of the contingent fund two dollars a day for each day they may have attended the Senate during the present session of Congress, and that Henry Tims be allowed one hundred dollars for his attendance during the present session.

*Resolved*, That there be paid out of the contingent fund to Robert Tweedy, Tobias Simpson, and George Hicks, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for extra services.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to pay R. B. Washburn, out of the contingent fund of the Senate, at the rate of an engrossing clerk for the time during which he has been and shall be employed in the Secretary's office.

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions severally pass to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill concerning the collection of public moneys, together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Finance; and the said amendments having been agreed to,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution providing for the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union on a certain condition, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The resolution last mentioned was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider it as in committee of the whole.

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

To strike out of the resolution the second clause,

It was determined in the negative.

And no other amendments having been proposed, it was reported to the House.

On the question, "Shall this resolution pass to a third reading?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 26  
Nays . . . . . 15

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Mr. Stokes,
Chandler,	Johnson, <i>of Lou.</i>	Talbot,
Eaton,	King, <i>of Alab.</i>	Taylor,
Elliott,	Lowrie,	Thomas,
Gaillard,	Morril,	Van Dyke,
Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i>	Parrott,	Walker, <i>of Alab.</i>
Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Pleasants,	Williams, <i>of Mis.</i>
Horsey,	Roberts,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Hunter	Southard,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Dana,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Ruggles,
Dickerson,	Mills,	Sanford,
King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Noble,	Smith,
Knight,	Otis,	Tichenor,
Lanman,	Palmer,	Trimble.

So it was

*Ordered,* That this resolution pass to a third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution to suspend the recruiting service for a limited time; and no amendment having been proposed, 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 bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Seward;" and,

On motion,

*Ordered,* That it lie on the table.



The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of J. L. B. Macarty; and no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of light houses on Cross and Pond Islands, in the harbor of Boothbay, and at the mouth of Oswego river, and placing buoys on the Shoals of Nantucket and Vineyard sound, near the harbor of Wickford, and on the Altamaha river, and for other purposes," reported it with amendments: which were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph McNiel;" and no amendment having been proposed, 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 Nicholas Jarrott," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; and the said amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House as amended; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander Milne;" and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;" and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the location of land warrants

and the issuing of patents in certain cases, together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to Saturday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;" and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille;" and no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House; and

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge;" and

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes;" and

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel M'Duff;" and

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service; and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana, to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office; and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Hunsinger;" and

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to establish the district of Pearl river;" and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House; and

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;" and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Brady," 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 accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That Samuel Tucker have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1821.

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

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives have postponed indefinitely the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Purdy."

They concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," with an amendment.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to release French ships and vessels entering the ports of the United States prior to the 30th of September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes;" in which bill and amendment they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. King, of New York, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported the last mentioned bill with an amendment; which was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States;" and,

*Resolved*, That they do concur therein.

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

Mr. Pleasants, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Jane Baker, 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. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of John B. Timberlake, the petition of Charlotte J. Bullus, the petition of Harriet Shackerly, and the petition of Joseph G. Roberts; and, also, from the report of the Secretary of the Navy on the rules and instructions of the naval service.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Charlotte J. Bullus and Harriet Shackerly, respectively, have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Terrence Clark.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the said committee be discharged from the consideration of the memorials of the legislature of the state of Missouri, the petition of the inhabitants of Illinois, and the memorial of the legislature of the state of Mississippi; and, also, from the resolutions of the 24th of November and 24th of January last, to grant the right of pre-emption in certain cases.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Job Sherburne, the petition of Lemuel Wight, and the petition of Charlotte Read; and, also, from the resolution of the 15th of January, to grant a pension to Willis Tandy.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That Job Sherburne and Willis Tandy have leave to withdraw their petitions and papers.

Mr. Roberts communicated a letter from the Third Auditor of the Treasury, relative to the report on the claim of John H. Piatt, which was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution from the House of Representatives, providing for jails in certain cases for the safe custody of persons imprisoned under the authority of the United States, reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of the 26th instant, relative to a reorganization of the district court in Louisiana, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to fix and equalize the pay of the officers in the army of the United States," reported it without amendment.

The resolutions to compensate certain attendants on the Senate were severally read the second time.

The resolution from the House of Representatives for the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union on a certain condition, was read the third time.

On the question, "Shall this resolution pass?"



It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 28  
 { Nays . . . . . 14

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. Johnson, of Lou.	Mr. Talbot,
Chandler,	King, of Ala.	Taylor,
Eaton,	Lowrie,	Thomas,
Edwards,	Morril,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Parrott,	Walker, of Ala.
Holmes, of Maine,	Pinkney,	Walker, of Geo.
Holmes, of Mis.	Pleasants,	Williams, of Mis.
Horsey,	Roberts,	Williams, of Ten.
Hunter,	Southard,	
Johnson, of Ky.	Stokes,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Dana,	Mr. Macon,	Mr. Sanford,
Dickerson,	Mills,	Smith,
King, of N. Y.	Noble,	Tichenor,
Knight,	Otis,	Trimble.
Lanman,	Ruggles,	

So it was

*Resolved*, That this resolution do pass.

