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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE SECOND SESSION of the SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS commenced this day at the City of Washington, conformably to the Constitution of the United States, and the Senate assembled.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1822.

PRESENT,

	From the State of <i>New Hampshire,</i>
The Honorable	{ David L. Morrill, John F. Parrott.
	From the State of <i>Massachusetts,</i>
The Honorable	James Lloyd.
	From the State of <i>Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,</i>
The Honorable	Nehemiah R. Knight.
	From the State of <i>Connecticut,</i>
The Honorable	{ Elijah Boardman, James Lanman.
	From the State of <i>Vermont,</i>
The Honorable	{ William A. Palmer, Horatio Seymour.
	From the State of <i>New York,</i>
The Honorable	{ Rufus King, Martin Van Buren.
	From the State of <i>New Jersey,</i>
The Honorable	Mahlon Dickerson.
	From the State of <i>Pennsylvania,</i>
The Honorable	{ William Findlay, Walter Lowrie.

From the State of
Delaware,

The Honorable { Cæsar A. Rodney,
Nicholas Van Dyke.

From the State of
Virginia,

The Honorable { James Barbour,
James Pleasants, jr.

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,
Isham Talbot.

From the State of
Tennessee,

The Honorable { John H. Eaton,
John Williams.

From the State of
Ohio,

The Honorable { Ethan Allen Brown,
Benjamin Ruggles.

From the State of
Louisiana,

The Honorable { James Brown,
Henry Johnson.

From the State of
Indiana,

The Honorable { James Noble,
Waller Taylor.

From the State of
Mississippi,

The Honorable { David Holmes,
Thomas H. Williams.

From the State of
Illinois,

The Honorable Ninian Edwards.

From the State of
Maine,

The Honorable { John Chandler,
 { John Holmes.

From the State of
Missouri,

The Honorable David Barton.

The Honorable JOHN GAILLARD, President, *pro tempore*, resumed the chair.

The Honorable James Lloyd, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honorable Harrison Gray Otis, produced his credentials, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Burch:

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

They have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make to them; in which resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Resolved, That the Senate do concur in the appointment of a joint committee on their part, agreeably to the resolution last mentioned; and,

Ordered, That Mr. King, of New York, and Mr. Macon, be the committee.

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1822.

The Honorable DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate, attended.

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

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

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

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

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

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

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, of the 29th of April last, requiring a statement of the number of persons placed upon the pension list, up to the 4th of September, 1822, by virtue of the acts of the 18th March, 1818, and 1st of May, 1820; and the report was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Talbot submitted the following motion for consideration, which was read three times, by unanimous consent, and passed.

Resolved, That each Senator be supplied, during the present session, with three such newspapers, printed within the United States, as he may choose, to be paid for out of the contingent fund; provided the same be furnished at the rate for the annual charge for such newspapers; 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.

Mr. Brown, of Ohio, submitted the following motion for consideration:

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

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent:

FELLOW CITIZENS OF THE SENATE,
AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Many causes unite to make your present meeting peculiarly interesting to our constituents. The operation of our laws on the various subjects to which they apply, with the amendments which they occasionally require, imposes, annually, an important duty on the representatives of a free people. Our system has happily advanced to such maturity, that I am not aware that your cares, in that respect, will be augmented. Other causes exist which are highly interesting to the whole civilized world, and to no portion of it more so, in certain views, than to the United States. Of these causes, and of their bearing on the interests of our Union, I shall communicate the sentiments which I have formed with that freedom which a sense of duty dictates. It is proper, however, to invite your attention, in the first instance, to those concerns respecting which legislative provision is thought to be particularly urgent.

On the 24th of June last, a Convention of Navigation and Commerce was concluded, in this city, between the United States and France, by ministers duly authorized for the purpose. The sanction of the Executive having been given to this convention under a conviction that, taking all its stipulations into view, it rested essentially on a basis of reciprocal and equal advantage, I deemed it my duty, in compliance with the authority vested in the Executive by the second section of the act of the last session, of the 6th May, concerning navigation, to suspend, by proclamation, until the end of the next session of Congress, the operation of the act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes," and to suspend, likewise, all other duties on French vessels, or the goods imported in them, which exceeded the duties on American vessels, and on similar goods imported in them.

I shall submit this convention forthwith to the Senate for its advice and consent as to the ratification.

Since your last session, the prohibition which had been imposed on the commerce between the United States and the British colonies, in the West Indies and on this continent, has likewise been removed. Satisfactory evidence having been adduced that the ports of those colonies had been opened to the vessels of the United States by an act of the British parliament, bearing date on the 24th of June last, on the conditions specified therein, I deemed it proper, in compliance with the provision of the first section of the act of the last session above recited, to declare, by proclamation, bearing date on the 24th of August last, that the ports of the United States should thenceforward, and until the end of the next session of Congress, be open to the vessels of Great Britain employed in that trade, under the limitation specified in that proclamation.

A doubt was entertained whether the act of Congress applied to the British colonies on this continent, as well as to those in the West Indies; but, as the act of Parliament opened the intercourse equally with both, and it was the manifest intention of Congress, as well as the obvious policy of the United States, that the provisions of the act of Parliament should be met, in equal extent, on the part of the United States, and as also the act of Congress was supposed to vest in the President some discretion in the execution of it, I thought it advisable to give it a corresponding construction.

Should the constitutional sanction of the Senate be given to the ratification of the Convention with France, legislative provisions will be necessary to carry it fully into effect, as it likewise will be to continue in force, on such conditions as may be deemed just and proper, the intercourse which has been opened between the United States and the British colonies. Every light in the possession of the Executive, will, in due time, be communicated on both subjects.

Resting essentially on a basis of reciprocal and equal advantage, it has been the object of the Executive, in transactions with other powers, to meet the propositions of each with a liberal spirit, believing that thereby the interest of our country would be most effectually promoted. This course has been systematically pursued in the late occurrences with France and Great Britain, and in strict accord with the views of the legislature. A confident hope is entertained, that, by the arrangement thus commenced with each, all differences respecting navigation and commerce with the dominions in question,

will be adjusted, and a solid foundation be laid for an active and permanent intercourse, which will prove equally advantageous to both parties.

The decision of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia, on the question submitted to him by the United States and Great Britain, concerning the construction of the first Article of the Treaty of Ghent, has been received. A Convention has since been concluded, between the parties, under the mediation of His Imperial Majesty, to prescribe the mode by which that Article shall be carried into effect, in conformity with that decision. I shall submit this Convention to the Senate for its advice and consent, as to the ratification, and, if obtained, shall immediately bring the subject before Congress, for such provisions as may require the interposition of the legislature.

In compliance with an Act of the last Session, a Territorial Government has been established in Florida, on the principles of our system. By this act, the inhabitants are secured in the full enjoyment of their rights and liberties, and to admission into the Union, with equal participation in the government with the original States, on the conditions heretofore prescribed to other Territories. By a clause in the ninth Article of the Treaty with Spain, by which that Territory was ceded to the United States, it is stipulated that satisfaction shall be made for the injuries, if any, which, by process of law, shall be established to have been suffered, by the Spanish officers, and individual Spanish inhabitants, by the late operations of our troops, in Florida. No provision having yet been made, to carry that stipulation into effect, it is submitted to the consideration of Congress, whether it will not be proper to vest the competent power, in the District Court at Pensacola, or in some tribunal, to be specially organized for the purpose.

The fiscal operations of the year have been more successful than had been anticipated at the commencement of the last session of Congress.

The receipts into the Treasury during the three first quarters of the year, have exceeded the sum of fourteen millions seven hundred and forty-five thousand dollars. The payments made at the Treasury during the same period have exceeded twelve millions two hundred and seventy-nine thousand dollars; leaving in the Treasury on the 30th day of September last, (including one million one hundred and sixty-eight thousand five hundred and ninety-two dollars and twenty-

four cents, which were in the Treasury on the first day of January last) a sum exceeding four millions one hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars.

Besides discharging all demands for the current service of the year, including the interest and reimbursement of the public debt, the six per cent. stock of 1796, amounting to eighty thousand dollars, has been redeemed. It is estimated that, after defraying the current expenses of the present quarter, and redeeming the two millions of six per cent. stock of 1820, there will remain in the Treasury, on the first day of January next, nearly three millions of dollars. It is estimated that the gross amount of duties which have been secured, from the first of January to the 30th of September last, has exceeded nineteen millions five hundred thousand dollars, and the amount for the whole year will probably not fall short of twenty-three millions of dollars.

Of the actual force in service under the present Military Establishment, the posts at which it is stationed, and the condition of each post, a report from the Secretary of War, which is now communicated, will give a distinct idea. By like reports, the state of the Academy at West Point will be seen, as will be the progress which has been made on the Fortifications along the coast, and at the National Armories and Arsenal.

The position on the Red River, and that at the Sault of St. Marie, are the only new posts that have been taken. These posts, with those already occupied in the interior, are thought to be well adapted to the protection of our frontiers. All the force, not placed in the garrisons along the coast, and in the ordnance depots, and indispensably necessary there, is placed on the frontiers.

The organization of the several corps composing the army, is such as to admit its expansion to a great extent, in case of emergency, the officers carrying with them all the light which they possess to the new corps, to which they might be appointed.

With the organization of the staff, there is equal cause to be satisfied. By the concentration of every branch, with its chief in this city, in the presence of the Department, and with a grade, in the chief military station, to keep alive and cherish a military spirit, the greatest promptitude in the execution of orders, with the greatest economy and efficiency, are secured. The same view is taken of the Military Academy. Good order is preserved in it, and the youth are well instructed in every science connected with the great objects of the In-

stitution. They are also well trained and disciplined in the practical parts of the profession. It has been always found difficult to control the ardor inseparable from that early age, in such manner as to give it a proper direction. The rights of manhood are too often claimed, prematurely; in pressing which too far, the respect which is due to age, and the obedience necessary to a course of study and instruction, in every such institution, are sometimes lost sight of. The great object to be accomplished is the restraint of that ardor, by such wise regulations and government, as, by directing all the energies of the youthful mind to the attainment of useful knowledge, will keep it within a just subordination, and at the same time elevate it to the highest purposes. This object seems to be essentially obtained in this institution, and with great advantage to the Union.

The Military Academy forms the basis, in regard to science, on which the military establishment rests. It furnishes annually, after due examination, and on the report of the academic staff, many well-informed youths to fill the vacancies which occur in the several corps of the army, while others, who retire to private life, carry with them such attainments, as, under the right reserved to the several states to appoint the officers and to train the militia, will enable them, by affording a wider field for selection, to promote the great object of the power vested in Congress, of providing for the organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia. Thus, by the mutual and harmonious co-operation of the two governments, in the execution of a power divided between them, an object always to be cherished, the attainment of a great result, on which our liberties may depend, cannot fail to be secured. I have to add, that, in proportion as our regular force is small, should the instruction and discipline of the militia, the great resource on which we rely, be pushed to the utmost extent that circumstances will admit.

A report from the Secretary of the Navy will communicate the progress which has been made in the construction of vessels of war, with other interesting details respecting the actual state of the affairs of that department. It has been found necessary for the protection of our commerce, to maintain the usual squadrons on the Mediterranean, the Pacific, and along the Atlantic coast, extending the cruises of the latter into the West Indies, where piracy, organized into a system, has preyed on the commerce of every country trading thither. A cruise has also been maintained on the coast of Africa, when the season would permit, for the suppression of the slave-trade;

and orders have been given to the commanders of all our public ships to seize our own vessels, should they find any engaged in that trade, and to bring them in for adjudication.

In the West Indies piracy is of recent date, which may explain the cause why other powers have not combined against it. By the documents communicated, it will be seen that the efforts of the United States to suppress it, have had a very salutary effect. The benevolent provision of the act, under which the protection has been extended alike to the commerce of other nations, cannot fail to be duly appreciated by them.

In compliance with the act of the last session, entitled "An act to abolish the United States' Trading Establishments," agents were immediately appointed, and instructed, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to close the business of the trading-houses among the Indian tribes, and to settle the accounts of the factors and sub-factors engaged in that trade, and to execute, in all other respects, the injunctions of that act, in the mode prescribed therein. A final report of their proceedings shall be communicated to Congress as soon as it is received.

It is with great regret I have to state that a serious malady has deprived us of many valuable citizens at Pensacola, and checked the progress of some of those arrangements which are important to the territory. This effect has been sensibly felt in respect to the Indians who inhabit that territory, consisting of the remnants of several tribes, who occupy the middle ground between St. Augustine and Pensacola, with extensive claims, but undefined boundaries. Although peace is preserved with those Indians, yet their position and claims tend essentially to interrupt the intercourse between the eastern and western parts of the territory, on which our inhabitants are principally settled. It is essential to the growth and prosperity of the territory, as well as to the interests of the Union, that these Indians should be removed, by special compact with them, to some other position, or concentrated within narrower limits where they are. With the limited means in the power of the Executive, instructions were given to the governor to accomplish this object, so far as it might be practicable, which was prevented by the distressing malady referred to. To carry it fully into effect, in either mode, additional funds will be necessary, to the provision of which the powers of Congress alone are competent. With a view to such provision as

may be deemed proper, the subject is submitted to your consideration, and, in the interim, further proceedings are suspended.

It appearing that so much of the act, entitled "An act regulating the staff of the army," which passed on the 14th April, 1818, as relates to the Commissariat, will expire in April next, and the practical operation of that department having evinced its great utility, the propriety of its renewal is submitted to your consideration.

The view which has been taken of the probable productiveness of the lead mines, connected with the importance of the material to the public defence, makes it expedient that they should be managed with peculiar care. It is therefore suggested whether it will not comport with the public interest to provide by law for the appointment of an agent skilled in mineralogy, to superintend them, under the direction of the proper Department.

It is understood that the Cumberland Road, which was constructed at a great expense, has already suffered from the want of that regular superintendence, and of those repairs, which are indispensable to the preservation of such a work. This road is of incalculable advantage, in facilitating the intercourse between the Western and the Atlantic States. Through it, the whole country from the northern extremity of Lake Erie to the Mississippi, and from all the waters which empty into each, finds an easy and direct communication to the seat of Government, and thence to the Atlantic. The facility which it affords to all military and commercial operations, and also to those of the Post Office Department, cannot be estimated too highly. This great work is likewise an ornament and an honor to the nation. Believing that a competent power to adopt and execute a system of Internal Improvement has not been granted to Congress, but that such a power, confined to great national purposes, and with proper limitations, would be productive of eminent advantage to our Union, I have thought it advisable that an amendment of the Constitution, to that effect, should be recommended to the several states. A bill which assumed the right to adopt and execute such a system having been presented for my signature, at the last session, I was compelled, from the view which I had taken of the powers of the General Government, to negative it, on which occasion I thought it proper to communicate the sentiments which I had formed, on mature consideration, on the whole subject. To that communication, in all the views in which the great interest to which it relates, may be supposed to merit your attention, I have now to

refer. Should Congress, however, deem it improper to recommend such an amendment, they have, according to my judgment, the right to keep the road in repair, by providing for the superintendence of it, and appropriating the money necessary for repairs. Surely, if they had the right to appropriate money to make the road, they have a right to appropriate it to preserve the road from ruin. From the exercise of this power no danger is to be apprehended. Under our happy system, the people are the sole and exclusive fountain of power. Each government originates from them, and to them alone, each to its proper constituents, are they respectively and solely responsible, for the faithful discharge of their duties, within their constitutional limits. And that the people will confine their public agents, of every station, to the strict line of their constitutional duties, there is no cause to doubt. Having, however, communicated my sentiments to Congress, at the last session, fully, in the document to which I have referred, respecting the right of appropriation, as distinct from the right of jurisdiction and sovereignty over the territory in question, I deem it improper to enlarge on the subject here.

From the best information that I have been able to obtain, it appears that our Manufactures, though depressed immediately after the Peace, have considerably increased, and are still increasing, under the encouragement given them by the Tariff of 1816, and by subsequent laws. Satisfied I am, whatever may be the abstract doctrine in favor of unrestricted commerce, provided all nations would concur in it, and it was not liable to be interrupted by war, which has never occurred, and cannot be expected, that there are other strong reasons applicable to our situation, and relations with other countries, which impose on us the obligation to cherish and sustain our manufactures. Satisfied, however, I likewise am, that the interest of every part of our Union, even of those most benefited by manufactures, requires that this subject should be touched with the greatest caution, and a critical knowledge of the effect to be produced by the slightest change. On full consideration of the subject, in all its relations, I am persuaded, that a further augmentation may now be made of the duties on certain foreign articles, in favor of our own, and without affecting, injuriously, any other interest. For more precise details, I refer you to the communications which were made to Congress during the last Session.

So great was the amount of accounts for moneys advanced during the late war, in addition to others of a previous date, which, in the regular operations of the government, necessarily remained unsettled, that it required a considerable length of time for their adjustment. By a report from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, it appears, that, on the 4th of March, 1817, the accounts then unsettled amounted to one hundred and three millions sixty-eight thousand eight hundred and seventy-six dollars and forty-one cents, of which, on the 30th of September of the present year, ninety-three millions one hundred and seventy-five thousand three hundred and ninety-six dollars and fifty-six cents had been settled; leaving on that day a balance unsettled of nine millions eight hundred and ninety-three thousand four hundred and seventy-nine dollars and eighty-five cents. That there have been drawn from the Treasury, in paying the public debt, and sustaining the Government in all its operations and disbursements, since the 4th of March, 1817, one hundred and fifty-seven millions one hundred and ninety-nine thousand three hundred and eighty dollars and ninety-six cents, the accounts for which have been settled to the amount of one hundred and thirty-seven millions five hundred and one thousand four hundred and fifty-one dollars and twelve cents; leaving a balance unsettled of nineteen millions six hundred and ninety-seven thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine dollars and eighty-four cents. For precise details respecting each of these balances, I refer to the report of the Comptroller, and the documents which accompany it.

From this view it appears that our commercial differences with France and Great Britain have been placed in a train of amicable arrangement, on conditions fair and honorable, in both instances, to each party; that our Finances are in a very productive state, our revenue being at present fully competent to all the demands upon it; that our Military Force is well organized in all its branches, and capable of rendering the most important service, in case of emergency, that its number will admit of; that due progress has been made, under existing appropriations, in the construction of Fortifications, and in the operations of the Ordnance Department; that due progress has, in like manner, been made in the construction of ships of war; that our Navy is in the best condition, felt and respected in every sea in which it is employed for the protection of our commerce; that our Manufactures have augmented in amount and improved in quality; that great progress has been made in the settlement of accounts, and

in the recovery of the balances due by individuals; and that the utmost economy is secured and observed in every department of the administration.

Other objects will likewise claim your attention; because, from the station which the United States hold, as a member of the great community of nations, they have rights to maintain, duties to perform, and dangers to encounter.

A strong hope was entertained that peace would, ere this, have been concluded between Spain and the independent governments south of the United States in this hemisphere. Long experience having evinced the competency of those governments to maintain the independence which they had declared, it was presumed that the considerations which induced their recognition by the United States, would have had equal weight with other powers, and that Spain herself, yielding to those magnanimous feelings of which her history furnishes so many examples, would have terminated, on that basis, a controversy so unavailing, and at the same time so destructive. We still cherish the hope that this result will not long be postponed.

Sustaining our neutral position, and allowing to each party, while the war continues, equal rights, it is incumbent on the United States to claim of each, with equal rigor, the faithful observance of our rights, according to the well known law of nations. From each, therefore, a like co-operation is expected in the suppression of the piratical practice which has grown out of this war, and of blockades of extensive coasts on both seas, which, considering the small force employed to sustain them, have not the slightest foundation to rest on.

Europe is still unsettled, and although the war long menaced between Russia and Turkey, has not broken out, there is no certainty that the differences between those Powers will be amicably adjusted. It is impossible to look to the oppressions of the country, respecting which those differences arose, without being deeply affected. The mention of Greece fills the mind with the most exalted sentiments, and arouses in our bosoms the best feelings of which our nature is susceptible. Superior skill and refinement in the arts, heroic gallantry in action, disinterested patriotism, enthusiastic zeal and devotion in favor of public and personal liberty, are associated with our recollections of ancient Greece. That such a country should have been overwhelmed, and so long hidden, as it were, from the world, under a gloomy despotism, has been a cause of unceasing and deep regret to generous minds for ages past. It was natural, therefore,

that the re-appearance of those people in their original character, contending in favour of their liberties, should produce that great excitement and sympathy in their favor, which have been so signally displayed throughout the United States. A strong hope is entertained that these people will recover their independence, and resume their equal station among the nations of the earth.

A great effort has been made in Spain and Portugal to improve the condition of the people, and it must be very consoling, to all benevolent minds, to see the extraordinary moderation with which it has been conducted. That it may promote the happiness of both nations, is the ardent wish of this whole people, to the expression of which we confine ourselves; for, whatever may be the feelings or sentiments which every individual under our government has a right to indulge and express, it is, nevertheless, a sacred maxim, equally with the government and people, that the destiny of every independent nation, in what relates to such improvements, of right belongs, and ought to be left, exclusively to themselves.

Whether we reason from the late wars, or from those menacing symptoms which now appear in Europe, it is manifest, that, if a convulsion should take place in any of those countries, it will proceed from causes which have no existence, and are utterly unknown in these states, in which there is but one order, that of the people, to whom the sovereignty exclusively belongs. Should war break out in any of those countries, who can foretell the extent to which it may be carried, or the desolation which it may spread? Exempt as we are from these causes, our internal tranquillity is secure; and, distant as we are from the troubled scene, and faithful to first principles, in regard to other Powers, we might reasonably presume that we should not be molested by them. This, however, ought not to be calculated on as certain. Unprovoked injuries are often inflicted, and even the peculiar felicity of our situation might, with some, be a cause for excitement and aggression. The history of the late wars in Europe furnishes a complete demonstration that no system of conduct, however correct in principle, can protect neutral powers from injury from any party; that a defenceless position, and distinguished love of peace, are the surest invitations to war; and that there is no way to avoid it, other than by being always prepared, and willing, for just cause, to meet it. If there be a people on earth whose more especial duty it is to be at all times prepared to defend the rights with which they are blessed, and to surpass all others in sustaining

the necessary burthens, and in submitting to sacrifices to make such preparations, it is undoubtedly the people of these states.

When we see that a civil war, of the most frightful character, rages from the Adriatic to the Black Sea; that strong symptoms of war appear in other parts, proceeding from causes, which, should it break out, may become general, and be of long duration; that the war still continues between Spain and the Independent Governments, her late Provinces, in this hemisphere; that it is likewise menaced between Portugal and Brazil, in consequence of the attempt of the latter to dismember itself from the former; and that a system of piracy, of great extent, is maintained in the neighboring seas, which will require equal vigilance and decision to suppress it, the reasons for sustaining the attitude which we now hold, and for pushing forward all our measures of defence with the utmost vigor, appear to me to acquire new force.