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

The resolution from the House of Representatives to suspend the recruiting service for a limited time, was read the third time.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph M'Niel," was read the 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 Alexander Milne," was read the 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 Lewis H. Guerlain," was read the 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 John Rodriguez," was read the 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 Francis B. Languille," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The bill, entitled "An act to establish the district of Pearl river," was read the 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 James Brady," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

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

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

The bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Gooding and James Williams having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Gooding and James Williams."

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

The bill for the relief of General Robert Swartwout, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and the blanks were filled.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of General Robert Swartwout."

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

The bill to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office."

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

The bill for the relief of J. L. B. Macarty having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of J. L. B. Macarty."

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

The bill for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service."

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

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," 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 in the amendments.

On motion,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

On motion,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled

“An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes;” and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled “An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the northern district of New York;” and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to extend the charter of the bank of Potomac; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to extend the time for unlading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases; and no amendment having been proposed, 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 proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill authorizing the repair of a sea-wall at the Isles of Shoals, and for other purposes; and,

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq.” Mr. Dickerson was requested to take the chair; and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, “Shall this bill pass to a third reading?”

It was determined in the affirmative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas . . . . . 31} \\ \text{Nays . . . . . 8} \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Dana,

Mr. Elliott,

Mr. Holmes, of *Mis.*

Dickerson,

Gaillard,

Horsey,

Edwards,

Holmes, of *Maine*,

Hunter.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky.	Mr. Otis,	Mr. Thomas,
Johnson, of Lou.	Parrott,	Tichenor,
King, of N. Y.	Pleasants,	Trimble,
Knight,	Sanford,	Van Dyke,
Lanman,	Smith,	Walker, of Geo.
Lowrie,	Southard,	Williams, of Ten.
Mills,	Stokes,	
Morril,	Talbot,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Eaton,	Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Walker, of Ala.
King, of Ala.	Ruggles,	Williams, of Mis.
Macon,	Taylor,	

So it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill pass to a third reading.

On motion,

It was read the third time by unanimous consent; and,

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Manuel and Isaac Monsanto, deceased; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the reconveyance of a tract of land to the city of New York; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the land office in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,



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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill concerning the process of execution issuing from the sixth circuit court of the United States for the district of Georgia; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to reward Lieutenant Gregory, his officers, and companions; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Finance: Mr. Walker, of Alabama, was requested to take the chair; and, the amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House accordingly, and the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Josiah Hook, jr.; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to establish a new land office in the state of Mississippi, and for the better regulation of certain land districts in the states of Alabama and Mississippi; and no amendment having been proposed, 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 proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to extend the time of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds; and, no amendment having been proposed, 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.

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

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Brady;" and, also, in the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott."

They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the charters of certain Banks in the District of Columbia;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820," with amendments.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts relative to the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;" in which amendments and bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820; and,

*Resolved,* That they do concur therein.

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1821.

The credentials of the honorable John Holmes, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Maine, for six years, commencing on the fourth instant, were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

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

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

I herewith transmit to Congress certain extracts, and a copy of letters received by the Secretary of State from the Marshal of the United States for the eastern district of Virginia, in relation to the execution of the act of the 14th of March, 1820, to provide for taking the fourth census, together with the answers returned to that marshal by the Secretary of State. As the time within which the assistants of the marshals can legally make their returns expired on the first Monday of the present month, it would appear, by the information from the marshal at Richmond, that the completion of the fourth census, as it respects the eastern district of Virginia, will have been defeated, not only as it regards the period contemplated by law, but, during the whole of the current year, unless Congress, to whom the case is submitted, should, by an act of the present session, allow further time for making the returns in question.

As connected with this subject, it is also submitted for the consideration of Congress, how far the marshals ought to be liable to the payment of postage on the conveyance of the papers concerning the census and manufactures by the mail. In one instance, it has been already ascertained that this item of contingent expense will amount to nearly a moiety of the compensation of the marshal for the whole of his services. If the marshals are to be relieved from this charge, provision will be necessary by law, either for the admission of it in their accounts, or the refunding of it by the respective postmasters.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, February 28, 1821.*

The message and documents therein referred to were read.

Mr. Barbour, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes:" and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the last mentioned bill with an amendment, which was read, and the bill was considered, as in committee of the whole; and, the amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House accordingly; and, the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes.'"

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

Mr. Morrill reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820;" "An act to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia;" "An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States;" "An act to establish the district of Pearl river;" "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States;" "An act for the relief of Joseph McNiel;" "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott;" "An act for the relief of Alexander Milne;" "An act for the relief of James Brady;" "An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;" "An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille;" and "An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;" and, also, a resolution providing for the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union on a certain condition.

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 Presi-

dent. The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service." And he withdrew.

The President signed the twelve 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.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of David Chambers, the petition of William Dick, the petition of the inhabitants of the village of Cote Sans Dessein, in Missouri, and the petition of John W. McGirk; and, also, from the resolution of the assembly of Ohio, respecting the appropriations of lands for the support of schools.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following motion, which was read, considered, and disagreed to.

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before the Senate such information as he may possess in relation to the decision of the Emperor of Russia on the question depending between the United States and Great Britain, respecting the construction of the first article of the treaty of Ghent, as relates to the restitution of slaves, which has been referred to his umpirage by both governments.

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate in the first week of the next session, a copy of the survey of the coast of North Carolina, made in pursuance of the resolution of Congress of the 19th day of January, in the year 1819.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the memorial of Jane Baker; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The bill, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts relative to the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," was read the second time.

The bill to extend the time for unlading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.



*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to extend the time for unlading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases."

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

The bill to authorize the reconveyance of a tract of land to the city of New York having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the reconveyance of a tract of land to the city of New York."

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

The bill to establish a new land office in the state of Mississippi, and for the better regulation of certain land districts in the states of Alabama and Mississippi, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to establish a new land office in the state of Mississippi, and for the better regulation of certain land districts in the states of Alabama and Mississippi."

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

The bill to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds."

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

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory," 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 in the amendments.

The bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and lo-

cating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army," was read the 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 Pierre Denis De La Ronde," was read the 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 Rosalie P. Deslonde," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The bill, entitled "An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of United States to remove the land office in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas," was read the 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 Bartholomew Duverge," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the district court in the northern district of New York," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

On motion,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole,

the bill to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Missouri: Mr. Morrill was requested to take the chair; 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 the third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on the Public Buildings; and, the amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of William Whitehead, Joshua Aubin, and James Graham; and, the same 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 said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of William Whitehead and others."

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Finance: Mr. Holmes, of Maine, in the chair; and, the amendment being agreed to, the bill was reported to the House accordingly, and the amendment was 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 to the last mentioned bill having been reported

by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended by unanimous consent.

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

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

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to release French ships and vessels entering the ports of the United States prior to the 30th day of June, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled 'An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes,'" together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Foreign Relations; and the said amendment having been amended, it was agreed to, and the bill was reported to the House accordingly, and the amendment was 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 to the bill last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time as amended by unanimous consent.

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

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and to establish a temporary government therein; and, no amendment having been proposed, 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 last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and to establish a temporary government therein."

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill supplemental to an act, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned;" and, no amendment having been made, the President reported it to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the second day of March, 1799;" and the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; 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 proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads: Mr. Elliott was requested to take the chair; and, the amendments having been amended, they were agreed to, and the bill was reported to the House accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in, the bill was further amended.

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. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the payment of the balance found to be due on the settlement of the accounts of Alexander James Dallas, paymaster of the Pennsylvania militia, on the 30th of June, 1808.

Mr. Morrill, from the committee, reported that they this day laid before the President of the United States the twelve enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined and signed.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.



FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1821.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of James Duffee, the petition of Ann Hodge, the petition of George Harpole, the petition of Drury Bettis, and the petition of Elderkin Potter.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of the inhabitants of said district in favor of a penitentiary.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Buildings be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Daniel Carroll and others.

On motion, by Mr. King, of New York,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company.

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate took up and considered, as in committee of the whole, the resolution from the House of Representatives 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, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Koo-na-noo-lus-kee, or Challenge, one of the tribe of the Cherokee Indians; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims

to land and establishing land offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans; and,

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of David Cooper; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill concerning vessels employed in the fisheries; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses;" and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to revive and continue in force "An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks employed in their offices, and of the librarian," approved the 18th day of April, 1818; and, the same 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 said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to revive and continue in force 'An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks employed in their offices, and of the librarian, approved the 18th day of April, 1818.'"

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

The bill supplemental to "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned" having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act supplemental to 'An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned.'"

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

The bill to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Missouri, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the 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 Missouri."

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

The bill to amend the act, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,'" passed the 2d day of March, 1799, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the 2d day of March, 1799.'"

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

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings," 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 in the amendments.

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 further amended by unanimous consent, and 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 in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Webster;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures; and the amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House accordingly, and the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment to the bill last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

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

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Thomas Oxley;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821;" and the same 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.

The amendment to the last mentioned bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended by unanimous consent.