The United States owe to the world a great example, and, by means thereof, to the cause of liberty and humanity, a generous support. They have so far succeeded, to the satisfaction of the virtuous and enlightened of every country. There is no reason to doubt, that their whole movement will be regulated by a sacred regard to principle, all our institutions being founded on that basis. The ability to support our own cause, under any trial to which it may be exposed, is the great point on which the public solicitude rests. It has been often charged against free governments, that they have neither the foresight, nor the virtue, to provide, at the proper season, for great emergencies; that their course is improvident and expensive; that war will always find them unprepared, and whatever may be its calamities, that its terrible warnings will be disregarded and forgotten as soon as peace returns. I have full confidence that this charge, so far as relates to the United States, will be shewn to be utterly destitute of truth.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, December 3, 1822.

The message and accompanying documents were read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

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

Mr. Van Buren 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; the memorial was read; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

It was agreed that, until otherwise ordered, the Senate will meet at twelve o'clock; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to twelve o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1822.

The Honorable Nicholas Ware, from the state of Georgia, attended.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion for the appointment of a Committee on Enrolled Bills, and agreed thereto.

The resolution for the appointment of Chaplains, submitted yesterday, was considered and agreed to.

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

The resolution authorizing the sergeant-at-arms to employ an assistant, and two horses, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and having been reported to the House without amendment,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Senate will, on Friday next, at twelve o'clock, proceed to the appointment of the Standing Committees of this House.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1822.

The Honorable Jesse B. Thomas, from the state of Illinois, attended.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion for the appointment of the Standing Committees of this House; and,

Resolved, That the Senate will, on Monday next, at twelve o'clock, proceed to the appointment of the Standing Committees of this House.

The resolution authorizing the doorkeeper and sergeant-at arms to employ an assistant, and horses, was read a third time; and
Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, gave notice that on Monday next he should ask leave to introduce a bill to abolish imprisonment for debt.

Mr. Barton gave notice that on Monday next he should ask leave to introduce a bill concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri for the purposes of education and other public uses.

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1822.

The Honorable Samuel L. Southard, from the state of New Jersey, arrived on the sixth instant, and attended this day.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the petition of William Thornton, stating that he took out a patent, on the 16th of January, 1809, for certain improvements, including particularly a boiler; praying a renewal thereof; it never having as yet produced him any advantages whatever; the petition was read; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have concurred in the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of Chaplains, and have appointed the Rev. John Breckenridge, now of Princeton, Chaplain on their part. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Pleasants,

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Chaplain on their part; and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Charles P. M'Ilvaine was duly elected.

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

Agreeably to order, the Senate proceeded to the appointment of a Committee for Enrolled Bills, on the part of the Senate; and,

Ordered, That Mr. Knight be the Committee.

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

Agreeably to order, the Senate proceeded to the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Ordered, That Mr. Barbour, Mr. Brown of Louisiana, Mr. Macon, Mr. King of New York, and Mr. Elliott, be the Committee on Foreign Relations;

That Mr. Lowrie, Mr. Holmes of Maine, Mr. Van Buren, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Macon, be the Committee on Finance;

That Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. D'Wolf, Mr. Findlay, and Mr. Lanman, be the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures;

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

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

That Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Williams of Mississippi, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Ware, and Mr. Lloyd of Massachusetts, be the Committee on Naval Affairs;

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

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

That Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Van Dyke, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Morrill, be the Committee of Claims;

That Mr. Smith, Mr. Southard, Mr. Van Buren, Mr. Holmes of Maine, and Mr. Brown of Ohio, be the Committee on the Judiciary;

That Mr. Stokes, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Barton, Mr. Chandler, and Mr. King of Alabama, be the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads;

That Mr. Noble, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Seymour, Mr. Ware, and Mr. Elliott, be the Committee on Pensions;

That Mr. Barbour, Mr. Lloyd of Maryland, Mr. D'Wolf, Mr. Lanman, and Mr. Southard, be the Committee on the District of Columbia;

That Mr. Lanman, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Holmes of Maine, be the Committee for Engrossed Bills;

That Mr. Macon, Mr. Lowrie, and Mr. Lanman, be the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent:

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with the resolution of the Senate, of the 8th of May last, requesting "information relative to the Copper Mines on the southern shore of Lake Superior; their number, value, and position; the names of the Indian tribes who claim them; the practicability of extinguishing their titles; and the probable advantages which may result to the Republic from the acquisition, and working these mines;" I herewith transmit a report from the Secretary of War, which comprises the information desired in the resolution referred to.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, December 7, 1822.

The message and accompanying report were read.

Mr. Barbour presented the petition of a number of merchants, and others, of the city of Richmond, in Virginia, praying Congress to cause to be erected, within that collection district, a hospital for the relief of sick and disabled seamen; the petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

Mr. Van Buren presented the petition of James Byers, of the city and state of New York, who was a contractor for supplying rations to the troops of the United States, within the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, for one year, from the first of June, 1814, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

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

Mr. Dickerson submitted the following motion for consideration:

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,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1822.

The Honorable Elijah H. Mills, from the state of Massachusetts; and, also, the Honorable Thomas H. Benton, from the state of Missouri, severally attended this day.

Mr. Pleasants called up the petition, heretofore presented, 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 the militia; 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. Johnson, of Louisiana, gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill to enable the holders of French, British, and Spanish titles to lands within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognized as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the memorial of Edward De Krafft, praying the aid of Congress to a proposed publication, comprising a *selection* of public documents. The memorial was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the petition of William Thornton, presented yesterday, praying for the renewal of a patent right, be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Knight called up the petition, presented at the last session of Congress, of Jacob Babbitt, merchant, of the port of Bristol, in the state of Rhode Island, praying the remission of duties on a large quantity of sugar, which was totally destroyed by the great storm on the 23d of September, 1815, as stated in the petition; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Knight,

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

Mr. Barton presented the petition of a number of the citizens of

Lillard and Ray counties, in the state of Missouri, praying the division of the present Howard Land District, and the establishment of an additional Land Office; the petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

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

Mr. Parrott gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to abolish imprisonment for debt. The bill was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, called up the petition, presented at the last session of Congress, of Walley and Foster, praying the benefit of drawback on pepper, exported. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent:

To the Senate of the United States:

Recent information of the multiplied outrages and depredations which have been committed on our seamen and commerce, by the pirates, in the West Indies and Gulf of Mexico, exemplified by the death of a very meritorious officer, seems to call for some prompt and decisive measures on the part of the government. All the public vessels adapted to that service, which can be spared from other indispensable duties, are already employed in it; but, from the knowledge which has been acquired of the places from whence these outlaws issue, and to which they escape from danger, it appears that it will require a particular kind of force, capable of pursuing them into the shallow waters to which they retire, effectually to suppress them. I submit to the consideration of the Senate the propriety of organizing such force for that important object.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 9th December, 1822.

The message was read.

On motion,

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

The following written message was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent:

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of the 22d February last, "requesting the President of the United States to cause to be collected and communicated to the Senate, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, the best information which he may be able to obtain, relative to certain Christian Indians, and the lands intended for their benefit, on the Muskingum, in the state of Ohio, granted under an act of Congress of June 1st, 1796, to the Society of the United Brethren for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen; showing, as correctly as possible, the advance or decline of said Indians in numbers, morals, and intellectual endowments; whether the lands have enured to their sole benefit, and if not, to whom, in whole or in part, have such benefits accrued;" I transmit a report from the Secretary of War, with the accompanying documents.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 9th December, 1822.

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

On motion,

Ordered, That they 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. Elliott, and Mr. Mills, be the Committee on the part of the Senate.

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

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent:

I now transmit to both Houses of Congress, the report of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, passed the 28th day of January, 1818.

JAMES MONROE.

December 10th, 1822.

The message, and accompanying report, were read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making further provisions by law regulating the leasing and working of the lead mines of the United States.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Barton asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri for the purposes of education, and other public uses. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

Ordered, That the petition of Ebenezer Stevens, and others, praying the adjustment of their claim against the United States, presented on the 3d instant, be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1822.

The Honorable James D'Wolf, from the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, attended this day.

Mr. Talbot submitted the following motions for consideration:

Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the repairs, preservation, and superintendence of the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling, be referred to a select committee, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That that part of the President's message which recommends the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall vest in the Congress thereof powers adequate to the adoption and carrying into effect a system of internal improvements throughout the whole Union, be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 10th instant, for instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of making further provisions by law regulating the leasing and working the lead mines of the United States, and agreed thereto.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, together with the accompanying report of the Secretary of War, on the number, value, and position, of the copper mines, on the southern shore of Lake Superior, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to enable the holders of French, British, and Spanish titles to lands within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognized as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri for the purposes of education, and for other purposes, was read the second time.

On motion,

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

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to lay before the Senate a statement, exhibiting the amount, in the aggregate, of the goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States to France, and imported from thence, in each year, from and after the year 1814, to the year 1820; discriminating, in the exports, between articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, and those of foreign countries; and, also, stating the national character of the vessels in which such exports and imports have been made.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1822.

Mr. Barbour presented the petition of Rebecca Hodgson, widow and representative of Joseph Hodgson, deceased, praying the payment of *interest* on a sum allowed to her. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as respects our relations with foreign nations, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, called up 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 the state of 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, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

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

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Daniel Seward, stating that he purchased a tract of land of the United States, lying in the state of Ohio, and that a part thereof hath been taken from him by judicial process, and praying a reimbursement of the money paid for such part, together with the amount of his costs, and other expenses, in defending the same; the petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

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

Mr. Rodney submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force the act, entitled "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and to punish the crime of piracy;" and, also, of making such further provisions on the subject as may be deemed proper for the security of our citizens, the safety of our commerce, and the punishment of the offence.

The President communicated the petition of Alexander and Sylvester Humphrey, praying indemnification for damages to a wharf, which they had contracted to build for the United States, on Staten Island, as stated in the petition; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

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, reported a bill authorizing the President of the United States to employ an addi-

tional force for the suppression of piracy; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

Mr. Pleasants also communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, containing estimates, &c. for such naval force; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. D'Wolf gave notice that on Monday next he should ask leave to introduce a bill, allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Parrott asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the 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 judiciary system of the United States, so as to make it uniform throughout the Union, by establishing circuit courts in the new states.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 11th instant, for referring to a select committee so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling; and having agreed thereto,

Ordered, That Mr. Talbot, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Mills, Mr. Rodney, and Mr. King of New York, be the committee.

The other resolution, submitted yesterday by Mr. Talbot, having also been resumed, it was

Resolved, That, that part of the President's message which recommends the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall vest in the Congress thereof powers adequate to the adoption, and carrying into effect, a system of Internal improvement, throughout the whole Union, be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to lead mines, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, gave notice that on Monday next he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Samuel H. Walley and Henry G. Foster.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, gave notice that on Monday next he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the benefit of George Shannon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 11th instant, requesting certain information relative to exports and imports, to and from France; and the same having been modified, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate a statement, exhibiting the amount, in the aggregate, of the goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States to France, and imported from thence, in each year, from and after the year 1814 to the year 1820; discriminating, in the exports, between articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, and those of foreign countries; and also stating the national character of the vessels in which such exports and imports have been made.

Mr. Eaton called up the petition, presented at the last session of Congress, of the executors of the last will and testament of Thomas Carr, of Georgia, deceased, praying compensation for certain land. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

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

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the better security of public moneys in the hands of clerks of courts, and attorneys, marshals, and their deputies.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1822.

The President communicated a letter from the Honorable James Pleasants, notifying the resignation of his seat in the Senate; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the President be requested to notify the Executive of the state of Virginia of this resignation.

Mr. Lowrie, from the Committee on Finance, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Samuel H. Walley and Henry G. Foster; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the same committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Jacob Babbitt; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. D'Wolf asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the benefit of George Shannon. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Rodney presented the memorial of Benjamin I. Shain, master of the schooner Ajax, stating that, whilst at the Havanna, an unprovoked and murderous outrage and robbery was committed on the person and property of the memorialist and others, and praying the efficient interposition of government. The memorial was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Rodney,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Findlay presented the petition of Watson Atkinson, praying that the duty on the importation of square iron wire may be reduced to fifteen per centum ad valorem. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Findlay,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Alexander A. White, of Louisiana, praying the right of pre-emption to a tract of land on which he has settled, and erected improvements. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson,

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

Mr. Johnson also called up the petition of Marie Louise de la Gautrois, widow of Francois Gonsonlin, deceased, praying the confirmation of her title to a tract of land in Louisiana. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Rodney called up the petition, heretofore presented, of Joseph Forrest, of the city of Washington, praying compensation for the loss of a certain schooner, called the William Yeaton, chartered in the month of May, 1812, to the agent of the United States, to take a cargo of provisions from New York to La Guira, which was seized and condemned by the Spanish government. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

Ordered, That a member be added to the Committee on Naval Affairs, in the place of Mr. Pleasants; and,

Mr. Macon was appointed.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which 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. D'Wolf presented the memorial of Stephen T. Northam, and others, of Newport, Rhode Island, merchants and distillers, praying that the duties which accrued and were paid by them for their distillery, whilst its operations were suspended in consequence of the injury sustained by the inundation of the 23d of September, 1815, may be remitted. The memorial was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. D'Wolf,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 12th instant, for directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of making further provisions by law for the suppression of piracy; and agreed thereto.

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instant, for instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of modifying the judicial system of the United States, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 12th instant, for instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the better security of public moneys in the hands of clerks of courts, and attorneys, marshals, and their deputies, and agreed thereto.

The bill to enable the holders of the French, British, and Spanish titles to land within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognized as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, together with the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made on the 8th of December, 1818, in obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, containing a plan for the final adjustment and settlement of land claims in the states of Louisiana and Missouri.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Amos Nicholls, of the state of Maine, praying compensation for seven months' services as a clerk in the Navy Department, in the years 1818 and 1819. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

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

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

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the act of the British Parliament, of the 24th of June last, and the President's proclamation thereon, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the territorial government of Florida, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the prisoners, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the military establishment, the construction of fortifications, and the

military school at West Point, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the militia, be referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to naval affairs, and the suppression of piracy, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the Indians, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to manufactures, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the Independent governments in America, south of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The President communicated the petition of Joshua Clark, of Missouri, alleging that he has been unjustly deprived of his wages, as a mariner, by William Lee, late Consul of the United States, at Bordeaux, and praying indemnification. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

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

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, together with the accompanying report of the Secretary of War, on the copper mines on the southern shore of Lake Superior, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States, was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing the President of the United States to employ an additional force for the suppression of piracy; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have concurred in the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a Joint Committee on the arrangements for the Library of Congress, and have appointed a committee on their part.

They have also concurred 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 have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war;'" a bill, entitled "An act to enable the proprietors of lands, held by titles derived from the United States, to obtain copies of papers from the proper department, and to declare the effect of such copies;" a bill, entitled "An act to repeal the third section of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act concerning navigation;'" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act authorizing an additional naval force for the suppression of piracy;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said four bills were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing an additional naval force for the suppression of piracy," was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and it was taken up and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

It was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

Mr. Macon presented the petition of A. F. Macneill, of the state of North Carolina, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts with the Treasury Department. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the release of Amos Muzzy and Benjamin White from imprisonment.

After the consideration of Executive business,
The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1822.

The Honorable Samuel Smith, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Maryland, in place of the Honorable William Pinkney, deceased, 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 Honorable Montfort Stokes, from the state of North Carolina; and, also, the Honorable William R. King, from the state of Alabama, severally attended this day.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the petition of Joseph Emerson, in behalf of himself and others, praying indemnification for the loss of a vessel and cargo, captured and condemned in the year 1796, under a decree of the French government, in violation of the laws of nations and the terms of the treaty between the United States and France. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of John Byers, accompanied by a report. The bill and report were read; and,

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of John M. Whitney and John Snodgrass, in behalf of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Nicholas Ware and William A. Carr, executors of Thomas Carr, deceased, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donelson, Thomas Carr, and others. The report and bill were read; and,

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing an additional naval force for the suppression of piracy."

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motions of the 16th instant, for referring to various committees the message of the President of the United States, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Joseph Janney, of Virginia; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war,'" was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to enable the proprietors of lands, held by titles derived from the United States, to obtain copies of papers from the proper department, and to declare the effect of such copies," 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 repeal the third section of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act concerning navigation,'" was read the second time; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Mills called up the petition, heretofore presented, of Samuel F. Hooker, of New York, praying compensation for certain naval supplies; and, also, another petition of the said petitioner, praying indemnification for property captured by the British during the late war, which capture was occasioned by his vessel having received supplies intended for the American army at Fort George. The petitions were severally read; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That they be respectively referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the release of Amos Muzzy and Benjamin White, from imprisonment. The bill was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1822.

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

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the state of Tennessee to sell, on such terms as the Legislature of said state may think proper, all the vacant land lying east and north of the line described in the first section of the act of Congress, passed the 18th April, 1806, entitled "An act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated lands within the state of Tennessee."

Mr. Ware submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Military Committee inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the final settlement of the militia claims of the state of Georgia, for services rendered, under orders of the President of the United States, during the years 1792, 1793, and 1794.

Mr. Lowrie presented the petition of Richard O'Brien, praying that his accounts, as Consul General at Algiers, may be settled upon principles of equity and justice, with a reference to the customs and usages in the Barbary States. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri, for the purposes of education, and for other public uses, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Brown, of Ohio, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That a Standing Committee, of five members, be appointed, on the subject of Roads and Canals.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to enable the proprietors of lands, held by titles derived from the United States, to obtain copies of papers from the proper department, and to declare the effect of such copies," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States, from foreign hemp, 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 Samuel H. Walley and Henry G. Foster, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Jacob Babbitt, was read the second time.

The bill for the benefit of George Shannon, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the petition of George Shannon, of Lexington, Kentucky, praying an increase of pension. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Barbour gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia.

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

The bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donelson, Thomas Carr, and others, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased, was read the second time.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, presented the memorial of William Pearce, and others, inhabitants of the town of Gloucester, in the state of Massachusetts, praying the aid of the general government in the removal of the obstruction to the navigation between Ipswich Bay and Boston Bay. The memorial was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

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

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

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the state of Alabama three representatives, in conformity with the second section of the act, entitled "An act for the apportionment of Representatives among the several states, according to the fourth census."

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1822.

Mr. D'Wolf, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to which was referred the bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States, from foreign hemp, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Rebecca Hodgson, 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, and were taken up, considered, and agreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

It was agreed to reconsider the vote of the Senate on agreeing to the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Joseph Janney.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Samuel Hodgson, of the city of Philadelphia, who became, in the year 1804, one of the sureties of John Smith, of the state of Ohio, as contractor for supplying with provisions the United States' troops, on or about the Mississippi, praying the interposition of Congress for relief, in the settlement of said Smith's accounts. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That Lawrence Muse have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, called up the petition of George Ulmer, presented at the last session of Congress, who had the command of the United States' troops, and volunteers, at Eastport, in the year 1813, praying compensation for certain ordnance taken from the enemy, as stated in the petition; which was read; and,

On his motion,

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

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, 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 clothing the militia, when called into the service of the United States;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act concerning the disbursement of public money;" 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 Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 18th instant, for instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the state of Tennessee to sell certain vacant land, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 18th instant, for instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the final settlement of the militia claims of the state of Georgia, for services rendered under orders of the President of the United States, during the years 1792, 1793, and 1794, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 18th instant, for the appointment of a standing committee on the subject of Roads and Canals; and the same having been modified, it was

Resolved, That a select committee, of five members, be appointed, on the subject of Roads and Canals.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 18th

instant, for instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the state of Alabama three representatives in Congress, and agreed thereto.

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 erecting a national armory on the western waters.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, called up the petition, heretofore presented, of Robert Purdy, late colonel in the military service of the United States, praying remuneration for certain expenditures incurred by him in performance of his duties in endeavoring to enforce his order prohibiting the introduction of spirituous liquors within the limits of his encampment, as stated in the petition; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri, for the purposes of education, and for other public uses; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Jacob Babbitt, and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Samuel H. Walley and Henry G. Foster; 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 Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of John Byers; and,

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next; and that the report of the Committee of Claims, on the subject, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Barbour asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia. The bill was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

Mr. Barbour presented the petition of James Lloyd, of Virginia, praying compensation for certain services rendered, and expenses incurred, in testing the utility of an inflammable liquid, of which he was the inventor, and the knowledge of which he had been induced to surrender to government. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

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

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be directed to lay before the Senate, the reports of the commissioners appointed under the different acts of Congress providing for the adjustment of land claims in the territory of Orleans and state of Louisiana.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1822.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had yesterday laid before the President of the United States, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing an additional naval force, for the suppression of piracy."

The bill concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri, for the purposes of education, and for other public uses, 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 concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri, for the purposes of education, and for other public uses."

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

The bill for the relief of Jacob Babbitt, 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 Jacob Babbitt."

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

The bill for the relief of Samuel H. Walley and Henry G. Foster, 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 H. Walley and Henry G. Foster."

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Ebenezer Stevens, and others, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, and others. The report and bill were read; and,

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 19th instant, requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to lay before the Senate the reports of the commissioners appointed under the acts of Congress providing for the adjustment of land claims in the late territory of Orleans and state of Louisiana, 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,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The two bills brought up yesterday for concurrence, were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 19th instant, for instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of erecting a national armory on the western waters, and agreed thereto.

Mr. Talbot, from the select committee to which the subject was re-

ferred, reported a bill appropriating money for the purpose of repairing the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donelson, Thomas Carr, and others; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp; and,

On motion, by Mr. D'Wolf,

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

On motion,

The Senate, in pursuance of the resolution of yesterday, proceeded to the appointment of a select committee, on the subject of Roads and Canals; and,

Ordered, That Mr. Brown of Ohio, Mr. King of New York, Mr. Smith of Maryland, Mr. Johnson of Kentucky, and Mr. Rodney, be the committee.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, 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 number of arms required, annually, to supply the militia of the West, according to acts of Congress; the probable number necessary to be placed in military depositories located, or to be located, on the western waters; the cost of transportation of arms to the western states and depositories; the probable cost of manufacturing arms in the West; the probable cost of erecting, at this time, on the western waters, such an armory as that at

Harper's Ferry, or at Springfield, and such other information as he may deem important, to establish the expediency or in expediency of erecting, on the western waters, a national armory.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Sayles;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of an act passed by the state of Maryland in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and now in force in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, entitled 'An act for an addition to Georgetown, in Montgomery county,'" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said two bills were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1822.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Robert Purdy, made a report, accompanied with a bill for the relief of Robert Purdy; and the report and bill were read.

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Lanman presented the petition of Frederick Pearl, praying a pension, agreeably to the provisions of the act of 1818. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Lowrie presented the petition of John Welsh, a revolutionary soldier, praying that his name may be restored to the pension roll; and, also, the petition of George Byers, a soldier of the Revolution,

praying a pension, agreeably to the act of 1818. The petitions were read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Thomas Haley, a soldier of the Revolution, praying a pension. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Richard S. Chappell, praying compensation for certain supplies furnished the army of the United States. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, presented the petition of James Shackelford, and others, praying the pre-emption to a quarter section of land, for public uses, in the county of Perry, in the state of Alabama; and, also, the petition of Jacob Lindsay, and others, citizens of Marengo county, in the state of Alabama, praying the right of pre-emption to a quarter section of land, for the purpose of erecting thereon a court house and prison. The petitions were read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Lanman, from the committee, reported the bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donelson, Thomas Carr, and others, correctly engrossed.

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 extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the select committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of modifying the act of Congress, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned," in such manner, that the

road named in the said act shall be laid out through Columbus, Indianapolis, and Vandalia, the seats of government of the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois; and to inquire, also, into the expediency of making a further appropriation for the purpose of completing the location of said road.

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Alexander and Sylvester Humphrey. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Richard O'Brien, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 20th instant, for information relative to the expediency or in expediency of erecting, on the western waters, a national armory, and agreed thereto.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide for clothing the militia when called into the service of the United States," was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the disbursement of public money," was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

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

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of an act passed by the state of Maryland, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and now in force in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, entitled 'An act for an addition to Georgetown, in Montgomery county,'" was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, and others, was read the second time.

The bill appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling, 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 allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp; 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 for the relief of John Byers; and,

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Chandler submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the proper accounting officer be directed to settle the accounts of John Byers, for rations furnished to the troops of the United States, in Connecticut and Rhode Island, from the first day of June, 1814, to the thirty-first day of May, 1815, inclusive, according to such contract or agreement as did exist between the then Secretary of War and said John Byers, prior to furnishing such rations.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1822.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Joshua Russell, of Tyler county, Virginia, praying to be confirmed in his title to a half section of land, in Ohio. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented the memorial of William Patterson, and others, merchants of the city of Baltimore, praying indemnification for certain vessels sunk in the harbor of that place during the late war with Great Britain. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Mills presented the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others, of the state of Massachusetts, praying indemnity for a quantity of land, their claim to which they released to the United States on the conditions contained in the act "providing for the indemnification of certain claimants," and the acts supplementary thereto, being deprived of the benefits thereof in consequence of the misconstruction of the commissioners respecting their claims. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Amos Nichols. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

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

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate such information as he may possess, of the commercial relations which now exist between the United States and the present government of St. Domingo; what is the political condition of the island; whether any European nation pretends to claim the government of the island; and whether any further commercial relations with the existing government would be consistent with the interest and safety of the United States.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, gave notice that, at the next sitting of the Senate, he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of John Buhler.

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to which was referred the bill for the benefit of George Shannon, reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of an act passed by the state of Maryland, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and now in force in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, entitled "An act for an addition to Georgetown, in Montgomery county," reported the same, without amendment.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Parrott,
Boardman,	Lanman,	Ruggles,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>
Eaton,	Lowrie,	Talbot,
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Mills,	Van Buren.
Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Morril,	
Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Noble,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Findlay,	Mr. Stokes,
Benton,	Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Taylor,
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Ware,
Brown, of <i>Ohio,</i>	Macon,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Chandler,	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Dickerson,	Southard,	

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

The President also 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.

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

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

On motion, by Mr. D'Wolf,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp; and,

On motion,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1822.

Mr. Lanman presented the petition of Samuel Peters, stating that he has become the purchaser of the claim of the late Captain Caver, to a large body of land at the Falls of St. Anthony, and praying that his title may be confirmed. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

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

Mr. Barbour presented the petition of Samuel N. Smallwood, and others, citizens of the District of Columbia, praying an amendment to the laws of the District, so far as to give effect to the judgments rendered therein, in any state or territory. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

Mr. Barbour also presented the memorial of the President and Directors of the Fire Insurance Company of Alexandria, praying that the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria may not be extended, or renewed, except on the conditions therein stated. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Seymour presented the petition of Samuel Buel, of Burlington, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts, as collector of the customs for the District of Vermont. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

Ordered, That fifteen hundred copies of the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the state of the finances, communicated on the 24th instant, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Rodney submitted the following resolution for consideration, which was read:

Resolved, That there be added to the rules for conducting business in the Senate, the following rule:

"No private bill shall originate in the Senate, after the close of the present session, but on the presentation of a petition for that purpose, from the person or persons interested therein, without the unanimous consent of the members present."

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Daniel Seward. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to enable the proprietors of lands held by titles derived from the United States, to obtain copies of papers from the proper department, and to declare the effect of such copies," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Southard, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Sayles," also reported it, without amendment.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the relief of John Buhler; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill for the relief of John Byers, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 24th instant, requesting information relative to the present government of St. Domingo, and agreed thereto.

The bill for the relief of Amos Nichols, 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 allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp; and,

After debate,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to make perpetual an act, passed the third day of March, eighteen hundred and seventeen, entitled 'An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed third day of March, eighteen hundred and fifteen, and for other purposes,'" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act concerning the apportionment of Representatives in the state of Alabama;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said two bills were read; and,

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the apportionment of Representatives in the state of Alabama," was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1822.

The Honorable Edward Lloyd, from the state of Maryland, attended this day.

The Honorable John Taylor, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Virginia, in place of the Honorable James Pleasants, resigned, 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. Rodney presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, praying the aid of the general government. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Talbot submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing a subscription, on behalf of the government of the United States, of a certain portion of the stock of the Ohio, as well as of the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Companies, or of any other company which has been incorporated within the United States for the improvement of internal commerce and navigation.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which the subject was referred, made a report, accompanied with a bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest. The report and bill were read; and,

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the petition of James Morrison, of Kentucky, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson,

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

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred, on the 19th instant, the petition of James Lloyd, of Virginia, praying compensation for certain services rendered, and expenses incurred, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred, on the 27th instant, the petition of Samuel N. Smallwood, and others, citizens of the District of Columbia, praying certain amendments to the laws of the District, reported

That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Mr. Southard, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, reported the same, without amendment; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

It was taken up, as in committee of the whole; and,

On his motion,

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

The resolution for a new rule for conducting business in the Senate, as it respects private bills, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Rodney,

Ordered. That it lie on the table.

Mr. Southard submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force the act, entitled "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court," passed the third day of March, eighteen hundred and seventeen.

The bill, entitled "An act to make perpetual an act, passed the third day of March, eighteen hundred and seventeen, entitled 'An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed third day of March, eighteen hundred and fifteen, and for other purposes," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donelson, Thomas Carr, and others; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, and others; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

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

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Alexander Humphrey and Sylvester Humphrey; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. D'Wolf,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

Mr. Chandler having proposed an amendment to the bill,

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1822.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 30th instant, for instructing the Committee on Roads and Canals to inquire into the expediency of authorizing a subscription, on behalf of the government of the United States, of a certain portion of the stock of the different companies which have been incorporated within the United States, for the improvement of internal commerce and navigation, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of yesterday, for instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force the act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Samuel N. Smallwood, and others, citizens of the District of Columbia; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The bill for the relief of Daniel Seward, was read the second time.

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, together with sundry documents in relation thereto, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest, was read the second time.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Ann Dubord, wife of Joseph Antonio De Reano, of the city of New Orleans, praying permission to remove her slaves from Cuba. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of Alexander A. White, made a report, accompanied with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted. The report and resolution were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

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

Mr. Van Dyke, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Joshua Russell, of Tyler county, Virginia, made a report, accompanied with a bill for the relief of Joshua Russell. The report and bill were read.

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Joseph Forrest, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill for the relief of Alexander Humphrey and Sylvester Humphrey, 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 Alexander Humphrey and Sylvester Humphrey"

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

The bill for the relief of the Representatives of John Donelson, Thomas Carr, and others, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the engrossed bill for the relief of John Byers, which had been previously read a third time; and,

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

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

Mr. Dickerson presented the memorial of William Gamble, praying compensation for services, as inspector of the customs. The memorial was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

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

Mr. Lanman presented the petition of Elijah Boardman, captain in the second regiment of United States' infantry, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, 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 appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling; and,

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Robert Purdy; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1823.

Mr. Barbour moved, that the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was referred, on the 17th ultimo, the petition of Joseph Emerson, in behalf of himself and others, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Boardman presented the memorial of Henry P. Willcox, administrator of Joseph Willcox, praying compensation for carrying George A. Hughes, the bearer of despatches, from Havre de Grace to the United States. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Boardman,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was referred the memorial of Benjamin I. Shain, master of the schooner Ajax, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Secretary of State, to consider and report thereon.

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

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with the three resolutions of the Senate, of the 5th April, 1822, requesting the President of the United States to communicate, in detail, the expenses of building each vessel of war authorized by the act of the 2d of January, 1813, and its supplements; and, also, the names, number, grade, &c. of the officers and men employed at each navy yard and naval station, during the two years immediately preceding the first of January, 1822, I herewith transmit a report from the Secretary of the Navy, with the accompanying documents, which contain the desired information.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 3d, 1823.

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

On motion,

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

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

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the twentieth ultimo, approved and signed "An act authorizing an additional naval force for the suppression of piracy."

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory;' a bill, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy; and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act to continue the present mode of supplying the army of the United States;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

It was agreed that, when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next. The bill for the relief of Robert Purdy, 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 Robert Purdy."

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

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

Resolved, That the petition of Joseph Emerson, and others, praying for indemnity for property illegally captured by the cruisers of the French Republic, in the year 1797, be recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with directions to inquire and report whether the claim of the petitioners was released to the French government by the United States, by the Convention between the two Republics, made and concluded on the 30th September, 1800, and finally ratified, on the part of France, on the 31st July, 1801; and, if released and barred, to report a bill for the relief of the petitioners: *Provided*, They shall produce satisfactory evidence of the illegal capture of their property by the French, as stated in their petition.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Joseph Janney; and,

After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1823.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, presented the petition of Jacob Butler, of the state of Tennessee, praying compensation for two horses lost in the service of the United States, during the late war. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams,

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

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 act of Congress of the last session, entitled "An act for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida," so as to grant the right of appeal and writs of error from the decisions of the courts established by said act, to the Supreme Court of the United States, in all cases above ——— dollars.

Mr. Dickerson submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law a subscription, on the part of the United States, to the stock of the Company making a Canal from the Delaware river to the Rariton, in the state of New Jersey.

Mr. Macon presented the memorial of Robert Abbott, praying the passage of a law authorizing the equitable settlement of the accounts of Captain Johnston Blakeley, who, with the crew of the Wasp, were lost in the year 1814. The memorial was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

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

Mr. Barton 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 authorizing an interchange of the laws of the several states, by mail, free of postage.

Mr. Lowrie, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning the disbursement of public money," reported the same, with amendments, which were read.

Mr. Lowrie presented the memorial of the Pennsylvania Society for the Encouragement of Domestic Manufactures, praying the revision of the existing tariff. The memorial was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

Mr. Lowrie also presented the petition of Samuel Walker, of Joseph L. Dutton, and, also, of John Martin, and others, praying remuneration for the occupation and use of their property by the United States, during the late war. The petitions were severally read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That they be respectively referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Rodney submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing a bounty to the officers and crews of the public armed vessels of the United States, and to the owners, officers, and crews of the private armed vessels of the United States, on the prisoners captured, and guns taken, by them, in any piratical vessel.

The President communicated a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a statement, showing the names and salaries of the Clerks employed in his office during the year 1822; and the letter and statement were read.

The President also 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.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Joseph Janney; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Lands, on the petition of Alexander A. White; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the third instant, for instructing the Committee on Foreign Relations respecting the petition and claim of Joseph Emerson, and others; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The three bills last brought up from the House of Representatives, for concurrence, were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill for the relief of Joshua Russell, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp, together with the amendment proposed thereto; and,

On motion,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in com-

mittee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling; and, the same having been amended by filling the blanks, 1st, with "25,000," and the 2d with "three;" and the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the benefit of George Shannon; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Amos Nicholls; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of an act, passed by the state of Maryland, in the year 1784, and now in force in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, entitled 'An act for an addition to Georgetown, in Montgomery county;'" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Sayles."

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That said William Sayles have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to enable the proprietors of lands

held by titles derived from the United States, to obtain copies of papers from the proper department, and to declare the effect of such copies;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the apportionment of Representatives in the state of Alabama;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Daniel Seward; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday next; and that such documents, in relation thereto, as the Committee of Claims may deem expedient, be printed for the use of the Senate.

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims, in the territory of Michigan;" 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.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making a donation of lands lying upon the waters of Pearl river, to be appropriated, under the direction of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, to aid in opening and improving the navigation of said river, from the seat of government of the state to the Gulf of Mexico.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Navy, exhibiting a statement of expenditures, in virtue of the appro-

priation law for the year 1822; and of unexpended balances of former appropriations for the naval establishment, remaining in the Treasury on the 1st of October, 1821. The report was read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1823.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of providing for the final settlement of the militia claims of the state of Georgia, for services rendered under orders of the President of the United States, during the years 1792, 3, and 4, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to report a bill, appropriating \$129,375 66, in full discharge of the militia claims of Georgia.

The report and resolution were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams,

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

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred, on the 19th ultimo, the petition of George Ulmer, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Lanman presented the petition of Ezekiel P. Beldon, praying relief, in consideration of services rendered his country during the Revolutionary war. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of David G. Cowan.

Mr. Boardman presented the petition of Daniel Boardman, of New York, praying that his patents, granted under the British government, and registered at St. Helena, may be recorded in like

manner as those in the district of St. Helena have been; and, also, that he may be permitted to cause a re-survey of his lands registered in his name, at St. Helena. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Boardman,

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

Mr. Seymour presented the petition of John S. Larrabee, and others, who were bail and sureties for Walter Sheldon, as district paymaster in the army of the United States, praying relief. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Seymour,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Joseph Janney; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The bill for the relief of Daniel Seward, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Daniel Seward."

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

The bill for the relief of Amos Nichols, 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 Amos Nichols."

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

The bill appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 26
 { Nays, 9.

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i>	Mr. Stokes,
Benton,	Johnson, <i>of Ken.</i>	Talbot,
Boardman,	Johnson, <i>of Lou.</i>	Taylor, <i>of Ind.</i>
Brown, <i>of Louis.</i>	Knight,	Thomas,
Brown, <i>of Ohio,</i>	Lanman,	Van Buren,
D'Wolf,	Parrott,	Van Dyke,
Dickerson,	Ruggles,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Edwards,	Seymour,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>
Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i>	Smith, <i>of Md.</i>	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>	Mr. Mills,
Findlay,	Lowrie,	Smith, <i>of S. C.</i>
Gaillard,	Macon,	Taylor, <i>of Vir.</i>

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling."

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1823.

The Honorable John Elliott, from the state of Georgia, attended this day.

Mr. Noble presented the memorial of Winthrop Robinson, now of Indiana, praying relief, in consideration of services rendered during the Revolutionary war. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was recommitted the bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donelson, Thomas Carr, and others, reported the same, with an amendment, which was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 6th instant, for instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of modifying the act for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida, so as to grant the right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 6th instant, for instructing the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to inquire into the expediency of authorizing an interchange of the laws of the several states, by mail, free of postage, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 6th instant, for instructing the Committee on Roads and Canals in relation to stock of the Company for making a Canal from Delaware river to the Rariton, and agreed thereto.

The Senate also resumed the consideration of the motion of the 6th instant, for instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire into the expediency of allowing a bounty on prisoners and guns taken in any piratical vessel, and agreed thereto.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the resolution of the Legislature of the state of Louisiana, instructing their Senators and Representatives in Congress, in relation to the lands reserved for schools in that state. The resolution was read; and,

On his motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory,'" was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and to punish the crime of piracy; and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy,'" was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to continue the present mode of supplying the army of the United States," was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims, in the territory of Michigan," 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 enable the proprietors of lands held by titles derived from the United States, to obtain copies of papers from the proper department, and to declare the effect of such copies," was read a third time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of an act passed by the state of Maryland, in the year 1784, and now in force in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, entitled 'An act for an addition to Georgetown, in Montgomery county,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The bill concerning the apportionment of Representatives in the state of Alabama, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house, or beacon, on Cape Romain, in the state of South Carolina, for the protection and security of the navigation in that vicinity.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, presented the petition of John L. Wilson, and others, inhabitants of the state of South Carolina, praying a division of the state into two judicial districts. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Barton gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill to remit to the state of Missouri the postage on certain law books.

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 Indianapolis, in the state of Indiana, to Anderson's town, via William Conner's, once in two weeks.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of State, with a statement containing the particulars in relation to the passengers which have arrived in the United States, from the 1st of October, 1821, to the 30th of September, 1822, inclusive, made in pursuance of the 5th section of the act, entitled "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels;" and the letter and statement were read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp; and, the same having been amended, and,

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

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, 16
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. Boardman,	Mr. Lloyd, of Mass.	Mr. Seymour,
Chandler,	Mills,	Smith, of Md.
D'Wolf,	Morril,	Van Buren.
Holmes, of Maine,	Palmer,	Van Dyke.
Knight,	Parrott,	
Lauman,	Ruggles,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Johnson, of Ken.	Mr. Stokes,
Benton,	Johnson, of Louis.	Talbot,
Brown, of Ohio,	King, of Ala.	Taylor, of Ind.
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Taylor, of Vir.
Edwards,	Macon,	Thomas,
Findlay,	Rodney,	Ware,
Gaillard,	Smith, of S. C.	Williams, of Miss.
Holmes, of Miss.	Southard,	Williams, of Ten.

So the bill was rejected.

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of an additional judge for the Michigan territory, and for other purposes;" and, also,

a bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1823.

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 1823; and the letter was read.

The President also communicated another 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 Commissioners of the Navy, for the year 1822, and the amount of compensation paid to each; and the letter and statements were read.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to continue the present mode of supplying the army of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Henry Johnson, of Ohio, praying the donation of a small portion of public land, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Lowrie presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia, praying the erection of certain permanent and floating lights. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That George Jackson, of Ohio, have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, presented at the first session of the Sixteenth Congress.

Mr. Knight reported, from the Committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of

an act passed by the state of Maryland, in the year 1784, and now in force in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, entitled "An act for an addition to Georgetown, in Montgomery county;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act concerning the apportionment of Representatives in the state of Alabama."

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Barton asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to remit to the state of Missouri the postage on certain law books. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the relief of David G. Cowan. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson also presented the petition of David G. Cowan, praying a law may pass, allowing the equitable settlement of his accounts, for reasons therein stated; and the petition was read.

Mr. Taylor, of Virginia, gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Lowrie 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 the sale of the tracts of the public land on which are lead mines or salt springs, which have heretofore been reserved from sale, or may hereafter be surveyed by the United States.

Mr. Eaton presented the memorial of Edward Doyle, praying indemnification for the destruction of his property during the Seminole war. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Benton presented the petition of James M'Clung, praying the payment of an outstanding certificate, issued to his father for a horse impressed in the public service. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of Congress, entitled

“An act granting a tract of land to William Conner and wife, and to their children,” approved 7th May, 1822, so as to vest the fee simple to the tract of land therein named, in the said William Conner.

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Ezekiel P. Beldon, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on the militia claims of the state of Georgia, for services rendered under orders of the President of the United States, during the years 1792, 3, and 4; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 8th instant, for instructing the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house or beacon on Cape Romain, and agreed thereto.

The Senate also resumed the consideration of the motion of the 8th instant, for instructing the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to inquire into the expediency of establishing a certain post route in the state of Indiana, and agreed thereto.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Harrison, agent for the heirs of Captain Jonathan Carver, praying for the recognition of an Indian deed for a tract of land near St. Anthony's Falls, on the Mississippi, presented at the first session of the Ninth Congress, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

The two bills last brought up from the House of Representatives, for concurrence, were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The bill, entitled “An act to provide for the appointment of an additional judge for the Michigan territory, and for other purposes,” was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the support of government for the year 1823," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donelson, Thomas Carr, and others, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; and, the same having been agreed to, it was reported to the House; 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.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt; and,

Mr. Van Buren having proposed amendments thereto, and

After debate,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the disbursement of public money," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Finance; and, the same having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House; and, the amendments being concurred in,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next, and that the bill and amendments 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 Joseph Forrest; and,

On motion,

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 Joshua Russell; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1823.

The bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donelson, Thomas Carr, and others, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of John Donelson, Thomas Carr, and others."

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

The bill for the relief of Joshua Russell, 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 Joshua Russell."

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

Mr. Lowrie, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the support of government for the year 1823," reported the same, without amendment; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

It was taken up and considered, as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading; and,

On his motion,

It was read a third time, by unanimous consent; and,

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the ninth instant, in relation to the public lands on which are lead mines or salt springs, and agreed thereto.

The Senate also resumed the consideration of the motion of the ninth instant, in relation to William Conner, and agreed thereto.

The bill to remit to the state of Missouri the postage on certain law books, was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill for the relief of David G. Cowan, was read the second time; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred, together with said Cowan's petition, to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments proposed thereto; and,

Mr. Johnson having proposed further amendments,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next, and that the amendments be printed for the use of the Senate.

Agreeable to notice given, Mr. Taylor, of Virginia, asked and obtained leave to introduce a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of the President and Vice President of the United States. The resolution was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of James Shackelford, and others, and, also, the petition of Jacob Lindsay, and others, reported a bill granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Rodney submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing light vessels at or near the shoals called the Brandywine, and Middle Grounds, in the Bay of Delaware, or at such other place or places as may render the navigation thereof more safe and convenient; and, also, to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house at Fort Delaware.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to continue the present mode of

supplying the army of the United States; and, no amendment having been proposed thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

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

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

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act to confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said two bills were read; and,

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act to confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1823.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, to whom was referred the petition of George Ulmer. The report was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, together with the petition of said Ulmer, to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting forty-eight copies of the last Army Register of the United States, for each member of the Senate, conformably to a resolution of the 13th of December, 1815; and the letter was read.

The President also communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting reports made under an act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana. The reports were read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Archibald F. Macneill, of North Carolina, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the petition of John Low, a soldier of the Revolution, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Barbour presented the petition of Walker K. Armistead, praying the passage of a law authorizing the equitable settlement of his accounts. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Dickerson presented the petition of Samuel Howell, of New Jersey, praying compensation for services rendered his country during the Revolutionary war. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

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

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the support of government for the year 1823."