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

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel M'Duff;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to fix and equalize the pay of the officers in the army of the United States;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution from the House of Representatives providing for jails in certain cases for the safe custody of persons imprisoned under the authority of the United States; and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

On motion,

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

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole,



the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts relative to the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Morrill, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;" "An act for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde;" "An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde;" "An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the land office in the district of Lawrence county in the territory of Arkansas;" "An act for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esquire;" "An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;" "An act to alter the times of holding the district court in the northern district of New York;" "An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge;" and "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory."

On motion,

Mr. Morrill was excused from serving on the joint committee for enrolled bills. Whereupon,

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Committee for Enrolled Bills on their part in place of Mr. Morrill, excused; and,

Mr. Knight was appointed.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Buntin;" and, the same 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.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois, reported it without amendment; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered.* That the following bills which originated in the Senate severally lie on the table, viz:

A bill giving the right of pre-emption to William Doak and Noble Osborne.

A bill supplementary to an act passed on the 5th of April, 1820, entitled "An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nichols."

A bill concerning divorces and alimony in the District of Columbia.

A bill to designate the boundaries of a land district and for the establishment of a land office in the state of Indiana.

A bill for the relief of Dean Weymouth.

A bill granting to the corporation of the city of Mobile, in the state of Alabama, certain lots of ground in the said city.

A bill to empower the levy court for the county of Washington to discontinue a certain road therein mentioned.

A bill explanatory of the act for the relief of John H. Piatt.

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 bills of the following titles:

"An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory."

"An act to release French ships and vessels entering the ports of the United States prior to the 30th September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled 'An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes.'"

"An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821."

"An act making appropriations for the public buildings;" and,

"An act to alter and establish certain post roads."

They have postponed indefinitely the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the reconveyance of a tract of land to the city of New York."

They have passed bills which originated in the Senate of the following titles:

"An act to extend the time for unloading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases;" "An act to authorize the clerk of

the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana, to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office;" "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes;" and "An act to revive and continue in force 'An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks employed in their offices, and of the librarian,' approved the 18th day of April, 1818."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to sell and convey a certain tract of land in Northumberland county, in the state of Virginia;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. 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.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, reported the last mentioned bill without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the last mentioned bill; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

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

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States;" "An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820;" and "An act to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia."

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

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, communicated a letter signed by a number of chiefs of the Choctaw nation of Indians, addressed to Andrew Jackson and Thomas Hinds, requesting to be permitted by law to become citizens of the United States; and the letter was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the three resolutions of the 27th February, to compensate certain attendants on the Senate; and the last of them having been amended, they were reported to the House accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

On the question, "Shall these resolutions be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of light houses on Cross and Pond Island, in the harbor of Boothbay, and at the mouth of Oswego river, and placing buoys on the Shoals of Nantucket and Vineyard sound, near the harbor of Wickford, and on the Altamaha river, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures; and the said amendments having been amended, they were agreed to, and the bill 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 amendments to the said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

On motion,

The title was amended to read "An act to authorize the building of light houses therein mentioned, and for other purposes."

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1821.

The credentials of the honorable Benjamin Ruggles, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Ohio, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth instant, were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

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

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I communicate to the two Houses of Congress copies of a treaty, this day duly ratified on the part of the United States, concluded and signed at the Indian Springs, on the 8th of January last, with the Creek nation of Indians, in order to such legislative measures as may be necessary for giving effect to it.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, March 2, 1821.*

The message was read.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Levi Chadwick; and, also, from the consideration of the resolution of the 24th January, to grant the right of pre-emption in certain cases.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That James Nickles, senior, have leave to withdraw his papers.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

*Ordered*, That John B. Timberlake have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion, by Mr. Sanford,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of the first instant, to provide for the payment of a balance due on the settlement of the accounts of Alexander James Dallas.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Josephus B. Stuart.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the location of land warrants and the issuing of patents in certain cases," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands;



and, the amendments being agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended; 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 amendments to the last mentioned bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the 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 in the amendments.

The following resolutions having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were respectively read a third time and passed.

*Resolved*, That Robert Tweedy, Tobias Simpson, and George Hicks, assistants to the sergeant-at-arms and doorkeeper of the Senate, be paid out of the contingent fund two dollars a day for each day they may have attended the Senate during the present session of Congress; and that Henry Tims be allowed one hundred dollars for his attendance during the present session.

*Resolved*, That there be paid out of the contingent fund to Robert Tweedy, Tobias Simpson, and George Hicks, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars each for extra services.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to pay R. B. Washburn, out of the contingent fund of the Senate, at the rate of four dollars per day for the time during which he has been employed in the Secretary's office during the present session.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Buntin," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

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

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

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States, the nine enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed; and, also, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen, certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service;" the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for unlading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the clerk of the dis-

strict court of the United States, for the district of Louisiana, to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office;" the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley;" the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to sell and convey a certain tract of land in Northumberland county, in the state of Virginia;" the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force 'An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks employed in their offices, and of the librarian,' approved the 8th day of April, 1818;" and the resolution providing for jails in certain cases for the safe custody of persons committed under the authority of the United States.