Mr. Gaillard presented the petition of Sarah Perry, of Rhode Island, praying a pension for five years. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Gaillard also presented the memorial of Lewis A. Petray and Just Viel, merchants, of Charleston, South Carolina, praying that certain articles shipped from St. Augustine, when an American port, to Charleston, may be exempted from the payment of duties. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 3d instant, for instructing the Committee on Foreign Relations respecting the petition and claim of Joseph Emerson, and others; and,

On the question to agree to the first branch of the resolution, as follows:

"That the petition of Joseph Emerson, and others, praying for indemnity for property illegally captured by the cruisers of the French Republic, in the year 1797, be directed to inquire and report whether the claim of the petitioners was released to the French government by the United States, by the convention between the two Republics, made and concluded on the 30th September, 1800, and finally ratified, on the part of France, on the 31st of July, 1801:"

It was determined in the negative, $\begin{cases} \text{Yeas, 4} \\ \text{Nays, 41} \end{cases}$

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Holmes, of *Maine*,
Parrott,

Mr. Rodney,
Smith, of *Md.*

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Mr. Seymour,
Barton,	Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>
Benton,	Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Southard,
Boardman,	King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Stokes,
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Talbot,
Brown, of <i>Ohio</i> ,	Knight,	Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>
Chandler,	Lanman,	Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Thomas,
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Van Buren,
Eaton,	Macon,	Van Dyke,
Edwards,	Mills,	Ware,
Elliott,	Morril,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Findlay,	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Gaillard,	Ruggles,	

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the said petition.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, 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. 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.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

Resolved, That none of the documents accompanying the President's message of the 10th December last, be printed for the use of the Senate, excepting the letter from the Society of the United Brethren to the Secretary of War, and the statements marked A and B.

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

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, requesting the President of the United States "to cause to be laid before the Senate the

number of arms required, annually, to supply the militia of the West, according to acts of Congress; the probable number necessary to be placed in military depositories located, or to be located, on the Western waters; the cost of transportation of arms to the Western states and depositories; the probable cost of manufacturing arms in the West; the probable cost of erecting, at this time, on the Western waters, such an armory as that at Harper's Ferry, or at Springfield; and such other information as he may deem important to establish the expediency of erecting, on the Western waters, a national armory;" I herewith transmit a report from the Secretary of War, containing the desired information.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 10th January, 1823.

The message was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of William Thornton, praying a renewal of his patent for certain improvements, particularly in a boiler, reported the following resolution:

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States; the bill to release Amos Muzzy and John White from imprisonment; and, also, the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and to punish the crime of piracy,' and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy," reported the same, respectively, without amendment.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1823.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed.

Mr. Barbour presented the petition of Lemuel Bent, praying to

be exonerated from a judgment obtained against him by the United States. The petition was read; and,

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 Phebe Willcox, stating that her son, Lieutenant Willcox, on whom she principally depended for her support, was killed during the late war, whilst engaged in the service of his country, and praying that some provision may be made for her relief; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

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

Mr. Findlay presented the memorial of Henry Huber, and others, of the city and county of Philadelphia, manufacturers of bridle bits, stirrup irons, and coach and harness furniture, praying the protection of the government. The memorial was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Findlay,

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

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.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

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

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 act of Congress of the last session, entitled "An act for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida," so as better to secure the rights of the citizens of the said territory.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Walker, the petition of Joseph L. Dutton, and, also, the petition of John Martin, and others, reported a bill for the relief of Samuel Walker, and others. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 10th instant, for instructing the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures to inquire into the expediency of fixing certain light-vessels, and of erecting a light-house at Fort Delaware, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of William Thornton; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Archibald F. Macneill; and,

Mr. Macon having moved to recommit the report to the same committee, with certain instructions:

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred a resolution of the Senate, of the 10th instant, instructing said committee to inquire into the expediency of amending the act granting a tract of land to William Conner and wife, and to their children, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is not expedient to amend the said act of Congress, in the manner contemplated in the before-mentioned resolution of the Senate, of 10th January, 1823.

The report and resolution were read.

The resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of the President and Vice President of the United States, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Resolved, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon; and,

On his motion,

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

The bill granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to enable the proprietors of lands, held by titles derived from the United States, to obtain copies of papers from the proper department, and to declare the effect of such copies," it having been previously read a third time; and,

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The bill, entitled "An act to continue the present mode of supplying the army of the United States," was read a third time; and,

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 to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments proposed thereto; and,

After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1828.

The President 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 1822; and the letter and statement were read.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented the petition of Edward Evat, of Baltimore, praying compensation for a house consumed by fire, in the year 1815, while occupied by a detachment of United States' troops. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Smith also laid before the Senate, resolutions of the Legislature of Maryland, in relation to the policy pursued by the General Government, and approving the acts for the gradual augmentation of the navy. The resolutions were read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. King, of New York, presented the petition of Eleanor Lawrence, of New York, praying indemnity for injury sustained in consequence of the occupation of her farm by the troops of the United States, and the erection thereon of military works, in the late war with Great Britain. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Lowrie, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to make perpetual an act passed the 3d day of March, 1817, entitled 'An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed 3d day of March, 1815, and for other purposes," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Lowrie, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory,'" reported the same, with an amendment; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

Ordered, That the act, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the third day of March, 1815, and for other purposes, approved March 3d, 1817," be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Henry P. Willcox, administrator on the estate of Joseph Willcox, deceased, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Willcox; and the report and bill were read.

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and papers of Alexander M'Cormick, heretofore presented.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Samuel Odlin, of Lubec, in the state of Maine, stating that he had made a contract with Lewis F. Delesdernier, late Collector of the Port of Passamaquoddy, for a certain parcel of land, which he had paid for and improved, without receiving a title therefor; which said land has been attached by, and since set off to, the United States, as Delesdernier's property. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred a resolution of the Senate, of the 10th instant, instructing said committee to inquire into the expediency of amending the act granting a tract of land to Wil-

liam Conner and wife, and to their children; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That it is not expedient to amend the said act of Congress in the manner contemplated in the before-mentioned resolution of the Senate, of the 10th of January, 1823.

On motion,

Agreeably to order, the Senate proceeded to appoint the Select Committee to consider and report on the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of President and Vice President of the United States; and,

Ordered, That Mr. Taylor of Virginia, Mr. King of New York, Mr. Macon, Mr. Dickerson, and Mr. Smith of South Carolina, be the committee.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 14th instant, for instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of modifying the act for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida, so as better to secure the rights of the citizens of said territory, and agreed thereto.

The bill to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports, was read the second time.

The bill for the relief of Samuel Walker and others, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, as the unfinished business of yesterday, the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments proposed thereto; and,

After debate,

Sundry other amendments having been proposed, by Mr. Taylor, of Virginia, and Mr. Talbot, respectively,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow; and that the amendments offered to-day be printed for the use of the Senate.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1823.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions, to which were referred the petition of Winthrop Robinson; the petition of John Low; the

petition of John Welsh; the petition of Ezekiel P. Beldon; the petition of Frederic Pearl; the petition of George Byers; and the petition of Thomas Haly; be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriations for erecting fortifications on St. Mary's river, within the mouth of Potomac, and on a point within the mouth of Patuxent.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to continue the present mode of supplying the army of the United States;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act to enable the proprietors of lands held by titles derived from the United States, to obtain copies of papers from the proper department, and to declare the effect of such copies."

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of providing for the final settlement of the militia claims of the state of Georgia, for services rendered, under orders of the President of the United States, during the years 1792, 3, and 4; and,

On motion,

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

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

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

The President of the United States, on the 15th instant, approved and signed "An act making a partial appropriation for the support of government for the year 1823;" "An act to repeal part of an act passed by the state of Maryland, in the year 1784, and now in force in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, entitled 'An act for an addition to Georgetown, in Montgomery county;'" and, also, "An act concerning the apportionment of Representatives in the state of Alabama."

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the prompt settlement of

public accounts,' and for the punishment of the crime of perjury;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments proposed thereto; Mr. Smith, of Maryland, in the chair; and,

After debate,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1823.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill to enable the holders of French, British, and Spanish titles to land within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognized as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes," reported the same, with amendments, which were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of James Morrison, of Kentucky, with the accompanying documents, 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. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That they be re-committed to the same committee, with instructions to select such documents as they may deem expedient to be printed.

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 payment of the

claim of David Cooper, of the Michigan territory, for property converted to public uses, by the officers of the army, during the late war.

Mr. Findlay presented the petition of Joseph S. Macpherson, a master commandant in the navy of the United States, praying the passage of a law authorizing the equitable settlement of his accounts, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Findlay,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of the legal representative of James M'Clung, deceased. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida," approved the 8th of May, 1822. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, 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 repairing the mail road from New Orleans to Nashville, and of establishing ferries at the water courses on the route, or of making bridges over them, so as to facilitate the conveyance of the mails to and from New Orleans; and, also, to inquire into the expediency of repairing the national road commencing at Madisonville, in the state of Louisiana, and terminating at Florence, on the Tennessee river; and into the propriety of providing for the conveyance of the mails, on the said route, in covered carriages.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 16th instant, for instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of erecting fortifications on St. Mary's river, and agreed thereto.

The bill brought up yesterday from the House of Representatives, for concurrence, was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

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

The bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Willcox, was read the second time.

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

To the Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate:

The Convention concluded and signed at St. Petersburg, on the 12th day of July last, under the mediation of his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, having been ratified by the three powers, parties thereto, and the ratifications of the same having been duly exchanged, copies of it are now communicated to Congress, to the end that the measures for carrying it, on the part of the United States, into execution, may obtain the co-operation of the Legislature, necessary to the accomplishment of some of its provisions. A translation is subjoined of three explanatory documents, in the French language, referred to in the fourth article of the Convention, and annexed to it. The agreement executed at the exchange of the ratifications, is likewise communicated.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 16th January, 1823.

The message was read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments proposed thereto; Mr. Smith, of Maryland, in the chair; and,

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1823.

Mr. Lowrie presented the memorial of Lewis Dal Schweintz, agent for the Society of the United Brethren, praying to be divested of a certain trust estate, for the benefit of Christian Indians, on being compensated for the improvements made thereon. The memorial was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

On his motion,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, of the 10th of December last, in relation to that subject, be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Gaillard presented the memorial of Thomas Napier, and others, merchants, of Charleston, praying that certain duties paid on the importation of goods from St. Augustine, since its cession to the United States, may be refunded. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Southard presented the memorial and petition of Elijah Vansyckel, of Philadelphia, praying that the duties secured on the importation of sugars, which sugars were consumed by fire, may be remitted; and,

On motion, by Mr. Southard,

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of an additional judge for the Michigan territory, and for other purposes," reported the same, without amendment.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of providing for the final settlement of the militia claims of the state of Georgia, for services rendered, under orders of the President of the United States, during the years 1792, 3, and 4; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

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

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the report of the Ordnance Department, which accompanied the message from the President of the United States, of the 13th instant, transmitting the information required by a resolution of the Senate, touching the expediency of erecting a National Armory on the Western Waters, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 17th instant, in relation to the claim of David Cooper, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 17th in-

stant, to instruct the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads in relation to certain routes in Louisiana, and agreed thereto.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements in conformity with the provisions of the act of the 10th of February, 1820, entitled "An act to provide for obtaining accurate statements of the foreign commerce of the United States," shewing the commerce and navigation of the United States for the year ending the 30th of September, 1822; and the letter and statements were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill for the relief of the legal representatives of James M'Clung, deceased, was read the second time.

The bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida," approved the 8th of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, was read the second time.

Mr. Barton, from the Committee of Claims, to which was re-committed, with instructions, the report of the said committee, on the petition of James Morrison, of Kentucky, with the accompanying documents, reported the same, with a list of documents to be printed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the disbursement of public money," as amended in committee of the whole; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee of Claims, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Samuel Hodgdon. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Buel, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Samuel Buel. The report and bill were read.

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading, and that the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments proposed thereto; Mr. Smith, of Maryland, in the chair;

Mr. Southard proposed a further amendment;

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and that the said amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1823.

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, in the last year; and the report was read.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, presented the petition of Seth Knowles, of Charlestown, in the state of Massachusetts, praying debentures on a quantity of rum exported. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

The President laid before the Senate the petition of Susan W. Eakin, widow of the late Lieutenant Samuel A. Eakin, of the United States' Navy, deceased, praying some provision by law for her support. The petition was read; and,

On motion,

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

The President also communicated a memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, praying a different organization of the United States' court for the said state. The memorial was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, presented the memorial of a number of the Banks of Charleston, South Carolina, and others, representing the expediency of certain alterations in the charter of the Bank of the United States. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

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

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

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

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill to enable the President of the United States to treat with the Chippewa Indians for the purchase of certain lands on the south side of Lake Superior, supposed to contain valuable mines of copper; and the bill was twice read, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Benton also laid before the Senate a communication from Governor Cass, detailing certain information in relation to the said subject, which was read.

Mr. Benton, from the same committee, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause the lead mine and salt spring lands belonging to the United States, to be exposed to public sale; and the bill was twice read, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Benton, from the same committee, also reported a bill to establish an additional land office in the state of Missouri; and the bill was twice read, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Stokes 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 for the conveyance of the mail, in stages, twice a week, the most direct way, from Fredericksburg, by Cartersville, Cumberland Court-house, Prince Edward Court-house, Charlotte Court-house, to Halifax Court-house, in Virginia; by Milton, Caswell Court-house, Greensborough, Salem, Salisbury, Concord, to Charlotte, in

North Carolina; by Mason's Ferry, York Court-house, Pinkneyville, Union Court-house, Laurens Court-house, to Abbeville Court-house, in South Carolina; by Petersburg, Washington, Powellton, Milledgeville, Fort Hawkins, Creek Agency, to the Coweta Towns, in Georgia; by Line Creek, Montgomery, Cahawba, to Demopolis, in Alabama; by Jackson, Port Gibson, to Natchez, in Mississippi.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the disbursement of public money, as amended in committee of the whole; and, the amendments having been concurred in, the bill was further amended; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments proposed thereto; Mr. Smith, of Maryland, in the chair; and,

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Resolved, That the bill, together with the amendments proposed thereto, be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of seven members, to consider and report thereon; and,

Ordered, That Mr. Van Dyke, Mr. Johnson of Kentucky, Mr. Van Buren, Mr. Southard, Mr. Mills, Mr. Taylor of Virginia, and Mr. Smith of South Carolina, be the committee.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the benefit of George Shannon; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, of the 17th instant, transmitting copies of the ratification of the Convention concluded at St. Petersburg, on the 12th of July, 1822, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

The Honorable William Kelly, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Alabama, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honorable John W. Walker, produced his creden-

tials, which were read, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States; and, the same having been amended,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to release Amos Muzzy and John White from imprisonment; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and to punish the crime of piracy,' and, also, to make further provision for the punishment of the crime of piracy;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to regulate the intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1823.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of John L. Wilson, and

others, reported a bill to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts. The bill was read; and;

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Smith, also, presented the petition of Elihu Hall Bay, and others, praying for a confirmation of certain land titles in the state of Louisiana. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Lowrie, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of Stephen T. Northam, and others, of Newport, Rhode Island, 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; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 21st instant, 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 motion of yesterday, for instructing the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads in relation to certain post routes, and agreed thereto.

The bill granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land; and, also, the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the disbursement of public money;" were respectively reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1823.

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

In compliance with a resolution of December 12th, 1822, requesting that the President would cause to be laid before the Senate, a statement, exhibiting the amount, in aggregate, of the goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States to France, and imported from thence, in each year, from and after the year 1814 to the year 1820, discriminating, in the reports, between the articles of

the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, and those of foreign countries; and, also, stating the national character of the vessels in which such exports and imports have been made; I transmit a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, which contains the information desired.

JAMES MONROE.

January 22d, 1823.

The message and accompanying report were read; and,

On motion,

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

The following written message was also received from the President of the United States:

In carrying fully into effect the intention of Congress in making an appropriation of five thousand dollars, by the act of the 14th April, 1820, for the survey of the Ohio and the Mississippi rivers, from the Rapids of the Ohio, at Louisville, to the Balize, for the purpose of facilitating and ascertaining the most practicable route of improving the navigation of these rivers, orders were given, through the proper department, to the Board of Engineers, to examine and survey the said rivers, with reference to those objects, and to report their opinion thereon; which they have done, and which report I now communicate for the information of Congress.

JAMES MONROE.

January 22d, 1823.

The message and accompanying report were read.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Daniel Merrill, praying compensation for his services during the Revolutionary war. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Barton submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to enable the President of the United States to extinguish the Indian title to the tract of country on the south side of the Missouri river, between the western boundary of the state of Missouri and the Osage line, which runs from Fort Clark to the Arkansas, or to so much thereof as the tribes claiming it may be disposed to sell.

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 Hamilton, Ohio, by Oxford, thence to Dunlapville, Connersville, and Rushville, in the state of Indiana.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, 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 authorizing the principal mail from Washington, eastward, to be conveyed in steam boats, where such conveyance is practicable, for the same rates of postage as are allowed for such conveyance, by land.

Mr. Brown, of Ohio, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown," reported the same, with an amendment, which was read.

The bill, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and to punish the crime of piracy,' and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the disbursement of public money," was read a third time, as amended; and,

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The engrossed bill granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land."

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 the consideration of the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of providing for the final settlement of the militia claims of

the state of Georgia for services rendered, under orders of the President of the United States. during the years 1792, 3, and 4; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, presented the memorial of John McAllister, of Alabama, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Archibald F. Macneill, of North Carolina; and,

Mr. Macon made the following motion:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Archibald F. Macneill, be re-committed to the same committee, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of granting him time to pay the sum due the United States:

Which motion was rejected; and, in concurrence with the report,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Finance, to which was referred the petition of Stephen T. Northam, and others, of Newport, Rhode Island; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Harrison, agent for the heirs of Captain Jonathan Carver, praying for the recognition and confirmation of an Indian deed for a large tract of land, near St. Anthony's Fall, on the Mississippi; and, also, the petition of the Rev. Samuel Peters, L. L. D., who claims said tract of land as assignee of the heirs of said Captain Carver, and prays that he may be permitted to take possession of the same; 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; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

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

The bill to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts, was read the second time.

Mr. Eaton gave notice, that to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill to regulate the collecting of debts in the District of Columbia.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the purchase of a number of the copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States; 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 Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel Walker, and others; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory,'" together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Finance; and, the amendment being agreed to,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to make perpetual an act passed the third day of March, 1817, entitled 'An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed third day of March, 1815, and for other purposes,'" and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to enable the holders of French, British, and Spanish

titles to land, within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognized as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Wilcox; and, the bill having been amended by filling the blank with "400," it was reported to the House accordingly; and, the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of James McClung, deceased; 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.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to amend "An act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida," approved the 8th of May, 1822; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to repeal so much of an act, passed the 18th April, 1806, as limits the price of certain lands in the state of Tennessee. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of an additional judge for the Michigan territory, and for other purposes;" and,

On motion,

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 Samuel Hodgdon; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

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

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to establish an additional Land Office in the state of Missouri; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to enable the President of the United States to treat with the Chippewa Indians for the purchase of certain lands on the south side of Lake Superior, supposed to contain valuable mines of copper; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause the lead mine and salt spring lands to be exposed to public sale; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1823.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Eaton asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to regulate the collecting of debts in the District of Columbia. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Barbour gave notice, that, at the next setting of the Senate, he should ask leave to introduce a bill providing suitable buildings for the accommodation of the Circuit Court of the United States for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and the preservation of its records.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts,' and for the punishment of the crime of perjury," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Eaton submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to inform the Senate, if any loans of money to any amount, and for what purpose the same have been made, from the Treasury to any individuals, or banking institution, since the first day of January, 1818, and whether such loans, so made, have yet been repaid, or in any manner adequately secured, so that the government will ultimately be satisfactorily reimbursed.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, 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 1822; and the report was read.

The President communicated the credentials of the Honorable William B. King, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Alabama, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie on file.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, containing reports made under an act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined

and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy; and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy.'"

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the petition of Samuel Q. Richardson, and others, praying compensation for property lost in the service of the United States. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Kelly submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of dividing the state of Alabama into two judicial districts; and, also, into the expediency of removing the District Court of the United States, from Cahawba, to Huntsville.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, reported the same, with an amendment, which was read.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, gave notice, that, at the next sitting of the Senate, he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the erection, in the burial ground at Washington, of a monument over the tomb of Elbridge Gerry, deceased, late Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to provide for Reports of the Decisions of the Supreme Court," passed the 3d day of March, 1817. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 23d instant, for instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of extinguishing the Indian title to a certain tract of country on the south side of the Missouri river, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 23d instant, for instructing the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to inquire into the expediency of establishing a certain post road, and agreed thereto.

The Senate, also, resumed the consideration of the motion of the 23d instant, for instructing the Committee on the Post Office and

Post Roads to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the mail to be conveyed in steam boats, and agreed thereto.

The bill to repeal so much of an act, passed the 18th April, 1806, as limits the price of certain lands in the state of Tennessee, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of an additional judge for the Michigan territory, and for other purposes;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, and others; Mr. Eaton in the chair; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the benefit of George Shannon; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

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

The following bills were, respectively, reported by the committee correctly engrossed, to wit: A bill to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States; a bill for the relief of Samuel Walker, and others; a bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Willcox; a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of James McClung, deceased; a bill for the relief of Samuel Hodgdon; and, a bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1823.

The bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, and others, was reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, called up the memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Louisiana, stating the pernicious consequences which had resulted to that state, from the act of Congress of 1819, providing that foreign coin should cease to be current in the United States, and praying that the said act be repealed; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Johnson, also, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing the public lands, and private claims, in the state of Louisiana, to be immediately surveyed; and, also, to inquire into the propriety of granting patents for all claims to lands in the said state, which have been confirmed by the government of the United States.

Mr. Findlay presented the memorial of the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States, praying certain amendments to their charter. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the erection, in the burial ground at Washington, of a monument over the tomb of Elbridge Gerry, deceased, late Vice President of the United States; and the bill was read twice, by unanimous consent.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Barbour asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill providing for the accommodation of the Circuit Court of the United States for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, and for the preservation of the records of said court; and the bill was read twice, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, laid before the Senate, resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland, requesting their Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best exertions to procure such an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as will give

Congress power to adopt and execute a system of internal improvement, to be confined to great national purposes, with proper limitations, which were read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor of the state of Maryland, transmitting a copy of the report of the Commissioners appointed by the states of Maryland and Virginia to examine the affairs of the Potomac Company, and survey the Potomac river, which were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals; and that they be printed for the use of the Senate.

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

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 22d instant, approved and signed "An act to continue the present mode of supplying the army of the United States;" and, on the 23d instant, "An act to enable the proprietors of land, held by titles derived from the United States, to obtain copies of papers from the proper department, and to declare the effect of such copies."

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. And he withdrew.

Mr. King, of New York, presented the petition of Augustus Porter, and others, inhabitants of New York, praying compensation for losses sustained during the late war with Great Britain. The petition was read; and,

On his 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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1823.

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

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit, herewith, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, containing one from Captain John Rodgers, President of the Naval

Board, accompanied by a description of the Inclined Plane, Dock, and Fixtures for hauling up Ships, and an estimate of the cost and materials and workmanship, necessary for the completion of a Dock and Wharves, proposed to be connected with the Inclined Plane constructed at the Navy Yard, Washington, and recommend the same to the attentive consideration of Congress.

It is confidently believed, that this invention combines advantages so highly useful as to justify the appropriation required.

JAMES MONROE.