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 proposed by the Senate to the following bills:

"An act to authorize the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes."

"An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821."

"An act to authorize the building of light houses on Cross and Pond Islands, in the harbor of Boothbay, and at the mouth of Oswego, and placing buoys on the shoals of Nantucket and Vineyard sound, near the harbor of Wickford, and on the Altamaha river, and for other purposes."

"An act for the relief of Robert Buntin."

They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds."

They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821;"

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President signed the eight 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 bill last brought up for concurrence was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, reported the last mentioned bill with amendments, which were read. Whereupon,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the last mentioned bill, together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Finance; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill 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. Knight, from the committee, reported that they this day laid before the President of the United States the eight enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined and signed; and, also, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Webster;" the bill, entitled "An act to release French ships and vessels entering the ports of the United States prior to the 30th of September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled 'An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses;" the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings;" the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of light house therein mentioned, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An

act for the relief of Robert Buntin;" the bill, entitled "An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds;" and 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."

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

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States yesterday approved and signed "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army."

"An act for the relief of Pierre Denis De La Ronde;"

"An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde;"

"An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the land office in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas;"

"An act for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq;"

"An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;"

"An act to alter the times of holding the district court in the northern district of New York;"

"An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge;"

"An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory;"

"An act to establish the District of Pearl river;"

"An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States;"

"An act for the relief of Joseph McNeil;"

"An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrot;"

"An act for the relief of Alexander Milne;"

"An act for the relief of James Brady;"

"An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;"

"An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille;"

"An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;" and

"A resolution providing for the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union on a certain condition."

He also this day approved and signed

"An act to alter and establish certain post roads;"

“An act to authorize the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley;”

“An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to sell and convey a certain tract of land in Northumberland county, in the state of Virginia;” and

A “Resolution providing for jails in certain cases for the safe custody of persons committed under the authority of the United States.”

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 amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled “An act to regulate the location of land warrants and the issuing of patents in certain cases;” and

They have elected Messrs. Gales and Seaton printers on their part, pursuant to the resolution on the subject, approved by the President of the United States on the 3d of March, 1819. And he withdrew.

The President signed the ten 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.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The Senate adjourned to seven o'clock, P. M.

*Seven o'clock, P. M.*

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

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four millions five hundred thousand dollars;”

“An act for carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington on the 22d day of February, 1819;”

“An act to amend the act, entitled ‘An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States;’”

“An act to amend an act, entitled ‘An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States;’” and

“An act to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan;” in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The five bills last mentioned were severally read twice by unanimous consent.



On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four millions five hundred thousand dollars," be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sanford, from the Committee on Finance, reported the last mentioned bill with amendments; which were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill and amendments, as in committee of the whole; and, the amendments having been agreed to, the bill 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 said amendments having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

On motion,

The title was amended so as to read "An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding *five millions of dollars*."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said amendments.

The amendments to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was further amended, and read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

On motion,

The title was amended by adding thereto the words *and for other purposes*.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said amendments.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington on the 22d day of February, 1819," be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported the last mentioned bill without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in committee of the whole, and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House, and read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States;'" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House, and read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States;'" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House, and read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan," lie on the table.

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they this day laid before the President of the United States the ten 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 carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington on the 22d day of February, 1819;" the bill, entitled

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States;'" and the bill, entitled

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States.'"

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

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office;"

"An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service;"

"An act to extend the time for unlading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases;"

"An act to revive and continue in force "An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks employed in their offices, and of the librarian," approved the 18th day of April, 1818;" and

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes.'"

*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 bills which originated in the Senate of the following titles, viz:

"An act concerning Thomas Shields and others;" and

"An act for the relief of General Robert Swartwout."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain,' passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was twice read by unanimous consent, and it was considered by the Senate, as in committee of the whole; and the bill 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.

The said amendment having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

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

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

On motion, by Mr. Walker, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That the abstract of accounts of the Treasurer of the United States, transmitted to the Senate on the 22d of February, be printed for the use of Congress.

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 establishing the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent," in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They disagree to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill last mentioned, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

*Resolved*, That they do *insist* on their said amendments, except the last paragraph of the fourth amendment, from which they *recede*.

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

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act establishing the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent," was twice read by unanimous consent, and considered by the Senate, as in committee of the whole; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

To strike out after the word "that," in the third line of the first section, the following words:

"From and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, each commissioner now appointed, or who may be appointed agreeably to the provisions of the treaty of Ghent, shall be entitled to receive at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum; and each agent appointed, or who may be appointed as afore-said, shall be entitled to receive at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum; which said sums so allowed to said officers respectively, shall be a full compensation for services and all personal expenses incurred while in the performance of the duties of their respective offices: Provided, That the compensation by this section

allowed, shall not be continued longer than two years from the said first day of January, 1821.

“SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That each commissioner and agent shall not be entitled to receive for services performed in their respective offices, before the said first day of January, 1821, any greater sum than the rate of four thousand four hundred and forty-four dollars per annum, which shall be considered a full compensation for services and all personal expenses incurred while in the discharge of their respective duties.

“SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That”

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas . . . . .	14
	{ Nays . . . . .	19.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Mr. Parrott,
Chandler,	Hunter,	Stokes,
Eaton,	Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Trimble,
Elliott,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Walker, <i>of Alab.</i>
Gaillard,	Otis,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Dana,	Mr. Lowrie,	Mr. Talbot,
Dickerson,	Macon,	Taylor,
Edwards,	Pleasants,	Thomas,
Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i>	Roberts,	Tichenor,
Johnson, <i>of Lou.</i>	Sanford,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Knight,	Smith,	
Lanman,	Southard,	

And no amendment having been made to the said bill, it was reported to the House, and read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate proceeded to the appointment of a printer or printers on their part, to execute the printing of the Senate for the seventeenth Congress, pursuant to the resolution of the 3d of March, 1819, on the subject; and, 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.

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 concur in the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain,' passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France."

They *disagree* to the first and second, and *agree* to the third of the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four millions five hundred thousand dollars;" and

They *insist* on their disagreement to the amendments insisted on by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821." And he withdrew.

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.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four millions five hundred thousand dollars;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Resolved*, That the Senate do *insist* on their said amendments, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Barbour, and Mr. King, of New York, be the managers at the said conference on the part of the Senate.

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

The Senate again considered their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

That the Senate *further insist* on their said amendments, and ask a conference,

A division of the question was called for; and,

On the question again to insist on the first of the said amendments as follows:

SEC. 1, line 40, strike out "two hundred and two thousand," and insert "*four hundred thousand.*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 20  
Nays . . . . . 12.

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. Johnson, of Ky.	Mr. Pleasants,
Eaton,	Johnson, of Lou.	Sanford,
Edwards,	King, of N. Y.	Stokes,
Elliott,	Lanman,	Talbot,
Holmes, of Maine,	Macon,	Thomas,
Holmes, of Mis.	Otis,	Trimble.
Hunter,	Parrott,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Knight,	Mr. Smith,
Dana,	Lowrie,	Taylor,
Dickerson,	Roberts,	Tichenor,
Gaillard,	Ruggles,	Williams, of Ten.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Senate do *further insist* on their said amendments, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Barbour, and Mr. King, of New York, be the managers at the said conference on the part of the Senate.

*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 to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.'"

They *recede* from their disagreement to the first and second amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the

President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four millions five hundred thousand dollars."

They agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," and have appointed managers at the same on their part; and,

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Le Roy Opie;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was twice read by unanimous consent, and considered by the Senate as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the House, and read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

Mr Barbour, from the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the amendments of the Senate disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," reported that they had met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and conferred freely on the subjects committed to them, but that they could come to no agreement thereupon.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

That the Senate *recede* from their said amendments,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 17  
Nays . . . . . 16.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Chandler,

Dana,

Dickerson,

Elliott,

Gaillard,

Hunter,

Mr. Knight,

Lowrie,

Macon,

Roberts,

Ruggles,

Smith,

Mr. Southard,

Taylor,

Van Dyke,

Walker, of Ala.

Williams, of Ten]

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. King, of N. Y.	Mr. Stokes,
Eaton,	Lanman,	Talbot,
Edwards,	Otis,	Taylor,
Holmes, of Maine.	Parrott,	Trimble.
Holmes, of Mis.	Pleasants,	
Johnson, of Ky.	Sanford,	

So it was

*Resolved*, That the Senate do *recede* from their amendments to the said bill.

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to John Gaillard for the impartial, able, and dignified manner in which he has discharged the duties of President of the Senate during the present session. Whereupon,

Mr. Gaillard addressed the Senate as follows:

GENTLEMEN: In the approbation of my conduct as presiding officer, expressed by this honorable body, by those with whom I have been so long and so happily associated, for many of whom I entertain a warm personal attachment, and for all a sincere respect and esteem, I have received an ample and gratifying reward for the solicitude I have felt to merit their favorable opinion. If various and repeated acts of kindness; if an indulgent and liberal support in the discharge of my official duties, present claims on gratitude, then am I largely and truly your debtor; and the more especially so, when it may be emphatically added, that, whatever of public consideration I may enjoy, if indeed I possess any, has been derived more, much more, from the confidence and favor you have bestowed on me, than from any merit of my own. Under such strong obligations, obligations which will ever be recollected and acknowledged with pride and pleasure, I now tender to you, gentlemen, collectively, as well as individually, my grateful thanks, wishing you a safe and happy return to your homes and families, and the enjoyment of health, happiness, and prosperity.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*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. Holmes, of Maine, and Mr. Hunter, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

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

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they this day laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed; and, also, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain,' passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France;" the bill, entitled "An act establishing the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding five millions of dollars;" the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Le Roy Opie;" the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821;" the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the location of land warrants and the issuing of patents in certain cases;" the bill, entitled "An act concerning Thomas Shields and others;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of General Robert Swartwout;" the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes."

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 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. 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.

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they this day laid



before the President of the United States the nine enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed.

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

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act concerning Thomas Shields and others;" "An act for the relief of General Robert Swartwout;" "An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and "An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds."

*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 making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821;"

"An act for the relief of John Webster;"

"An act to release French ships and vessels entering the ports of the United States prior to the 30th of September, 1820, from the operation of the act entitled 'An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes;"

"An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses;"

"An act making appropriations for the public buildings;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821;"

"An act authorizing the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes;"

"An act to authorize the building of light houses therein mentioned, and for other purposes;"

"An act for the relief of Robert Buntin;"

"An act to carry into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington on the 22d day of February, 1819;"

An act to amend an act, entitled "An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States."

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act for the gradual increase of the Navy of the United States."

An act to continue in force an act, entitled "An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain," passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France.

An act establishing the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent.

An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding five millions of dollars.

An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Leroy Opie.

An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821.

An act to regulate the location of land warrants and the issuing of patents in certain cases;" and

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.

The House of Representatives, having finished the business before them, are about to adjourn. And he withdrew.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the joint committee, reported 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, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

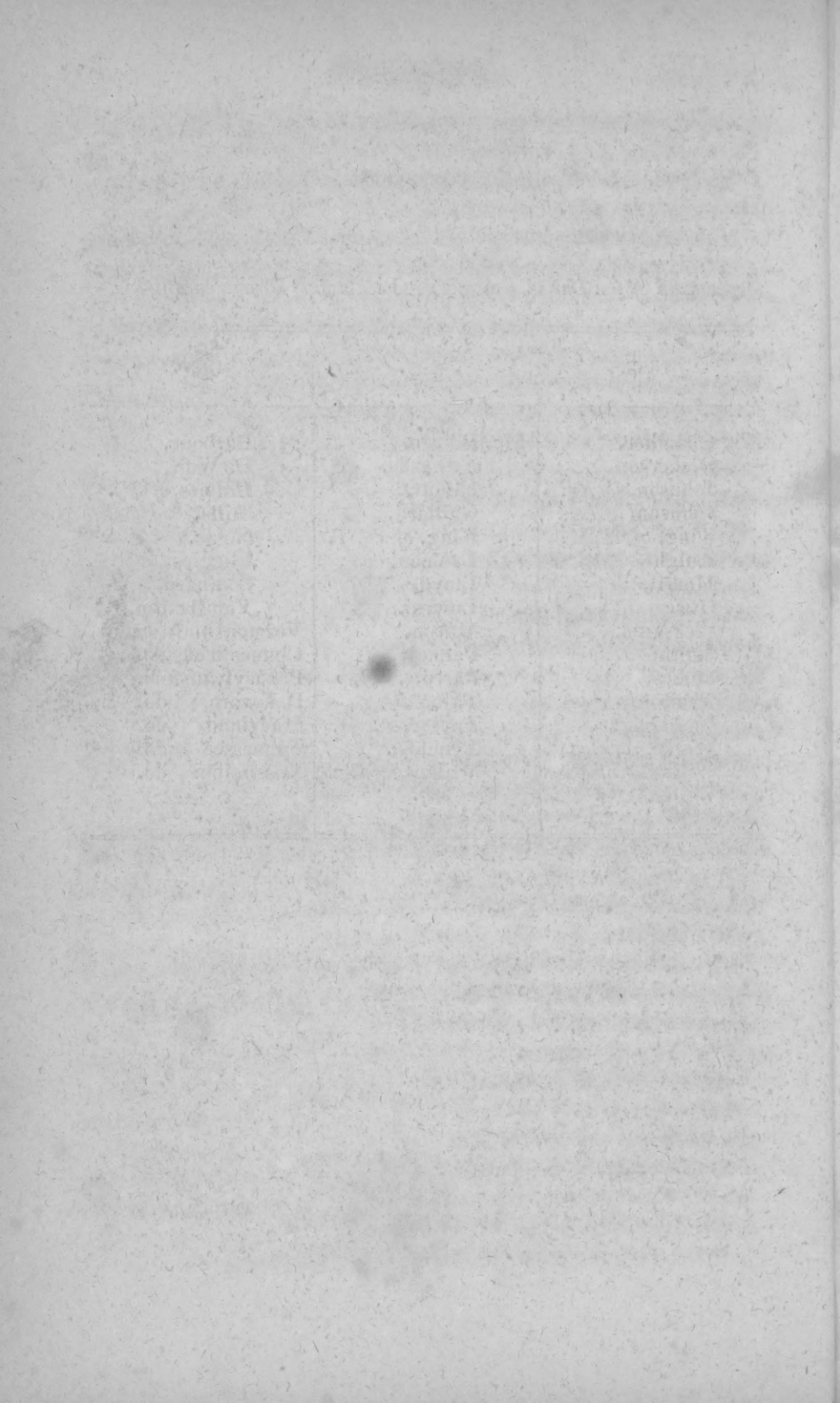
*Ordered*, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that the Senate, having finished the legislative business before them, are about to adjourn. Whereupon,