The message and accompanying documents were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

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

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims in the territory of Michigan," reported the same, with an amendment, which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the memorial of Edward Doyle, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Taylor, of Virginia, from the Committee to which was referred the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of President and Vice President of the United States, reported a new draught, as a substitute therefor, which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

Mr. Dickerson presented the petition of Phebe Moore, administratrix of Stephen Moore, praying compensation for a vessel owned by him, taken possession of and used by the United States, and captured by the enemy, during the late war, in consequence thereof. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

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 President laid before the Senate the memorial of John R. Williams, and others, a committee of the freehold inhabitants of the county of Wayne, in the territory of Michigan, representing the inexpediency of any alteration in their present local government. The memorial was read; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act concerning the disbursement of public money."

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill for the relief of John Buhler, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Barton presented the petition of John Rush and Samuel Conway, praying compensation for Revolutionary services. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Barton, also, presented the petition of Nathaniel Cook, and others, inhabitants of Missouri, praying a post route. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois," reported the same without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of Henry Johnson, of Ohio, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to which the subjects were referred, reported a bill to authorize the building a light-house at Cape Romain, in South Carolina, and placing floating lights in Delaware Bay. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The engrossed bill to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States."

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

The engrossed bill for the relief of Samuel Walker, and others, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Samuel Walker, and others."

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

The engrossed bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Willcox, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Willcox."

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

The engrossed bill for the relief of the legal representatives of James McClung, deceased, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James McClung, deceased."

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

The engrossed bill for the relief of Samuel Hodgdon, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Samuel Hodgdon."

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

The engrossed bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker."

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

The engrossed bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, and others, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, and others."

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

The bill, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of an additional judge for the Michigan territory, and for other purposes," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1823.

The President communicated a letter from the Honorable Cæsar A. Rodney, notifying the resignation of his seat in the Senate; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the President be requested to notify the Executive of the state of Delaware of this resignation.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, containing statements of the payments made, according to law, during the year 1822, for miscellaneous claims, of such demands, of a civil nature, as are not otherwise provided for; of contracts made relative to oil, lighthouses, buoys, stakeages, &c.; of contracts and purchases made by the collectors of the revenue during the year 1821; and of expenditures on account of sick and disabled seamen, during the year 1821; and the report was read.

Mr. Barton presented the petition of Taylor Berry, praying that he may be allowed to surrender his title to a tract of land, in Missouri, derived from the United States, but contested at law, and that he may enter an equal quantity of land, which will be free from litigation. The petition was read; and,

On his 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 Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of providing for the final settlement of the militia claims of the state of Georgia, for services rendered, under orders of the President of the United States, during the years 1792, 3, and 4; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the Military Committee be instructed to report a bill, appropriating \$129,375 66, in full discharge of the militia claims of Georgia.

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the disbursement of public money."

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

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the better organization of the District Court of the United States within the state of Louisiana;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Harrison, agent for the heirs of Captain Jonathan Carver, praying for the recognition and confirmation of an Indian deed for a large tract of land near St. Anthony's Falls, on the Mississippi; and, also, the petition of the Rev. Samuel Peters, L. L. D. who claims said tract of land as assignee of the heirs of said Captain Carver, and prays that he may be permitted to take possession of the same; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 24th instant, requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to give information to the Senate in relation to certain loans; and, the same having been amended, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to inform the Senate, if any loans of money, to any amount, and for what purpose, have been made from the Treasury to any individuals, or banking institutions, since the 3d day of March, 1789, and whether such loans, so made, have yet been repaid, or in any manner adequately secured, so that the government will ultimately be satisfactorily reimbursed.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1823.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of State, informing the Senate that, in pursuance of the joint resolution, of 30th March, 1822, a Digest of Manufacturing Establishments in the United States, and of their Manufactures, collected in obedience to the act to provide for taking the fourth Census, has been made, and printed, under the direction of that Department, and that fifteen hundred copies of it, conformably with that resolution, are at the disposal of Congress. The letter was read; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of an additional judge for the Michigan territory, and for other purposes."

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. Johnson, of Louisiana, gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill to revive and continue in force the seventh section of an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana," approved on the 11th May, 1820, and for other purposes.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill making an appropriation for the gradual armament of the new fortresses of the United States.

The bill brought up, yesterday, from the House of Representatives, for concurrence, 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.

The bill to regulate the collecting of debts in the District of Columbia, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

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

The bill to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court," passed the third day of March, 1817," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of the President and Vice President of the United States; and,

Mr. Dickerson having proposed an amendment thereto,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed, and that the said amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill to authorize the building a light house at Cape Romain, in South Carolina, and placing floating lights in Delaware Bay, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of James Morrison, of Kentucky; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the erection of a monument over the tomb of Elbridge Gerry, late Vice President of the United States; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and, the same having been amended, by filling the blank with "one thousand,"

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the erection of a monument over the tomb of Elbridge Gerry, late Vice President of the United States."

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 27th instant, for instructing the Committee on Public Lands, in relation to lands in the state of Louisiana, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 24th instant, for instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into

the expediency of dividing the state of Alabama into two judicial districts; and, the same having been modified, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of dividing the state of Alabama into two judicial districts; and, also, into the expediency of providing by law for holding a District Court of the United States at Huntsville.

Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Robert Young and Richard Bland Lee, judges of the Orphans' Courts of Alexandria and Washington counties, in the District of Columbia, praying a revision of the existing laws in relation to the powers and duties of those Courts. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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 benefit of George Shannon; and,

On motion,

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

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

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to make perpetual an act passed the 3d day of March, 1817, entitled 'An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,'" passed 3d day of March, 1815, and for other purposes; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts, and for the punishment of the crime of perjury,'" and the same having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory; and

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the lower rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Roads and Canals; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to enable the holders of French, British, and Spanish titles to land within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognised as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes;" together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; and,

On motion,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1823.

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Morrison, of Kentucky;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The first of said bills was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

The other was also twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

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 which the subject was referred, reported a bill to establish a national armory on the western waters. The bill was read; and

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, in pursuance of the resolution of the Senate, reported a bill directing the payment of the Georgia militia claims, for services rendered during the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, three, and four. The bill was read; and

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, presented the petition of Edward Owings, praying payment of the arrears due to two soldiers, of whose claims he had become the purchaser, for a valuable consideration. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, laid before the Senate a document in support of the claim of Robert Shaw, who lost a horse in the service of the United States; which was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Van Dyke presented the memorial of Herkimer Sternberg and others, praying certain amendments to the patent laws. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, making an appropriation for the gradual armament of the new fortresses of the United States. The bill was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

Mr. Chandler submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, a statement of the number and size of cannon, mortars, and howitzers, necessary to the armament of the fortresses of the United States, which have been erected since the first day of June, 1815, as well as those which have been directed to be built, and not yet completed; with an estimate of the sum necessary to defray the expense of purchasing such armament; also, an estimate of the sum necessary for purchasing such a quantity of shot and shells, of every description, as may be thought necessary for the fortresses before mentioned, designating the necessary armament for each fortress.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1823.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report, by the Second Comptroller, shewing the amount expended, and the balance remaining unexpended, of the appropriations for the service of the year 1822, on the 31st of December last; and the letter and report were read.

The President, also, communicated a report of the President and Directors of the Washington Canal Company, made in obedience to the provisions of their charter, containing a statement of their receipts and expenditures for the year ending on the 31st day of December last; and the report was read.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented the petition of John Mitchell, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts as agent for the exchange of prisoners of war, at Halifax, in the years 1812 and 1813. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Lowrie, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of Elijah Vansyckell, of the city of Philadelphia, 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.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to revive and continue in force the seventh section of an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana," approved the 11th May, 1820, and for other purposes. The bill was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Southard gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the punishment of frauds committed on the Departments of the Government of the United States.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 31st ultimo, laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of admitting the silver coins of Mexico as a currency in the United States, at their true value.

The President laid before the Senate the credentials of the Honorable John Chandler, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Maine, for the term of six years, commencing with the fourth day of March next; which were read; and,

Ordered, That they lie on file.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of James Pelot, praying an additional compensation for his services as assistant assessor. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

The bill directing the payment of the Georgia militia claims for services during the years 1792, 3, and 4, was read the second time.

The bill to establish a national armory on the Western waters, was read a second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts,' and for the punishment of the crime of perjury;" and,

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, having proposed an amendment thereto,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the American seamen registered in the several ports of entry in the United States during the three first quarters of the year 1822, pursuant to "An act for the relief and protection of American seamen;" and the letter and list were read.

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

To the Senate of the United States:

Having lately received a memorial from the Legislative Council of the territory of Florida, on subjects very interesting to the inhabitants of the territory, and, also, to the United States, which require legislative provision, I transmit the same to Congress, and recommend it to their consideration.

JAMES MONROE.

February 3d, 1823.

The message and accompanying memorial were read; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of James Morrison, of Kentucky; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the benefit of George Shannon; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory,'" together with the amendment

reported thereto by the Committee on Finance; and, further amendments having been proposed thereto by Mr. Seymour,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table, and that the proposed amendments be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown;" and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to enable the holders of French, British, and Spanish titles to land within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognised as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to enable the President of the United States to treat with the Chippewa Indians for the purchase of certain lands on the south side of Lake Superior, supposed to contain valuable mines of copper; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill providing for the accommodation of the Circuit Court of the United States for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, and for the preservation of the records of said Court; and the same having been amended by filling the blank with "10,000," it was reported to the House; and, the same 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 the consideration of the motion of the 31st ultimo, for requesting the President of the United States to communicate to the Senate information in relation to the armament of certain fortresses of the United States, and agreed thereto.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1823.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Navy, showing the contracts made by the Commissioners of the Navy, during the year 1822; and the report was read.

Mr. Lanman, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly engrossed, the bill providing for the accommodation of the Circuit Court of the United States for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, and for the preservation of the records of said Court, and the bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act providing for the accommodation of the Circuit Court of the United States for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, and for the preservation of the records of said court."

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

Mr. Barton presented the petition of Prospect K. Robbins, late a lieutenant in a company of United States' rangers, praying the payment of his account for a private servant and horse retained by him while in service; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

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

Mr. Barton presented the petition of George Gatty, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land which he has inhabited and cultivated since the year 1809; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, presented the petition of Peter

Cherry, who served in the army of the United States, in the Revolutionary war, praying a pension, agreeably to the act of 18th of March, 1818; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

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

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Alfred Flournoy, praying the commutation of his monthly pension for an equivalent in land, for reasons stated in his petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the better organization of the District Court of the United States within the state of Louisiana," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill to regulate the collection of debts in the District of Columbia, reported it, without amendment.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill to revive and to continue in force the second section of an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana, approved the eleventh May, 1820, and for other purposes," reported the same, with an amendment; which was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion, submitted yesterday, in relation to the coins of Mexico, and agreed thereto.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance, on the petition of Elijah Van Syckle; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts, and for the punishment of the crime of perjury,'" together with the amendments proposed thereto; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, further to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Select Committee to which was referred the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, reported the same, with an amendment; which was read.

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

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, communicated an act of the British Parliament, entitled "An act to regulate the trade between his Majesty's possessions in America and the West Indies, and other places in America and the West Indies."

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel Buel; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Barbour gave notice that he should ask leave to bring in a resolution granting to the Washington Library a copy of the public documents, laws, and journals.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Southard asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the punishment of frauds committed on the Departments of the government of the United States; and the bill was read.

On motion,

It was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of President and Vice President of the United States, be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the benefit of George Shannon; and, having been amended, it was reported to the House.

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

It was determined in the *negative*.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts; and, having been amended, it was reported 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 bill to repeal so much of an act, passed the 18th April, 1816, as limits the price of certain lands in the state of Tennessee; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported 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 bill to establish an additional land office in the state of Missouri; and the blanks having been filled, it was reported 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. Lowrie,

Ordered, That the Society of United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen have leave to withdraw such of the documents accompanying the President's message, of the 10th December last, as may be designated by the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1823.

Mr. Brown, of Louisiana, presented the petition of John Nicholson, marshal of the United States for the District of Louisiana, stating that, in the year 1821, a number of Africans were captured by the United States' vessel of war the *Hornet*, and libelled in said District Court; that while they remained in his custody, as the officer of the court, it became necessary to supply them with food, clothing, and medical attendance, for which he has never been paid; and praying the reimbursement of his expenses. The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

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

Mr. Lanman reported, from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly engrossed, the bill for the relief of Samuel Buel; and

The bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Samuel Buel."

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

Mr. Lanman reported, from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly engrossed, the bill to establish an additional Land Office in the state of Missouri; and

The bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to establish an additional Land Office in the state of Missouri."

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

Mr. Lanman, from the committee, reported, that they had examined, and found duly engrossed, the bill to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts.

The bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts."

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

Mr. Lanman, also, reported from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly engrossed, the bill to repeal so much of an act, passed the eighteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and six, as limits the price of certain lands in the state of Tennessee; and

The bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to repeal so much of the act, passed the eighteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and six, as limits the price of certain lands in the state of Tennessee."

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

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Barbour asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution granting to the Washington Library a copy of the public documents, laws, and journals; and the resolution was read the first and second time, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Elliott, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which the

petition of James Lloyd was referred, on the 30th ultimo, made a report, together with the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Lowrie gave notice, that he should ask leave to bring in a resolution directing the printing of the Journals of Congress, from the fifth day of September, 1774, to the third day of November, 1786.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of John Fitzgerald, who served in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary war, praying a pension, agreeably to the act of March 3d, 1818; 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, from the Committee on Pensions, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary war," reported the same, without amendment.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday, the 13th instant.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary for the Department of War, on the petition of Eleanor Lawrence. The report was read; and,

On motion,

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

The bill supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims, in the state of Louisiana, was read the second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to make perpetual an act passed the third day of March, eighteen hundred and seventeen, entitled 'An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed third day of March, 1815, and for other purposes;" and,

On motion,

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

The President communicated a report of the Secretary for the De-

partment of State, on the memorial of Benjamin Shain; and the report was read.

On motion,
The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1823.

The President communicated a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, stating that the measures which have been authorized by the Board, subsequent to the last report, of the 7th of February, 1822, as far as the same have been completed, are fully detailed in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, to this Board, dated the sixth day of the present month, and in the statements therein referred to, which are herewith transmitted, and prayed to be received as a part of the report of said Commissioners. The report was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Joseph S. McPherson, master commandant in the United States' Navy, 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. King, of Alabama, presented the memorial of the Legislature of Alabama, praying that the military works for the defence of the Bay and Harbor of Mobile may be completed. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. King, also, presented the memorial of the said Legislature, praying a modification of the laws providing for the subdivision and sale of the public lands of the United States; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. King, also, presented the resolution of the Legislature of said state, instructing their Senators, and requesting their Representatives, to endeavor to procure the passage of a law imposing a tonnage duty on all vessels coming into the ports of Mobile and Blakeley. The resolution was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Kelly presented the memorial of the Legislature of the said state, praying the passage of a law requiring a treaty to be held with the Cherokee Indians, for the purchase of a portion of their territory lying within the limits of the state. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Thomas Eastman, late agent of a contractor for furnishing the army of the United States with provisions, praying reimbursement of his expenditures for storage. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Kelly presented the memorial of Alfred Moore and Sterling Orgain, praying the payment of an account against the United States; and,

On his motion,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of James Lloyd; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Eaton submitted the following resolution for consideration, which was read:

Resolved, That the 51st Rule for conducting business in the Senate, be amended, to read as follows:

“A Nominating Committee, to consist of five members, shall be chosen on the third day of each session, by ballot, and a majority of votes shall be necessary to a choice; the duty of which Committee shall be, as soon as may be, to appoint, and report to the Senate for confirmation, the several Committees authorized by the 30th Rule for conducting business in the Senate. But when any subject or matter shall have been referred to a Committee, any other subject or matter of similar nature may, on motion, be referred to such Committee.”

Mr. Brown, of Ohio, from the Committee on Roads and Canals,

reported a bill, supplemental to an act, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned;" and the bill was twice read, by unanimous consent.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Lowrie asked and obtained leave to introduce a resolution directing the printing of the Journal of Congress, from the fifth day of September, 1774, to the third day of November, 1786. The resolution was read twice, by unanimous consent; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Brown, of Ohio,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Roads and Canals; and,

On his motion,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1823.

Mr. Ruggles presented the memorial of a number of the citizens of Ohio, residing in Woodsfield, and its vicinity, praying that an exploring party, under the command of Captain John Cleves Symmes, may be despatched to the polar regions, there to make discoveries for the benefit of science, trade, and commerce. The memorial was read; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Kelly presented the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Alabama, praying further relief to the purchasers of public lands in that state. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Kelly, also, presented the memorial of the said Legislature, praying that the sale of the public lands within the counties of Jackson and Decatur may be deferred, and that certain settlers may be entitled to the right of pre-emption; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Merrill, with the accompanying documents, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Noble submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting by law the fee simple to William Conner, to lands, for his services to the United States, in assisting to procure the treaties with the several tribes of Indians, held at St. Mary's, in the month of October, 1818; and that the evidence of the services of William Conner, as given by two of the commissioners who held the treaties, Jonathan Jennings and Lewis Cass, be referred to the said committee.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of John Rush and Samuel Conway, praying compensation for Revolutionary services, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Alabama, praying a modification of the laws providing for the subdivision and sale of the public lands of the United States, made a report, which was read; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the same committee, to which was referred the message of the President of the United States, transmitting a report from the Secretary of War, with accompanying documents, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of the 22d February,

1822, requesting "the President of the United States to cause to be collected and communicated to the Senate, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, the best information which he may be able to obtain, relative to certain Indians, and the lands intended for their benefit, on the Muskingum, in the state of Ohio, granted under an act of Congress of June 1st, 1796, to the Society of United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen, shewing, as correctly as possible, the advance or decline of said Indians in numbers, morals, and intellectual endowments; whether the lands have enured to their sole benefit, and, if not, to whom, in whole or in part, have such benefits accrued," made a report; and, in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That the said committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the same committee, to which was referred the memorial of Lewis D. de Schweinitz, Agent of the Society of United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen, expressing the earnest wish of the Society to be divested of the trust estate of certain lands on the Muskingum, in the state of Ohio, which were granted and conveyed to the said Society by the United States, by patent, bearing date the 24th day of February, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the said memorial.

The report and resolution were read; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed, together with the preceding report, for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of James Morrison, of Kentucky; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the same committee, on the petition of Joseph S. McPherson; and,

On motion, by Mr. Findlay,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 6th instant, to amend the 31st Rule for conducting business in the Senate; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Taylor Berry. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports; and the same having been amended,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to revive, and to continue in force, the seventh section of an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana," approved the eleventh May, 1820, and for other purposes, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof 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 resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of President and Vice President of the United States, together with the amendments proposed thereto; and,

After debate,

On motion,

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

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of War, on the subject of the armament of the fortresses of the United States, which was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the same committee, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Eleanor Lawrence; and the bill was twice read, by unanimous consent.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in com-

mittee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

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

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit, herewith, a resolution of the Legislature, with an extract of a letter from the Governor, of Georgia, and a memorial of the Legislature of Missouri, relative to the extinguishment of the Indian title to lands within the limits of these states, respectively. Believing the present time to be propitious for holding treaties for the attainment of cessions of land from the Indians within those states, I submit the subject to the consideration of Congress, that adequate appropriations for such treaties may be made, should Congress deem it expedient.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 3, 1823.

The message and accompanying documents were read; and,

On motion,

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

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

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 30th ultimo, approved and signed "An act to provide for the appointment of an additional judge for the Michigan territory, and for other purposes;" and, also, "An act in addition to an act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy, and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy;" and, on the 31st ultimo, "An act concerning the disbursement of public money."

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend, an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed 2d March, 1799, and for other purposes;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief

of Abraham Snyder;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Hyde;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1823.

Mr. Mills presented the petition of Lieutenant Robert F. Stockton, late commander of the United States' schooner Alligator, stating that, in the discharge of his duty, he captured, and brought in for adjudication, two vessels, viz: the Jeune Eugene, and the Mariana Flora; that, in defending the legality of the captures, he has incurred great expense, for which he prays reimbursement; and that the United States may take such order for the defence of the suit in the case of the Mariana Flora, now before the Supreme Court, as may be deemed just and proper; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, laid before the Senate a certificate, signed by W. H. Harrison, late Major General, commanding the Northwestern army, in relation to the claims of James Morrison, of Kentucky; which was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Q. Richardson, 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; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, in relation to Revolutionary pensions, which was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of James Turner, 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. Smith, of Maryland, gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in relation to internal improvement.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Don Harpin de la Gautrais. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion in relation to William Conner, and agreed thereto.

The three bills brought up, on the 7th instant, from the House of Representatives, for concurrence, were read; and,

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend, an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the 2d March, 1799, and for other purposes," was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

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

Ordered, That Mr. Lloyd of Massachusetts, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Williams of Mississippi, Mr. King of New York, and Mr. Smith of Maryland, be the Committee.

The bill for the relief of Taylor Berry, was read the second time.

On motion,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill directing the payment of the Georgia militia claims, for services rendered during the years 1792, 3, and 4; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 28
Nays, 11

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

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 <i>Maine</i> ,	Mr. Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>
Barton,	Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Stokes,
Benton,	Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Talbot,
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
Brown, of <i>Ohio</i> ,	Kelly,	Van Dyke,
Dickerson,	King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Ware,
Edwards,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Elliott,	Noble,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Findlay,	Parrott,	
Gaillard,	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Boardman,	Mr. King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Morrill,
Chandler,	Knight,	Ruggles,
D'Wolf,	Macon,	Van Buren.
Eaton,	Mills,	

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia; and,

On motion,

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 revive and to continue in force the seventh section of an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana, approved the 11th May, 1820, and for other purposes, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; and the same having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and, the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown;" and,

After debate,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports; and,

After debate,

On motion,

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

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia;" a bill, entitled "An act to extend the time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct tax, in certain cases;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act vesting in the state of Virginia, the right of the United States to all fines, assessed for non-performance of militia duty, during the late war with Great Britain, within said state;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were read; and,

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to extend the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct tax, in certain cases," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act vesting in the state of Virginia the right of the United States to all fines assessed for non-performance of militia duty, during the late war with Great Britain, within said state," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause the lead mine and salt spring lands, belonging to the United States, to be exposed to public sale; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. King, of New York, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, as soon as may be, an estimate of the quantity of land in the state of Georgia to which the Indian title has been extinguished by the United States since the cessions of a portion of the territory of Georgia to the United States, together with a statement of the cost of such extinguishment; and, also, an estimate of the quantity of land within said state, and by what tribes claimed, to which the Indian title still remains to be extinguished.

Mr. Benton submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, provision is necessary to be made by law to enable the President of the United States to alter or modify the second article of the treaty of October 18, 1820, between the United States and the Choctaw tribe of Indians, so as to give effect to the said treaty without injustice to the white population settled in the territory of Arkansas.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1823.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war,'" reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Thomas presented the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of Illinois, praying relief may be extended to those purchasers of public lands who had paid for the same prior to the passage of the act of Congress for the relief of the purchasers of public lands. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, presented the memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, praying a donation of public land for the benefit of the Natchez Hospital. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon, and that the said memorial, together with the accompanying act of the Legislature of the state of Mississippi, making appropriations for the Natchez Hospital, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Lowrie presented the memorial of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, in relation to the act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred, yesterday, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend, an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the 2d March, 1799, and for other purposes."

Mr. Thomas presented the resolution of the Legislature of the state of Illinois, relative to the location and marking of the road from Wheeling to the Mississippi. The resolution was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Daniel M. Boon, late a captain of rangers, praying reimbursement of his expenses for a servant and two horses. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Benton, also, presented the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Missouri, praying the organization of a tribunal for the adjudication of unconfirmed claims to lands, and that a duty may be imposed on imported lead. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Van Buren presented the memorial of Daniel Dunham, praying that certain privileges may be conferred on the steam ship Robert Fulton. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the resolution directing the printing of the Journal of Congress, from the fifth day of September, 1774, to the third day of November, 1786, reported the same, without amendment.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, asked and obtained leave to introduce a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in relation to internal improvement. The resolution was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill for the punishment of frauds committed on the Departments of the Government of the United States, reported the same, without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing, by law, the sale of the tract of land reserved to the Wea tribe of Indians, by the second article of the treaty held at St. Marys, on the 2d day of October, 1818, and which tract of land was ceded to the United States by the said tribe of Indians, by virtue of the treaty held at Vincennes, on the 11th day of August, 1820.

The bill directing the payment of the Georgia militia claims for services rendered during the years 1792, 3, and 4, 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 directing the payment of the Georgia militia claims for services rendered during the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, three, and four."

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

The bill to revive and to continue in force the seventh section of an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana, approved the 11th May, 1820, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to revive and to continue in force the seventh section of an act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of

land claims in the state of Louisiana,' approved the eleventh May, eighteen hundred and twenty, and for other purposes."

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

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

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 10th instant, for requesting certain information in relation to the Indian title to lands within the state of Georgia, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 10th instant, for instructing the Committee on Indian Affairs in relation to a certain Indian treaty; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others, of Massachusetts, directors of an association called the New England Mississippi Land Company, made a report, which was read; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill to commute the pension of Lieutenant Alfred Flournoy. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports; and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Rees, of New York, one of the sureties of Joseph H. Rees, deceased, late assistant deputy pay-

master general in the service of the United States," in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Eleanor Lawrence; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of President and Vice President of the United States, together with the amendments proposed thereto; and, Mr. Holmes, of Maine, having proposed a further amendment,

After debate,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and that the said proposed amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1823.

Mr. Lowrie, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the message of the President of the United States, transmitting a resolution of the Legislature, with an extract of a letter from the Governor, of Georgia, relative to the extinguishment of the Indian title to lands within the limits of said state, made a report, which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Ware,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Lowrie, from the same committee, to which was referred the message of the President of the United States, transmitting a memorial of the Legislature of Missouri, relative to the extinguishment of the Indian title to lands within the limits of the said state, made a report, which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Lowrie, from the same committee, to which was referred the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Alabama, praying that a law may be passed, requiring a treaty to be held with the Cherokee nation of Indians, for the purchase of so much of their territory included within the limits of the state as lies west of Wellstown Valley, east of the boundary lines of the counties of Morgan, Blount, and St. Clair, and south of the Tennessee river, made a report, which was read; and,

Ordered, That the said committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Alabama, praying Congress "to take into consideration the case of such persons as became purchasers of public lands after the time of issuing the Mississippi stock, and who had made full payment prior to the passage of the relief law, and to allow them the deduction of thirty-seven and an half per cent. allowed to those who were in arrears to government, or to make them such other allowance as they may be entitled to in right and justice," made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Lanman presented the petition of John Wheelwright, praying a divorce. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it be referred, together with the accompanying documents, to the Committee on the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports."

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

The bill for the relief of Eleanor Lawrence, 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 Eleanor Lawrence."

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

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Buel." They have, also, passed the bill, entitled "An act to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on the District of Columbia; and, the amendment having been agreed to, it was reported to the House, amended, accordingly; and, the amendment being concurred in,

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

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

It was desired that the question be taken by yeas and nays; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1823.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the memorial of Robert Abbott, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the heirs of Johnston Blakeley. The report and bill were read; and,

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the memorial of William Gamble, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for clothing the militia when called into the service of the United States," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Seymour presented the petition of John Rodgers, a Cherokee chief, praying the payment of his demands against the United States. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, presented the petition of James D. Draughan, legal representative of Robert H. Draughan, deceased, praying that a quantity of staves, obtained from a quarter section of land since forfeited to the United States for non-payment, may be exempted from seizure and forfeiture. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Barbour called up the memorial of sundry justices of the peace and inhabitants of the District of Columbia, heretofore presented, against any alteration in the laws for the collection of debts in said District; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of the state of Illinois, praying that relief may be extended to those purchasers of public lands who had paid for the same prior to the passage of the act of Congress by which the price of public lands was reduced, 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.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Alabama, praying Congress "to take into consideration the case of such persons as became purchasers of public lands after the time of issuing the Mississippi stock, and who had made full payment prior to the passage of the relief law, and to allow them the deduction of thirty-seven and an half per cent. allowed to those who were in arrears to government, or to make them such other allowance as they may be entitled to in right and justice;" and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts;"

Whereupon,

Resolved, That they concur in the said amendments, with the following amendment:

Strike out "Lawrence," and insert *Laurens*.

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

On motion, by Mr. Seymour,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory,'" together with the amendments proposed thereto; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the said bill, together with the proposed amendments, be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of the heirs of Don Harpin de la Gautrais, was read the second time.

The bill to commute the pension of Lieutenant Alfred Flournoy, was read the second time.

The resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in relation to internal improvement, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Abraham Snyder;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Hyde;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Rees, of New York, one of the sureties of Joseph H. Rees, deceased, late assistant deputy paymaster general in the service of the United States," were severally read the second time; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That they be respectively referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

It was agreed, that the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock, A. M. until otherwise ordered.

The Senate resumed, as the unfinished business of yesterday, the bill to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, as amended; and,

After debate,

The question recurring, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 26
Nays 16

The yeas and nays having been previously desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Mr. Seymour,
Benton,	Knight,	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	Lanman,	Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>
Brown, of <i>Ohio,</i>	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Southard,
Chandler,	Lowrie,	Stokes,
D'Wolf,	Morril,	Thomas,
Elliott,	Palmer,	Ware,
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Parrott,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Ruggles,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Mr. Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
Dickerson,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Van Buren.
Eaton,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Van Dyke,
Findlay,	Macon,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Gaillard,	Mills,	
Kelly,	Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>	

The Senate resumed, agreeably to the order of the day, the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of President and Vice President of the United States, together with the amendments proposed thereto; and,

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Taylor, of Virginia,

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts, and for the punishment of the crime of perjury,'" reported the same, with amendments, which were read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the said amendments be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1823.

The President communicated the general account of the Treasurer of the United States, from the 1st of July, 1821, to the 30th of June, 1822; as, also, the War and Navy accounts, from the 1st of October, 1821, to the 30th of June, 1822, together with the reports thereon; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Abraham Snyder;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Hyde," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that they be respectively referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

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

Resolved, That the Judges of the Supreme Court be requested to report, jointly, to this body, as early in the next session of Congress as may be convenient, such facts and observations as their experience and reflections may suggest, relative to the present organization of the Courts of the United States, pointing out its defects and inconveniencies, if any, and suggesting such changes and modifications as will, in their opinion, combine most efficiency and economy in the administration of justice.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, presented the petition of a number of merchants, masters of vessels, and others, praying the erection of a light-house at the southern extremity of Cape Cod. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Macon presented the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Murfreesborough, in the state of North Carolina, praying a certain post route. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Benton submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to enable the President of the United States to take, and retain, possession of the territories of the United States, on the Northwest Coast of America.

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, from the committee to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend, an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed 2d March, 1799, and for other purposes," reported the same, with amendments; which were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That the said amendments be printed for the use of the Senate, and that the bill and amendments be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 10th instant, for instructing the Committee on Indian Affairs, in relation to a certain Indian treaty, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of the state of Illinois, praying that relief may be extended to those purchasers of public lands who had paid for the same prior to the passage of the act of Congress by which the price of public lands was reduced; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The bill for the relief of the heirs of Johnston Blakeley was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida," approved the 8th of May, 1822; Mr. Van Dyke in the chair; and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; 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 to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, 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 extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia."

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

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of South Carolina,

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

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause the lead mine and salt spring lands, belonging to the United States, to be exposed to public sale; and,

After debate,

On motion,

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

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

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of February 3d, requesting a statement of the number and size of cannon, mortars, and howitzers, necessary for the armament of the fortifications already built, and intended to be built, with an estimate of the sum necessary for their construction, I transmit a report from the Secretary of War, prepared in execution of instructions given him to that effect.

JAMES MONROE.

February 10, 1823.

The message and the accompanying report were read.

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

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of the 11th of this month, requesting the President to cause to be communicated to the Senate, an estimate of the amount of land, in the state of Georgia, to which the Indian title has been extinguished by the United States, since the cession of a portion of the territory of Georgia to the Unit-

ed States, with a statement of the cost of such extinguishment; and, also, an estimate of the amount of land within the said state, to which the Indian title still remains to be extinguished, and by what tribes claimed, I transmit a report from the Secretary of War, which contains the information desired.

JAMES MONROE.

February 14, 1823.

The message and the accompanying report were read.

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1823.

Mr. Lowrie, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the memorial of Lewis A. Petray and Just Viel, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report and resolution were read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That they, together with accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented the petition of John S. Stiles, executor of George Stiles, deceased, late of Baltimore, praying a fair construction of the law, entitled "An act for the relief of sundry merchants of the city of Baltimore," approved the 26th April, 1822. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Smith, also, presented the petition of Francis V. Riviere, of the city of New York, attorney of Benjamin Desobry, of the said city, merchant, praying to be allowed and paid the drawback of duties on a quantity of coffee exported to Hamburg, in January, 1822, which he is unable to obtain, in consequence of failing to execute the bond, required by law, in due time, which he was prevented from doing by sickness. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Edward Evat. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Lanman, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill to divorce John Wheelwright and Caroline Eliza Wheelwright, his wife. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Prospect K. Robbins, and, also, the petition of Daniel M. Boon, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Buel."

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, made in pursuance of an act concerning arsenals and armories, passed 2d April, 1794, containing a statement of the expenditures at the national armories, and of the arms made and repaired therein, during the year 1822; and the report was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 14th instant, in relation to the territories of the United States on the Northwest Coast of America, and the same having been amended by substituting the Committee on "*Foreign Relations*," was agreed to, as amended.

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

The Senate, resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of James Morrison, of Kentucky; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct taxes, in certain cases," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Van Buren, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory,'" together with the amendments proposed thereto, reported the same, with a further amendment; which was read.

On motion,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, of the 14th instant, communicating information in relation to the Indian title to lands within the state of Georgia, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims, in the state of Louisiana; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend, an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed 2d March, 1799, and to repeal an act supplementary thereto, passed 20th April, 1818, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, the amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House, amended, accordingly; and, the same 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. Southard presented the memorial of a number of the citizens of Washington City, praying amendments to the act incorporating the inhabitants of said city. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the memorial of Elias Earle and Banister Stone, praying that further proceedings may be suspended, on a suit instituted against them, for an alleged balance due the United States. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, 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 concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Lee, one of the sureties of John Ricaud, late paymaster in the service of the United States;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Vermont;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said two bills were read; and,

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

The bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida," approved the 18th of May, 1822, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands, further to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill to alter the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Kentucky.

The President communicated a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a list of unproductive post roads, for the year 1822; and the letter and list were read.

The President communicated a representation of Joseph M. Hernandez, Delegate from the Territory of Florida, stating the reasons

which render it expedient to pass, during the present session, "An act amending, and supplementary to, the act for ascertaining claims and titles to lands in Florida, and for the survey and disposal of the public lands in the territory of Florida." The representation was read; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown;" and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to make perpetual an act, passed the 3d day of March, 1817, entitled 'An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed 3d day of March, 1815, and for other purposes;" and,

On motion,

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 John Buhler; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims in the territory of Michigan," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Commit-

tee on Public Lands; and, the amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House, amended, accordingly; and, the same being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1823.

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

Ordered. That Archibald F. McNeil have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to alter the time of holding the District Court of the United States, for the District of Kentucky; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Morrison, of Kentucky," reported the same without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered. That the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Alabama, praying that the sale of public lands within the counties of Jackson and Decatur may be deferred, and that certain settlers may be entitled to the right of pre-emption; and, also, the memorial of the said Legislature, praying further relief to the purchasers of public lands in that state, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of Elihu Hall Bay, for himself and on behalf of Theodore Gaillard and Charles Roberts, of the state of South Carolina, made a report, which was read.

The President communicated the credentials of the Honorable Mahlon Dickerson, 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, which were read; and,

Ordered. That they lie on file.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of Illinois, praying relief may be extended to those purchasers of public lands who had paid for the same prior to the passage of the act of Congress for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Anne Dubord, wife of Joseph Antonio De Reano, of the city of New Orleans, 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. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which the subject was referred, by a resolution of the Senate, reported a bill, extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office. The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the same committee, to which was recommit-
ted the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida," approved the 8th of May, 1822, reported the same, without amendment.

The bill for the relief of Edward Evat was read the second time.

The bill to divorce John Wheelwright and Caroline Eliza Wheelwright, his wife, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court of the United States, for the District of Vermont," was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Lee, one of the sureties of John Ricaud, late paymaster in the service of the United States," was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act

supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana."

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

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

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

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

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend, an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed 2d March, 1799, and to repeal an act supplementary thereto, passed 20th April, 1818, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims, in the territory of Michigan," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

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

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

Resolved, That the Senate will, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, proceed to the choice of a President, pro tempore.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 14th instant, relative to the present organization of the Courts of the United States; and, the same having been modified, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of collecting and digesting in one bill, all the acts of Congress relative to the Courts of the United States, and the administration of justice therein; and to report a mode of effecting that object; and, also, of effecting such changes, modifications, and additions, as will, in their opinion, combine most efficiency, promptitude, and economy, in the administration of justice.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, presented the petition of Jeremiah

Downs, late a Captain of Mounted Volunteer Riflemen, praying the reimbursement of his expenses in supplying the company under his command with hay and fodder. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of the state of New York;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bill was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

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 which was referred a resolution of the Senate, of the 17th of January, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, the plan of the fortification contemplated to be erected at St. Mary's river, within the Potomac, with an estimate of the sum necessary to complete the same, and the number of cannon and mortars intended for the works; and, also, that he be requested to cause a survey to be made of the Patuxent river, to ascertain a proper site for a fortification, and to lay the same before the Senate, with a plan of the same, the number of guns and mortars which may be requisite, and an estimate of the sum that will be necessary to erect and complete the works.

On motion, by Mr. Findlay,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Joseph S. McPherson, master commandant in the United States' navy; and,

On motion, by Mr. Findlay,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee of Claims, with additional documents, further 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 resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the

election of President and Vice President of the United States, together with the amendments proposed thereto; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause the lead mine and salt spring lands, belonging to the United States, to be exposed to public sale; and Mr. Dickerson proposed an amendment thereto.

After debate,

On motion,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1823.

Agreeably to order, the Senate proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the Constitution provides; and

The Honorable John Gaillard was elected.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

Ordered, That the Secretary wait on the President of the United States, and acquaint him that the Senate have, in the absence of the Vice President, elected the Honorable John Gaillard, President of the Senate pro tempore.

Ordered, That the Secretary make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts."

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Samuel F. Hooker, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and,

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

Ordered, That the said petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of the state of New-York," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Stokes, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill for clearing, repairing, and improving certain roads, for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of the United States' mail; and the bill was twice read, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the memorial of the Legislature of Missouri, reported a bill to authorize the Recorder of Land Titles, in the state of Missouri, to examine into the number and state of the unconfirmed French and Spanish land claims, in the state of Missouri, and to report the same to the Congress, at their next session; and the bill was twice read, by unanimous consent.

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

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of an appropriation sufficient to complete the barracks, and other buildings, commenced at Baton Rouge, in the state of Louisiana, for the accommodation of the troops of the United States at that place.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, to which were referred the petition of James Morrison, of Kentucky, with the accompanying documents, together with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

To strike out from said resolution, the word "*not*,"

It was determined in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots 24 \\ \text{Nays} \dots 19 \end{array} \right.$

On motion,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Benton,	Mr. Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Mr. Southard,
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Stokes,
Brown, of <i>Ohio</i> ,	Kelly,	Talbot,
D'Wolf,	King, of <i>N. York</i> ,	Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>
Edwards,	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Thomas,
Elliott,	Parrott,	Van Buren,
Findlay,	Seymour,	Ware,
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Knight,	Mr. Palmer,
Boardman,	Lanman,	Ruggles,
Chandler,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
Eaton,	Macon,	Van Dyke.
Gaillard,	Mills,	
King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Morrill,	

Whereupon,

The said resolution was concurred in, as amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

Ordered, That the said report be recommitted to the Committee of Claims, with instructions to report a bill for the relief of James Morrison, of Kentucky.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, 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 concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims, in the territory of Michigan."

They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia."

They have, also, passed a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three;" a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Polly L. Campbell, widow of Colonel John B. Campbell, deceased, late of the eleventh regiment of United States' infantry;" 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.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1823.

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

To the Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate:

The Convention of Navigation and Commerce between the United States of America and his Majesty the King of France and Navarre, concluded and signed at Washington, on the 24th of June, 1822, with the first separate article thereto annexed, having been ratified by the two parties, and the ratifications of the same having been duly exchanged, copies of it, and of the separate article referred to, are now communicated to the two Houses of Congress, to the end that the necessary measures for carrying it into execution on the part of the United States, may be adopted by the Legislature.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 18th February, 1823.

The message and accompanying papers were read.

The President communicated a document which was intended to have accompanied the message of the President of the United States, of the 3d of January, 1823, transmitting a detailed statement of the expenses of building each vessel of war; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to enable the President of the United States to take such measures as may be necessary for purchasing the right, title, and interest, which certain Indians have in and to three several tracts of land, of four thousand acres each, lying in the county of 'Tuscaroras, in the state of Ohio, which lands were granted by Congress, in the year 1796, to the "Society of United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen," in trust, for the sole use and benefit of the said Indians; said purchase to be made with the knowledge and consent of the said Society.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims in the territory of Michigan."

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, in pursuance of instructions of the Senate, reported a bill for the relief of James Morrison; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of John Mitchell, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, presented the petition of the Board created by the Legislature of South Carolina, for the establishment of a Municipal Guard, for the protection of Charleston and its vicinity, praying the assent of Congress to an act of that state. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Eaton submitted the following motions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Senate will, on Friday, the 28th day of February, instant, proceed, by ballot, to elect the several officers of the Senate; which election shall take place every second year thereafter: and a majority of the votes present shall be necessary to a choice.

Resolved, That, after the 28th day of February, no clerk in the Secretary of the Senate's office, shall be competent to act, or shall be entitled to receive any compensation for his services, until he shall be reported to the Senate, and his appointment be assented to: and this shall be done every second year, immediately after the election of the officers of the Senate shall take place.

The bills last brought up from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Polly L. Campbell, widow of Colonel John B. Campbell, deceased, late of the eleventh

regiment of United States' infantry," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Barbour gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their securities.

The bill extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Anne Dubord, wife of Joseph Antonio De Reano; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making a donation of lands lying upon the waters of Pearl river, to be appropriated, under the direction of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, to aid in the opening and improving the navigation of said river, from the seat of government of the state to the Gulf of Mexico, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

The report and resolution were read.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for ascertaining claims and titles to land, in the territory of Florida,'" approved the eighth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two," was read a third time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Public Lands, on the petition of Elihu Hall Bay, and others; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported by the Committee on Military Affairs, on the 18th instant, in relation to contemplated fortifications at St. Mary's and Patuxent rivers, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 19th instant, relative to the barracks and other buildings, commenced at Baton Rouge, in the state of Louisiana; and, the same having been modified, by substituting the "*Committee on Finance*," was agreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of the state of New York; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading; and,

On motion,

The bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Roads and Canals; and, the same having been agreed to, with further amendments, the bill was reported to the House, amended accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois;" and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill, supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of Districts, and establish Land Offices, for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana." The bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor, of Virginia,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of the President and Vice President of the United States; together with the amendments proposed thereto; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Southard gave notice that, to morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for a Library for the Supreme Court of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1823.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of the state of New York."

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Barbour asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their securities. The bill was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the bill, together with sundry documents, submitted by Mr. Barbour, relating to the claim of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris, for the building of the fortifications at Dauphin Island, be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of South Carolina,

Ordered, That Elihu Hall Bay, and others, have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, of the 18th instant, to which was referred a resolution of the Senate, of the 17th of January, in relation to contemplated fortifications at St. Mary's and Patuxent rivers, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Lowrie submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

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 have attended the Senate, during the present session of Congress, and that Henry Tims, jun. be allowed — 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 — dollars, for extra services.

The resolutions were read; and,

Ordered, That they pass to the second reading.

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act vesting in the state of Virginia the right of the United States to all fines assessed for non-performance of militia duty, during the late war with Great Britain, within said state," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Benton laid on the table sundry maps and plans of the lead mine districts.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court of the United States, for the District of Vermont," reported the same without amendment.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown," having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The bill, supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of Districts, and establish Land Offices for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Ohio and Indiana," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making a donation of lands lying upon the waters of Pearl river, to be appropriated, under the direction of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, to aid in the opening and improving the navigation of said river, from the seat of government of the state, to the Gulf of Mexico; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance, on the memorial of Lewis A. Petray and Just Viel; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of South Carolina,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Anne Dubord, wife of Joseph Antonio De Reano, of the city of New Orleans; and,

On his motion,

The resolution was amended, so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill for the relief of the petitioner; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the said report be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report a bill accordingly.

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

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

The House of Representatives have passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana."

They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

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

Mr. Brown, of Ohio, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, confidentially or otherwise, as he shall think fit, any information in his possession, which he may not deem improper to be communicated, relative to the present state and condition of the Mexican Empire.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to enable the holders of French, British, and Spanish titles, to land within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognised as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war; Mr. Smith of Maryland, in the chair; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

To amend the bill, by adding thereto the following section:

And be it further enacted, That every pension which may become payable in pursuance of the provisions of this act, or the acts to which this is a supplement, shall, from and after the fourth day of September next, be reduced twenty per cent. on the amount now payable by law, to the pensioners respectively.