The President adjourned the Senate without day.



*Senators of the United States whose seats will become vacant—in*

1823.	1825.	1827.
<b>Mr. Chandler,</b> <b>Dickerson,</b> <b>Johnson, of Ky.</b> <b>Johnson, of Lou.</b> <b>King, of Alab.</b> <b>Knight,</b> <b>Morril,</b> <b>Otis,</b> <b>Pleasants,</b> <b>Smith,</b> <b>Stokes,</b> <b>Thomas,</b> <b>Van Dyke,</b> <b>Walker, of Geo.</b> <b>Williams, of Miss.</b> <b>Williams, of Ten.</b>	<b>Mr. Brown,</b> <b>Edwards,</b> <b>Elliott,</b> <b>Gaillard,</b> <b>King, of N. Y.</b> <b>Lanman,</b> <b>Lloyd,</b> <b>Lowrie,</b> <b>Macon,</b> <b>Palmer,</b> <b>Parrott,</b> <b>Talbot,</b> <b>Taylor,</b> <b>Trimble,</b> <b>Walker, of Alab.</b>	<b>Mr. Barbour,</b> <b>De Wolf,</b> <b>Holmes, of Me.</b> <b>Mills,</b> <b>Noble,</b> <b>Ruggles,</b> <b>Southard,</b> <b>Van Beuren,</b> Vermont one vacancy. Connecticut do. Pennsylvania do. Delaware do. Maryland do. Tennessee do. Mississippi do.





## APPENDIX.

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### *List of Acts passed at the Second Session of the Sixteenth Congress.*

- An act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama.
- An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sales of public lands within the same
- An act to amend the act entitled "An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia."
- An act to amend the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis."
- An act for the relief of Elias Parks.
- An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi.
- An act for the relief of Perley Keys and Jason Fairbanks.
- An act making a partial appropriation for the military service for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.
- An act for the relief of Margaret Perry.
- An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.
- An act to incorporate the Columbian College in the District of Columbia.
- An act for the relief of the purchasers of the public lands prior to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and twenty.
- An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States.
- An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.
- An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.
- An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

- An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding five millions of dollars.
- An act for carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington on the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.
- An act to establish the district of Pearl River.
- An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes.
- An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory.
- An act establishing the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent.
- An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the importation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses.
- An act making appropriations for the public buildings.
- An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army.
- An act to extend the time for unlading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases.
- An act to continue in force an act, entitled "An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain," passed on the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France.
- An act to extend the charters of certain banks in the district of Columbia.
- An act to regulate the location of land warrants, and the issuing of patents in certain cases.
- An act to continue in force, for a further time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes."
- An act to amend the act, entitled "An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States."
- An act to release French ships and vessels, entering the ports of the United States prior to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, from the operation of the act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes."
- An act for the relief of James Brady.
- An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde.

- An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States.
- An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott.
- An act for the relief of John Rodriguez.
- An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille.
- An act to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes.
- An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to sell and convey a certain tract of land in Northumberland county, in the state of Virginia.
- An act to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office.
- An act to amend an act, entitled "An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States."
- An act to revive and continue in force "An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks employed in their offices, and of the librarian;" approved the eighteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.
- An act to alter and establish certain post roads.
- An act to authorize the building of light houses therein mentioned, and for other purposes.
- An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes."
- An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the land office in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas.
- An act to alter the times of holding the district court in the northern district of New York.
- An act for the relief of Joseph McNeil.
- An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge.
- An act for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esquire.
- An act for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde.
- An act for the relief of General Robert Swartwout.
- An act for the relief of Alexander Milne.
- An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain.
- An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service.

An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley.

An act for the relief of John Webster.

An act concerning Thomas Shields and others.

An act for the relief of Robert Buntin.

An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Le Roy Opie.

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Resolution providing for jails in certain cases for the safe custody of persons committed under the authority of the United States.

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