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 23,
Nays 22.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Brown, of Louis.	Mr. Elliott,
Barton,	Brown, of Ohio,	Findlay,
Benton,	Chandler,	Gaillard,

Mr. Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Mr. Lowrie,	Mr. Taylor, of <i>Va.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Macon,	Thomas,
Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Noble,	Van Dyke,
Kelly,	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Boardman,	Mr. Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Mr. Southard,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Stokes,
Dickerson,	Mills,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Morril,	Van Buren,
Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Parrott,	Ware,
King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Ruggles,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Knight,	Seymour,	
Lanman,	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>	

And the bill having been 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 negative, { Yeas 21,
Nays 24.

On motion, by Mr. Morrill,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Boardman,	Mr. King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Parrott,
Chandler,	Knight,	Ruggles,
D'Wolf,	Lanman,	Seymour,
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>
Findley,	Mills,	Southard,
Holmes, of <i>Maine.</i>	Morril,	Stokes,
Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Palmer,	Van Buren.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Mr. Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>
Barton,	Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Talbot,
Benton,	Kelly,	Taylor, of <i>Va.</i>
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Thomas,
Brown, of <i>Ohio,</i>	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Van Dyke,
Eaton,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Ware,
Elliott,	Macon,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Gaillard,	Noble,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>

So the bill was rejected.

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

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

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to report a bill to amend the act "To provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war," and the act in addition thereto, so as to reduce the pensions therein provided thirty per cent. and to include all persons who shall have served their country the time required by said acts, without requiring the condition of poverty or necessity: and that the pensions so reduced shall continue to be paid until the number of pensioners shall be reduced to eighteen thousand; after which, there shall be a further reduction to one-half of the original pension.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1823.

Mr. Parrott, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Robert F. Stockton, late commander of the United States' Schooner Alligator, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Robert F. Stockton; the bill was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

Ordered, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Brown, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Charles Wilkins, praying the payment of the balance ascertained by due course of law to be due to him, on the settlement of his accounts as contractor; the petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Benton gave notice, that, on Monday next, he should ask leave to introduce a bill to enable the proper accounting officers of the Treasury department to audit and settle the accounts of the Surveyor of public lands in the states of Illinois and Missouri, and territory of Arkansas, for extra clerk hire in his office.

Mr. Lowrie submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That Gales and Seaton be paid, out of the contingent fund, two hundred and fifty dollars, for eight thousand copies of the mes-

sage of the President of the United States, for the years 1821 and 1822.

The resolution was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 21st instant, laid before the President of the United States the five enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed; and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana."

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower," was read the second time; and,

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. Williams, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the memorial of the Legislature of Alabama, praying that the military works for the defence of the Bay and Harbor of Mobile may be completed, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 20th instant, for the election of the several officers of the Senate; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion for requesting of the President of the United States information relative to the present state and condition of the Mexican Empire; and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 21st instant, for instructing the Committee on Pensions to report a bill to amend the act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war," and the act in addition thereto; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The resolutions to compensate Robert Tweedy, and others, assistants to the sergeant-at arms and door-keeper of the Senate, were read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making a donation of lands, lying upon the waters of Pearl River, to be appropriated under the direction of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, to aid in opening and improving the navigation of said river, from the seat of government of the state, to the Gulf of Mexico; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Kelly,

To reconsider the vote on passing to a third reading the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war,"

It was determined in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots 27, \\ \text{Nays} \dots 14. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Mr. Ruggles,
Boardman,	King, of <i>N. York</i> ,	Seymour,
Brown, of <i>Ohio</i> ,	Knight,	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>
Chandler,	Lauman,	Southard,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Stokes,
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Talbot,
Findlay,	Mills,	Thomas,
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Morril,	Van Buren,
Kelly,	Parrott,	Williams, of <i>Mis.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>
Benton,	Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Ware,
Eaton,	Macon,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Elliott,	Noble,	

So it was agreed

That the Senate reconsider the said vote; and,

On motion, by Mr. Kelly,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill, as amended, 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 com-

mittee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of President and Vice President of the United States, together with the amendments proposed thereto; Mr. King, of Alabama, in the chair; and,

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, 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 which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force the seventh section of an act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana,' approved the eleventh May, eighteen hundred and twenty, and for other purposes;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling," with amendments to the latter, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war;" a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Carr, of Kentucky, late paymaster to Colonel William Dudley's regiment of Kentucky militia;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John B. Hogan;" and, also, a resolution requiring from the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives an annual statement of the expenditures from the contingent fund of the two Houses; in which bills and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said four bills and resolution were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Carr, of Kentucky, late paymaster to Colonel William Dudley's regiment of Kentucky militia," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John B. Hogan," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The resolution requiring from the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives an annual statement of the expenditures from the contingent fund of the two Houses, was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee appointed to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the national road from Cumberland to Wheeling;"

Whereupon,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution directing the printing of the Journal of Congress, from the fifth day of September, 1774, to the third day of November, 1786; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

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

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 21st instant, approved and signed "An act to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts;" "An act for the relief of Samuel Buel;" and, also, "An act to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia."

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

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.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia;" and,

After progress,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1823.

The President communicated the credentials of the Honorable John Taylor, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Virginia, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next; and, also, the credentials of the Honorable Nehemiah R. Knight, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, for the same term of six years; which were severally read; and,

Ordered, That they respectively lie on file.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Af-

fairs, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the resolution of the Legislature of the state of Louisiana, in relation to a mail route, proposed from Washington to New Orleans; which was read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

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

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the Postmaster at Donaldsonville, in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the public road from Cumberland to Wheeling;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force the seventh section of an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana, approved the 11th May, 1820, and for other purposes."

Mr. Barton submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to procure, and lay before the Senate, at the next session of Congress, the originals or copies of all the contracts for surveying the public lands, made by the Surveyor General of Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas, since the first day of January, 1819.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was re-committed the report of said committee on the petition of Joseph S. McPherson, with additional testimony, 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.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Benton asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to enable the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to audit and settle the accounts of the Surveyor of

Public Lands in the states of Illinois and Missouri, and territory of Arkansas, for extra clerk hire in his office; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Macon, from the committee on the contingent expenses of the Senate, to which was referred the resolution requiring from the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, an annual statement of the expenditures from the contingent fund of the two Houses, reported the same without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of George Gatty, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the memorial of Lewis A. Petray and Just Viel; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of South Carolina,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the resolution of the Legislature of the state of Louisiana, instructing their Senators and requesting their Representative in Congress, in relation to the lands reserved for schools in that state, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The resolution to pay Gales and Seaton for certain copies of the messages of the President of the United States, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motions of the 20th instant, for the election of the several officers of the Senate; and,

The first motion having been amended,

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The resolution directing the printing of the Journal of Congress, from the 5th day of September, 1774, to the third day of November, 1786, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

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

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the building a light-house at Cape Romain, in South Carolina, and placing floating lights in Delaware Bay;

Whereupon,

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, submitted, as an amendment, a new draft of a bill; which was read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it be printed for the use of the Senate, and that the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, as the unfinished business, the bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia;" and the same having been amended, it was reported to the House amended accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the engrossed bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida," approved the 8th of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two; and the bill was read a third time; and,

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida,' approved the 8th of May, 1822."

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

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur with the Senate in the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 17th, and 18th, and disagree to the 6th, 7th, 9th, 14th, and 16th, of their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend, an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed 2d March, 1799, and for other purposes."

They also concur in the amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeably to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the discharge of John Burgin from imprisonment;" and also a bill, entitled "An act respecting stamps;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two last mentioned bills were read; and

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1823," reported the same with an amendment, which was read.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act for the discharge of John Burgin from imprisonment," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act respecting stamps," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to divorce John Wheelwright and Caroline Eliza Wheelwright, his wife; 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 negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots 16, \\ \text{Nays} \dots 26. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

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>Louis.</i>	Mr. Southard,
Barton,	Kelly,	Talbot,
D'Wolf,	Knight,	Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>
Dickerson,	Lanman,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Eaton,	Noble,	
Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Parrott,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Benton,	Mr. King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Mr. Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>
Boardman,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Stokes,
Brown, of <i>Ohio,</i>	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
Chandler,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Thomas,
Elliott,	Macon,	Van Buren,
Findlay,	Mills,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Morril,	Ware,
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Palmer,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Missi.</i>	Seymour,	

So the bill was rejected.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of James Morrison; 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.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1823.

The President laid before the Senate, a communication from R. R. Henry, relative to mal-practices in office of Archibald Clark, Collector of the port of St. Mary's, in Georgia; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That it be referred to the President of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was referred the resolution of the Senate, in relation to the territories of the United States on the Northwest Coast of America, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill for the relief of Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their securities, reported the same, with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, 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 mail route from St. Francisville, in the state of Louisiana, by the way of Moorville and Pinkneyville, to Fort Adams, in the state of Mississippi.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the memorial of the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States; the memorial of Thomas Napier, and others, merchants, of Charleston; and, also, the resolution of the Legislature of Alabama, instructing their Senators and requesting their Representatives to endeavor to procure the passage of a law imposing a tonnage duty on all vessels coming into the ports of Mobile and Blakeley, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Watson Atkinson; the memorial of the Pennsylvania Society for the Encouragement of Domestic Manufactures; the memorial of Henry Huber, and others, manufacturers of bridle bits, &c.; and, also, the memorial of Daniel Dunham, praying that certain privileges may be conferred on the steamship Robert Fulton, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of sundry merchants, and others, of the collection district of Richmond, in the state of Virginia, praying that a marine hospital may be established in that district, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Charles Wilkins, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion, by Mr. Brown, of Ohio,

Ordered, That the Committee on Roads and Canals, to which was referred the petition of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company; the resolution of the Senate in relation to the stock of the Company making a Canal from the Delaware river to the Rariton; the resolution of the Senate in relation to stock in any company which has been incorporated within the United States for the improvement of internal commerce and navigation; and, also, the report of the commissioners appointed by the states of Maryland and Virginia, to examine the affairs of the Potomac Company, and to survey the Potomac river, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill to enable the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to audit and settle the accounts of the Surveyor of Public Lands, in the states of Illinois and Missouri, and territory of Arkansas, for extra clerk hire in his office, reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Van Buren presented the petition of Daniel Brown, praying the passage of a law authorizing the equitable settlement of his accounts. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, to which was re-committed the report of said committee on the petition of Joseph S. McPherson, with additional testimony; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 24th instant, in relation to the compensation of the Postmaster at Donaldsonville, in the state of Louisiana; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 24th instant, for requesting information in relation to the contracts for surveying the public lands of Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas, since the first day of January, 1819; and agreed thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in com-

mittee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to enable the holders of French, British, and Spanish titles to land, within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognised as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes; together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; and,

On motion,

That the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 14,
Nays 21.

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. Dickerson,	Mr. Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>
Boardman,	Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
Brown, of <i>Ohio</i> ,	Lanman,	Van Buren,
Chandler,	Macon,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
D'Wolf,	Morril,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Stokes,
Benton,	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Talbot,
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	Mills,	Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>
Elliott,	Noble,	Thomas,
Findlay,	Seymour,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>	Ware,
Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Southard,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>

On motion,

To amend the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands, by striking out, after the word "*states*," in line 6, the following: "*nor any claim, when the original grant exceeds in quantity — thousand acres*:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 10,
Nays 27.

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Mr. Van Dyke,
Benton,	Mills,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	Noble,	
Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Mr. Seymour,
Boardman,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>
Brown, of <i>Ohio</i> ,	Lanman,	Stokes,
Chandler,	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
Dickerson,	Macon,	Thomas,
Elliott,	Morril,	Van Buren,
Findlay,	Palmer,	Ware,
Gaillard,	Parrott,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>

The amendments reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been amended by filling the blank in line 7 of the proviso, to be added at the end of the 1st section, with "*fifteen thousand*," they were agreed to, and the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 28,
Nays 6.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of South Carolina,

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>Louis.</i>	Mr. Smith, of <i>Md.</i>
Barton,	Kelly,	Stokes,
Benton,	King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
Brown, of <i>Ohio</i> ,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Thomas,
Elliott,	Macon,	Van Buren,
Findlay,	Mills,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	Noble,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Palmer,	
Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Seymour,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Boardman,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Morrill,
Chandler,	Lanman,	Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three;" a bill, entitled "An act to abolish the office of measurer;" a bill, entitled "An act altering the time of holding the Circuit Court in the District of Maine and New Hampshire;" and, also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The four bills last mentioned were read; and,

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act to abolish the office of measurer," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act altering the time of holding the Circuit Court of the District of Maine and New Hampshire," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John B. Hogan," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Van Dyke presented a remonstrance, signed by a number of the inhabitants of Alexandria, against the passage of the bill to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia; which was read.

On his motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

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

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit to Congress the general returns of the militia of the several states and territories, for the year 1822, with an account of the arms, accoutrements, ammunition, ordnance, &c. belonging to each, as far as the returns have been received, in compliance with the provision of the act of 1803.

JAMES MONROE.

February 25, 1823.

The message was read.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend, an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed 2d March, 1799, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the House of Representatives;

Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Senate *recede* from the said amendments.

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

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker;

Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The bill for the relief of James Morrison, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of James Morrison."

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

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, laid before the Senate certain documents from the War Department, in relation to Revolutionary pensioners; which were read; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to establish a national armory on the Western waters; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the building a light-house at Cape Romain, in South Carolina, and placing floating lights in Delaware Bay, together with the amendment proposed thereto; and,

After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1823.

The President communicated a letter from E. Causici, in relation to a model for a clock; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Boardman, of New York; and, also,

the resolution of the Senate in relation to William Conner, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeably to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown."

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the memorial of a number of the Banks of Charleston, S. C. and others, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of John Mitchell, praying relief in the settlement of his accounts, 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. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act respecting stamps;" the bill, entitled "An act altering the time of holding the Circuit Court in the Districts of Maine and New Hampshire;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Abraham Snyder;" reported the same, respectively, without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 25th instant, in relation to a certain mail route, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of sundry merchants, and others, of the collection district of Richmond, in the state of Virginia, praying that a Marine Hospital may be established in that district; 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 to authorize the building a light house at Cape Romain, in South Carolina, and placing floating lights in Delaware Bay, together with the amendment proposed thereto; and, the same having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House, amended, accordingly; and, the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war," as amended; and, the bill having been 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, { Yeas 24,
Nays 20.

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. Barton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Ruggles,
Boardman,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Seymour,
Chandler,	Knight,	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>
D'Wolf,	Lanman,	Southard,
Dickerson,	Mills,	Stokes,
Findlay,	Morril,	Talbot,
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Palmer,	Thomas,
Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Parrott,	Van Buren.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Mr. Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>
Benton,	Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
Brown, of <i>Ohio</i> ,	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Ware,
Eaton,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Williams, of <i>Mis.</i>
Elliott,	Macon,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>
Gaillard,	Noble,	

The bill to enable the holders of French, British, and Spanish titles to land within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognised as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and, the blank having been filled,

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to enable the holders of French, British, and Spanish titles to land within the state of Louisiana, which have not been recognised as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof, and for other purposes."

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

The bill to establish a national armory on the Western waters, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and, the bill having been amended by unanimous consent,

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to establish a national armory on the Western waters."

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

Mr. Parrott, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1823," reported the same, with amendments; which were read; and,

On his motion,

The bill, together with the amendments, were taken up and considered as in committee of the whole; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before the Senate, during the present session, the number of officers and soldiers disabled in the service of the United States, in the late war, who have been placed on the pension list since the last session of Congress, together with their names, the state to which each one belongs, the amount of each pension, at what office paid, at what time each application was accepted at the Department, or if any are carried back beyond the time of accepting their application, and how far, and whether they are of total or partial disability, and how the disability was ascertained.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

Resolved, That the Senate proceed to the appointment of a Printer, agreeably to the resolution of the 3d March, 1819; and

Messrs. Gales & Seaton were elected.

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, agreeably to the instructions of the Senate, reported a bill to

permit Anne Dubord to bring certain slaves into the state of Louisiana; and the bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

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

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

The President of the United States, on the 21st instant, approved and signed "An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of the state of New York;" and, also, "An act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims in the territory of Michigan."

The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal so much of an act, passed the eighteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and six, as limits the price of certain lands in the state of Tennessee."

They disagree to the *first* amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia," and agree to the residue of the said amendments.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States, for the year 1823, and for other purposes;" a bill, entitled "An act further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia;" 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, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces,' passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns of France, and five franc pieces;" a bill, entitled "An act making the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, receivable in payments on account of public lands;" a bill, entitled "An act for carrying into effect the Convention of Navigation and Commerce between the United States and France, concluded at Washington, on the 24th day of June, 1822;" a bill, entitled "An act to amend the ordinance, and acts of Congress, for the government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;" a bill, entitled "An act respecting the punishment of piracy;" a bill, entitled "An act further to extend the provisions of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the purchasers of the public lands prior to the 1st July, 1820;' and, also, a resolution concerning the Indians in the territory of Florida;

in which bills and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The eight bills and resolution last mentioned, were read; and,
Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States, for the year 1823, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia;" 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, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces,' passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns of France, and five franc pieces;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act making the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, receivable in payments on account of public lands;" were severally read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That they be respectively referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act for carrying into effect the Convention of Navigation and Commerce between the United States and France, concluded at Washington, on the 24th day of June, 1822," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act further to extend the provisions of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the purchasers of the public lands prior to the 1st July, 1820,'" was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act respecting the punishment of piracy;" were severally read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That they be respectively referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The resolution concerning the Indians in the territory of Florida, was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

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.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the recorder of land titles in the state of Missouri to examine into the number and state of the unconfirmed French and Spanish land claims in the state of Missouri, and to report the same to the Congress at their next session; 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.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts in the District of Columbia," disagreed to by the House of Representatives;

Whereupon,

Resolved, That they *recede* from the first clause of their first amendment to the said bill; and that they *insist* on the residue of said amendment.

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1823.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of

Charles Carr, of Kentucky, late paymaster to Colonel William Dudley's regiment of Kentucky militia;" and, also, the bill making an appropriation for the gradual armament of the new fortresses of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for carrying into effect the Convention of Navigation and Commerce between the United States and France, concluded at Washington, on the 24th day of June, 1822," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia;" the bill, entitled "An act making the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain," receivable in payment on account of public lands;" 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, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces,' passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns of France, and five franc pieces;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act to abolish the office of measurer," reported the same, respectively, without amendment.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1823," reported the same, with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Lee, one of the sureties of John Ricaud, late a paymaster in the service of the United States;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Rees, of New York, one of the sureties of Joseph H. Rees, deceased, late assistant deputy paymaster general in the service of the United States;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Polly L. Campbell, widow of Colonel John B. Campbell, deceased, late of the 11th regiment of United States' infantry," reported the same, respectively, without amendment.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker;" the bill, entitled "An act to repeal so much of an act, passed the 18th April, 1806, as limits the price of certain lands in the state of Tennessee;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act

to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports."

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the resolution concerning the Indians in the territory of Florida, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. King, of New York, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he is hereby, instructed and directed to prepare and lay before the Senate, at the beginning of their next session, maps of the several states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana, and of the territories of Michigan, Arkansas, and Florida, which maps shall contain plats of the public land within the aforesaid states and territories which, before the first day of the year 1823, had been surveyed under the authority of the United States, marking upon the maps, aforesaid, the land, the Indian title to which, at the date aforesaid, was not extinguished; and distinguishing, by colors, upon the plats aforesaid, the land granted to the army, the land sold by the United States, the land granted to occupants or confirmed to persons claiming under British, French, or Spanish titles, and, also, the land surveyed, as aforesaid, which, at the date aforesaid, remained to be sold; stating, likewise, the computed number of acres of each of the enumerated classes of land, and the number of acres which, at the date aforesaid, had been surrendered to the United States under any law passed for the relief of the purchasers of public land; together with a statement of the amount of debt, at the date aforesaid, due to the United States from purchasers of public land within the respective states and territories aforesaid.

Mr. Lanman presented the memorial of Thomas Staniford, praying the passage of a law authorizing the equitable settlement of his accounts. The memorial was read; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act respecting the punishment of piracy," reported the same, respectively, without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of South Carolina,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the memorial of Edward De Krafft; the memorial of the Legislature of Indiana, praying a different organization of the United States' Court for said state; the memorial of Herkimer Sternberg, and others, praying certain amendments to the patent laws; the resolution of the Senate in relation to the territory of Florida; the resolution of the Senate for dividing the state of Alabama into two judicial districts; the resolution of the Senate in relation to the judiciary system of the United States; and, also, the resolution of the Senate in relation to the public moneys in the hands of clerks of courts, attorneys, and marshals; be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

The President communicated the credentials of Nicholas Ware, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of Georgia for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next; which were read; and,

Ordered, That they lie on file.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act further to extend the provisions of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the purchasers of the public lands prior to the first July, 1820,'" reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris," reported the same, with an amendment; which was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 26th instant, in relation to certain pensioners; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance, on the petition of John Mitchell; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1823," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Naval Affairs; and,

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

Ordered, That the Senate will give precedence to the bills on the

orders of the day, which have originated in the Senate, and will take them up in their regular order.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court," passed the third day of March, 1817; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The same having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, by unanimous consent; and,

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court,' passed the 3d day of March, 1817."

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 to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to regulate the collecting of debts, in the District of Columbia; 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 resolution granting to the Washington Library, a copy of the public documents, laws, and journals; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent; and,

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

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

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

tion of the bill supplemental to an act, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned;" and,

On motion,

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 Taylor Berry; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Taylor Berry."

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the punishment of frauds committed on the Departments of the government of the United States; and, the same having been amended, by filling the blanks, 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; and,

The same 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 punishment of frauds committed on the government of the United States."

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the heirs of Don Harpin de la Gautrais; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The bill to authorize the Recorder of Land Titles in the state of Missouri, to examine into the number and state of the unconfirmed French and Spanish land claims in the state of Missouri, and to report the same to the Congress, at their next session, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to authorize the Recorder of Land Titles in the state of Missouri, to examine into the number and state of the unconfirmed French and Spanish land claims in the state of Missouri, and to report the same to the Congress at their next session."

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

The bill to authorize the building a light-house at Cape Romain, in South Carolina, and placing floating lights in Delaware Bay, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to authorize the building of light-houses, light vessels, and beacons, therein mentioned, and for other purposes."

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

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Samuel Burch:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports."

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 recede from their disagreement to that part of the first amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia," on which the Senate have insisted. They concur in all the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war," except that which proposes a fourth section, to which they disagree.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act providing for the examination of the titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana situated between the Rio Hondo and the Sabine river;" a bill, entitled "An act to amend 'An act for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida,' and for other purposes;" a bill, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury to sell the public lots, and other property, belonging to the United States, in the District of Columbia;" a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings;" and, also, a resolution to direct the withholding of the compensation of certain prize agents; in which bills and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said four bills and resolution were read; and,

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act to amend 'An act for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida,' and for other purposes," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act providing for the examination of the titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana situated between the Rio Hondo and the Sabine river, was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury to sell the public lots, and other property, belonging to the United States, in the District of Columbia," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The resolution to direct the withholding of the compensation of certain prize agents, was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

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

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of John S. Stiles, executor of George Stiles, deceased, with the accompanying documents, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of John S. Stiles, executor of George Stiles, deceased. The report and bill were read; and,

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the discharge of John Burgin from imprisonment," reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to commute the pension of Lieutenant Alfred Flournoy; and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; 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, { Yeas 27,
Nays 14.

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. Kelly,	Mr. Seymour,
Barton,	King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>
Benton,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Smith, of <i>S. C.</i>
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	Knight,	Stokes,
Brown, of <i>Ohio,</i>	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Va.</i>
Eaton,	Mills,	Thomas,
Edwards,	Noble,	Van Buren,
Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Parrott,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Johnson, of <i>Louis.</i>	Ruggles,	Williams, of <i>Ten.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Boardman,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Southard,
Chandler,	Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Talbot,
Dickerson,	Lanman,	Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>
Elliott,	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Ware.
Findlay,	Macon,	

The bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to commute the pension of Lieutenant Alfred Flournoy."

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 resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in relation to internal improvement; and,

On motion,

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 heirs of Johnston Blakely; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of the heirs of Johnston Blakeley."

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Edward Evat; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Edward Evat."

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 to alter the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Kentucky; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, " An act to alter the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Kentucky."

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for clearing, repairing, and improving certain roads, for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of the United States' mail; 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; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, " An act for clearing, repairing, and improving certain roads, for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of the United States' mail."

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

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a supplementary return to the Digest of the Manufacturing Establishments and their Manufactures, which has been reported to Congress in pursuance of their joint resolution of the 30th of March last; and,

The letter and accompanying documents were read.

The President, also, communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting copies of the reports made to that Department by the several incorporated Banks in the District of Columbia, shewing the state of their affairs at the commencement of the present year; and,

The letter and reports were read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys to the General Land Office."

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

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

It was agreed that, when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn to meet at six o'clock this evening.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices, for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Ohio and Indiana;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Ohio and Indiana.'"

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, of the 29th ultimo, requesting information relative to loans of money made to certain banking institutions; and the report was read.

On motion,

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 Robert F. Stockton; 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; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, 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 Robert F. Stockton."

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their securities; 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; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, 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 Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their securities."

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 to enable the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to audit and settle the accounts of the Surveyor of Public Lands in the states of Illinois and Missouri and territory of Michigan, for extra clerk hire in his office; 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; and,

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to enable the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to audit and settle the accounts of the Surveyor of Public Lands in the states of Illinois and Missouri and territory of Michigan, for extra clerk hire in his office."

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 to permit Anna Dubord to bring certain slaves into the state of Louisiana; and, no amendment having been proposed thereto, it was reported to the House.

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

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The same having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to permit Anna Dubord to bring certain slaves into the state of Louisiana."

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 to authorize the President of the United States to cause the lead mines, and salt spring lands belonging to the United States to be exposed to public sale, and the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; and, the amendment being concurred in,

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making an appropriation for the gradual armament of the new fortresses of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That it be indefinitely postponed.

The resolution directing the payment of two hundred and fifty dollars, out of the contingent fund, to Gales and Seaton, was considered as in committee of the whole; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The resolutions for compensating Robert Tweedy, Tobias Simpson, George Hicks, and Henry Tims, jun. were considered as in committee of the whole; and, they were amended by filling the blanks; and, the amendments having been concurred in,

On the question, "Shall these resolutions be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Rush and Samuel Conway; the petition of James H. Draughan, and the petition of John McAlister.

Mr. Parrott, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the "resolution to direct the withholding of the compensation of certain prize agents, reported the same, without amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. S. Burch:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act for the relief of Nathan Branson;" "An act to carry into effect the ninth article of the treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen;" "An act to authorize the laying out and opening certain public roads, in the territory of Michigan;" "An act amending and supplementary to the act for ascertaining claims and titles to land, in the territory of Florida, and to provide for the survey and disposal of the public lands in Florida;" "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois;" "An act for the relief of John Coffee;" "An act for the relief of Woodson Wren;" "An act for the relief of Sophia B. Ford, Nathan Ford, and Jacob Arnold, jun. administrators of the estate of Mahlon Ford, deceased;" "An act for the relief of James H. Clark;" "An act for the relief of Thaddeus Mayhew;" "An act supplementary to 'An act for the better organization of the Courts of the United States, within the state of New York;" "An act to authorize the Postmaster General to pay for certain repairs in the General Post Office, and to keep the engine house, the fire engine, and apparatus, in repair;" "An act concerning invalid pensions;" "An act to discontinue certain post roads and to establish others;" and, also, "An act to establish an additional land office, in the territory of Michigan;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said fifteen bills were severally read; and,

Ordered, That they pass to a second reading.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathan Branson," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act to carry into effect the ninth article of the treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and opening certain public roads in the territory of Florida;" the bill, entitled "An act amending and supplementary to the act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida, and to provide for the survey and disposal of the public lands in Florida;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Coffee;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Woodson Wren;" were severally read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sophia B. Ford, Nathan Ford, and Jacob Arnold, jun. administrators of the estate of Mahlon Ford, deceased;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James H. Clark;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thaddeus Mayhew;" were read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That they be severally referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act for the better organization of the Courts of the United States within the state of New York,'" was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Postmaster General to pay for certain repairs to the General Post Office, and to keep the engine house, the fire engine, and apparatus, in repair;" and the bill, entitled "An act to discontinue certain post roads and to establish others;" were read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That they be severally referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings," reported the same, with an amendment.

On motion,

The bill, entitled "An act to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan, was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which the subject was referred, reported the following resolution; which was read.

Resolved, That the Attorney General be requested to collect and arrange in one bill, all the acts of Congress now in force relative to the Courts of the United States, and their administration of justice thereon, and report the same to the Senate at their next session; together with such suggestions of changes and modifications thereof as will, in his opinion, improve the present system.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1823.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act for the better organization of the Courts of the United States within the state of New York,'" reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathan Branson," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to which was refer-

red the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sophia B. Ford, Nathan Ford, and Jacob Arnold, jun. administrators of the estate of Mahlon Ford, deceased;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James H. Clark," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois," reported the same, with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to carry into effect the ninth article of the treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, the 22d of February, 1819," reported the same, with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Woodson Wren;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Coffee;" the bill, entitled "An act providing for the examination of the titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana situated between the Rio Hondo and the Sabine river;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan," reported the same, respectively, without amendment.

Mr. Lanman, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury to sell the public lots and other property belonging to the United States in the District of Columbia," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Stokes, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Postmaster General to pay for certain repairs to the General Post Office, and to keep the engine house, the fire engine, and apparatus, in repair," reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Stokes, from the same committee, to which was referred a resolution of the Senate of the 8th of January last, directing "to inquire into the expediency of authorizing an interchange of the laws of the several states, by mail, free of postage," made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at this time, to authorize the interchange of the laws of the several states, by mail, free of postage.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend, an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed 2d March, 1799, and for other purposes."

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and opening certain public roads, in the territory of Florida," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 27th instant, in relation to maps of certain states and territories; and, the same having been modified, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to cause to be prepared and laid before the Senate, at the beginning of their next session, maps of the several states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana, and of the territories of Michigan, Arkansas, and Florida, which maps shall contain plats of the public land within the aforesaid states and territories which, before the first day of the year 1823, had been surveyed under the authority of the United States, marking upon the maps aforesaid the land, the Indian title to which, at the date aforesaid, was not extinguished; and distinguishing, by colours, upon the plats aforesaid, the land granted to the army, the land sold by the United States, the land granted to occupants or confirmed to persons claiming under British, French, or Spanish titles, and, also, the land surveyed, as aforesaid, which, at the date aforesaid, remained to be sold; stating, likewise, the computed number of acres of each of the enumerated classes of land, and the number of acres which, at the date aforesaid, had been surrendered to the United States under any law passed for the relief of the purchasers of public land, together with a statement of the amount of debt, at the date aforesaid, due to the United States from purchasers of public land within the respective states and territories aforesaid.

The following resolutions having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time and passed.

Resolved, That Robert Tweedy, Tobias Simpson, and George

Hicks, assistants to the sergeant-at-arms and door-keeper of the Senate, be paid, out of the contingent fund, two dollars a day for each day they have attended the Senate during the present session of Congress; and that Henry Tims, jun. 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 Gales and Seaton be paid, out of the contingent fund, two hundred and fifty dollars, for eight thousand copies of the message of the President for the years 1821 and 1822.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Howell, the petition of Peter Cherry, and, also, the petition of John Fitzgerald, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the 27th instant, in relation to the Courts of the United States, and disagreed thereto.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend 'An act for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida,' and for other purposes," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to inform the Senate of the original amount of a judgment lately obtained by the United States in the District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, against Colonel William Duane, and what credits have been allowed to the defendant since the date of the judgment, the dates of such credits, by whom given, and under what authority.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1823," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Naval Affairs; and, the amendments having been amended, were agreed to. The bill was reported to the House, amended, accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said amendments were reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war;'" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the better organization of the District Court of the United States, within the state of Louisiana;" and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; 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 was reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

Mr. Stokes, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to discontinue certain Post Roads and to establish others," reported the same, with amendments; which were read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for clothing the militia when called into the service of the United States;" and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts,' and for the punishment of the crime of perjury," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on the Judiciary; and, the amendments having been disagreed to, and no amendment having been made to the bill, it was reported to the House; and,

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

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 32,
Nays 8.

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

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>Louis.</i>	Mr. Ruggles,
Barton,	Kelly,	Seymour,
Benton,	King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>
Boardman,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Southard,
Brown, of <i>Louis.</i>	Lanman,	Talbot,
Brown, of <i>Ohio,</i>	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Taylor, of <i>Ind.</i>
Eaton,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Thomas,
Edwards,	Mills,	Van Buren,
Elliott,	Morril,	Ware,
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Noble,	Williams, of <i>Miss.</i>
Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Parrott,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Findlay,	Mr. Macon,
D'Wolf,	Gaillard,	Taylor, of <i>Vir.</i>
Dickerson,	Knight,	

On motion,

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Brown, of Ohio, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and making certain public roads, in the territory of Florida," reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory,' together with the amendments proposed thereto; and, the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House; 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 were reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct taxes, in certain cases;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act amending, and supplementary to, the act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida, and to provide for the survey and disposal of the public lands in Florida," reported the same, with amendments; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That Thomas Robinson have leave to withdraw his papers.

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 29th ultimo, requesting information relative to loans of money made to certain banking institutions, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Edwards,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Samuel Burch:

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

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war," disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

That the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 20,
Nays 23.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Taylor, of Ind.
Benton,	Holmes, of Missi.	Taylor, of Vir.
Brown, of Louis.	Johnson, of Louis.	Van Dyke,
Brown, of Ohio,	King, of Alab.	Ware,
Eaton,	Lloyd, of Md.	Williams, of Miss.
Edwards,	Macon,	Williams, of Ten.
Elliott.	Noble,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Ruggles,
Boardman,	Knight,	Seymour,
Chandler,	Lauman,	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Southard,
Dickerson,	Mills,	Stokes,
Findlay,	Morril,	Thomas,
Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Palmer,	Van Buren.
Kelly,	Parrott,	

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

That the Senate insist on their said amendment.

It was determined in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yea} \quad \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot 21, \\ \text{Nays} \quad \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot 22. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Stokes,
Barton,	Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i>	Taylor, <i>of Ind.</i>
Benton,	Johnson, <i>of Louis.</i>	Taylor, <i>of Vir.</i>
Brown, <i>of Louis.</i>	Kelly,	Thomas,
Brown, <i>of Ohio,</i>	King, <i>of Alab.</i>	Van Dyke,
Edwards,	Macon,	Williams, <i>of Miss.</i>
Elliott,	Noble,	Williams, <i>of Ten.</i>

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Boardman,	Mr. Knight,	Mr. Ruggles,
Chandler,	Lanman,	Seymour,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Smith, of <i>Md.</i>
Dickerson,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Southard,
Eaton,	Mills,	Van Buren,
Findlay,	Morril,	Ware.
Holmes, of <i>Maine,</i>	Palmer,	
King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Parrott,	

Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from their said amendment.

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 extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;" 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 James Morrison, of Kentucky;" and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act vesting in the state of Virginia the right of the United States to all fines assessed for non-performance of militia duty during the late war with Great Britain, within said state;" and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; 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 said amendment was reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Vermont;" 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 making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1823," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Finance; and, the bill having been further amended, it was reported to the House; 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 said amendments were reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Hightower;" and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; 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 said amendments were reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution from the House of Representatives "requiring from the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives an annual statement of the expenditures from the contingent fund of the two Houses;" 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 making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1823;" and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; 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 said amendments were reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. S. Burch:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Kentucky." They have, also, passed the bills which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to establish an additional land office in the state of Missouri;" "An act extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the

General Land Office;" and, "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their securities;" with an amendment to each, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John B. Hogan;" and, no amendment having been proposed, the bill was reported to the House; and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office;" and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Abraham Snyder;" and, no amendment having been proposed, 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, entitled "An act respecting stamps;" and, no amendment having been proposed, 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, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Lee, one of the sureties of John Ricaud, late a paymaster in the service of the United States;" and, no amendment having been proposed, 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, entitled "An act for the relief of James Rees, of New York, one of the sureties of Joseph H. Rees, deceased, late assistant deputy paymaster general in the service of the United States;" and, no amendment having been proposed, 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, entitled "An act for the relief of Polly L. Campbell, widow of Colonel John B. Campbell, deceased, late of the 11th

regiment of United States' infantry;" and, no amendment having been proposed, the bill was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the ordinances and acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan;" and, no amendment having been proposed, 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, entitled "An act further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia;" and, no amendment having been proposed, 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, entitled "An act further to extend the provisions of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first July, 1820;" and, no amendment having been proposed, 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, 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, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces,' passed on the twenty-ninth day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns of France, and five franc pieces;" and, no amendment having been proposed, 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, entitled "An act making the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, receivable in payments on account of the public lands;" and, no amendment having been proposed, the bill was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1823.

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 the letter and statement were read.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the memorial of Henry P. Wilcox, administrator of Joseph Wilcox; the memorial of William Patterson, and others, merchants, of the city of Baltimore; the memorial of Alfred Moore and Sterling Orgain; the documents in support of the claim of David Cooper; the document in support of the claim of Robert Shaw; the resolution of the Senate in relation to the claim of Jacob Butler; the petition of Joshua Clark; the petition of Daniel Brown; the petition of Augustus Porter, and others; the petition of Samuel Bent; the petition of Jeremiah Downs; the petition of Edward Owings; the petition of Walker K. Armistead; the petition of Richard S. Chappel; the petition of Thomas Eastman; the petition of Samuel Odlin; the petition of John Rodgers, a Cherokee chief; the petition of James Pelot; the petition of D. G. Cowan; and, also, the petition of John Nicholson, Marshal of the United States at New Orleans, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the Senate, during the first week of its next session, the amount of interest received or receivable, in each state, on the public debt; the amount of dividends paid or payable, in each state, by the Bank of the United States; all in reference to the year 1823; and the amount of duties on tonnage and imports, received in each port, during the year ending on the 30th of September next; and the amount of the direct taxes still due and unpaid, in each state of the United States.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before the Senate, during the first week of its next session, a list of the factories, in each state, employed in manufacturing for sale such articles as would be liable to duties if imported from foreign countries; the said list to be extracted from the Digest of Manufactures, and such other sources of information as he possesses, or can obtain; and to specify, as far as possible, the capital of each factory, and whether it is incorporated or not by state laws.

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before the Senate, during the first week of its next session, the number of Revolutionary pensioners, in each state, then on the pension list; the amount of money received or receivable, in each state, on account of Revolutionary pensioners; and the amount of the expense on account of the Academy at West Point, for one year preceding the 30th of September next.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

Ordered, That Thomas Staniford have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States, for the year 1823, and for other purposes," reported the same, without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Seth Knowles.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That the said petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of Richard Fordham, praying payment of arrears of wages due to him for services rendered during the Revolutionary war, or a pension. The petition was read; and,

On his motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the report of the Secretary of the Navy, exhibiting a statement of the expenditures and unexpended balances; the report of the Commissioners of the Navy Pension Fund; the resolution of the Senate in relation to a bounty on prisoners and guns taken in piratical vessels; the petition of George Ulmer; the petition of Sarah Perry; and, also, the petition of Susan W. Eakin, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 28th ultimo, laid before the President of the United States the nine enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed, and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Kentucky;" the bill, entitled "An act

extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office;" the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts, and for the punishment of the crime of perjury;" the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war;" and, also, the resolution requiring from the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, an annual statement of the expenditures from the contingent fund of the two Houses.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of yesterday for information in relation to a judgment lately obtained by the United States against Colonel William Duane, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the resolution of the Senate, of the 8th January, directing them to "inquire into the expediency of authorizing an interchange of the laws of the several states, by mail, free of postage;" and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at this time, to authorize the interchange of the laws of the several states, by mail, free of postage.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their sureties:" Whereupon,

On his motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to establish an additional land office in the state of Missouri:" Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

The bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory,'" was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the better organization of the District Court of the United States within the state of Louisiana," was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower," was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1823," was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1823," was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1823," was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The bill, entitled "An act vesting in the state of Virginia the right of the United States to all fines assessed for non-performance of militia duty during the late war with Great Britain, within said state," was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

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

The bills of the following titles were severally read a third time, and passed:

“An act supplementary to ‘An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war;’” “An act to confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois;” “An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;” “An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan;” “An act for the relief of James Morrison, of Kentucky;” “An act for the relief of Abraham Snyder;” “An act further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia;” “An act further to extend the provisions of the act, entitled ‘An act supplementary to an act, entitled ‘An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, prior to the first July, 1820;’” “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, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces,’ passed on the 29th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, so far as the same relates to the crowns of France, and five franc pieces;” “An act making the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, receivable in payment on account of public lands;” “An act to extend the time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct tax, in certain cases;” “An act for the relief of James Rees, of New York, one of the sureties of Joseph H. Rees, deceased, late assistant deputy paymaster general in the service of the United States;” “An act for the relief of Henry Lee, one of the sureties of John Ricaud, late a paymaster in the service of the United States;” “An act to alter the times of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Vermont;” “An act for the relief of Polly L. Campbell, widow of Colonel John B. Campbell, deceased, late of the 11th regiment of United States’ infantry;” “An act for the relief of John B. Hogan;” and “An act respecting stamps.”

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

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Samuel Burch:

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

The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled “An act to establish a National Armory on the Western waters,” with an amendment; and, also, the bill,

entitled "An act to authorize the building of light-houses, light vessels, and beacons, therein mentioned, and for other purposes," with an amendment; in which amendments they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment to the bill last mentioned:

Whereupon,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a National Armory on the Western waters:" Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris;" and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

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

Mr. President: The President of the United States has this day approved and signed "An act to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports;" and, on the 28th February, "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims, in the state of Louisiana;" "An act appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the public road from Cumberland to Wheeling;" "An act to revive and continue in force the 7th section of an act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims, in the state of Louisiana,' approved the 11th May, 1820, and for other purposes;" "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker;" and "An act to repeal so much of an act, passed the 18th April, 1806, as limits the price of certain lands, in the state of Tennessee."

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1823; and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said amendments having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Samuel Burch:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1823," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. They concur in one, and disagree to the other, amendment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service for the year 1823." And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment to the bill last mentioned, disagreed to by the House of Representatives:

Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

Resolved, That they recede therefrom.

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

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1823:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

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

tion of the bill, entitled "An act to abolish the office of measurer;" and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to cause to be laid before the Senate, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, the amount received by every officer in the Customs, from his per diem, and every other allowance to which he is entitled in consequence of his official employment; and whether any offices may not be abolished consistent with the public interest.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act altering the time for holding the Circuit Court in the states of Maine and New Hampshire;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading; and,

On motion,

It was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the discharge of John Burgin from imprisonment;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading; and,

On motion,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act respecting the punishment of piracy;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading; and,

On motion,

It was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for carrying into effect the Convention of Navigation and Commerce between the United States and France, concluded at Washington, on the 24th day of June, 1822;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading; and,

On motion,

It was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Carr, of Kentucky, late paymaster to Colonel Dudley's regiment of Kentucky militia; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading; and,

On motion,

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Finance; and, the amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House, amended, accordingly; and, the same being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution to direct the withholding of the compensation of

certain prize agents; and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; and,

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,

On motion,

The resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent, as amended.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, with an amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution concerning the Indians in the territory of Florida; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion,

It was agreed that, when the Senate adjourn, it be to five o'clock this evening; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, transmitting, in conformity with a resolution of the Senate, of the 27th ultimo, a statement, showing the number of officers and soldiers disabled in the service of the United States, in the late war, who have been placed on the pension list since the last session of Congress; and, also, a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, exhibiting the official emoluments and expenditures of certain officers of the customs; and the said reports were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of South Carolina,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Woodson Wren;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

It was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Samuel Burch:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bills and resolution which originated in the Senate, of the following titles: "An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of districts and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Ohio and Indiana;" "An act to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States;" "An act for the erection of a monument over the tomb of Elbridge Gerry, late Vice President of the United States;" "An act for clearing, repairing, and improving, certain roads, for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of the United States' mail;" "An act providing for the accommodation of the Circuit Court of the United States, for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, and for the preservation of the records of said Court;" "An act for the relief of Robert F. Stockton;" "An act for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Wilcox;" "An act for the relief of Samuel Walker, and others;" "An act for the relief of Samuel Hodgdon;" "An act to enable the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to audit and settle the accounts of the Surveyor of Public Lands, in the states of Illinois and Missouri, and territory of Arkansas, for extra clerk hire in his office;" "An act for the relief of Edward Evat;" "An act for the relief of James Morrison;" "An act for the relief of Amos Nicholls;" "An act for the relief of Eleanor Lawrence;" "An act for the relief of Robert Purdy;" "An act for the relief of Joshua Russell;" "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James M'Clung, deceased;" "An act for the relief of Daniel Seward;" "An act for the relief of John Byers;" "An act for the relief of the heirs of Johnston Blakeley;" "An act concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri, for the purposes of education, and for other public uses;" and, a resolution granting to the Washington Library a copy of the Public Documents, Laws, and Journals."

They have also passed the following bills, with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

"An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and others;" "An act

for the punishment of frauds committed on the government of the United States;" "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to provide for reports of decisions of the Supreme Court,' passed the third day of March, 1817;" "An act granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land."

The President of the United States, on the 21st ultimo, approved and signed "An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of the state of New-York;" and also "An act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims in the territory of Michigan." And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and others:" Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the punishment of frauds upon the government of the United States:" Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Senate concur therein.

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

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to provide for reports of decisions of the Supreme Court,' passed the 3d day of April, 1817:" Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land:" Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act for the better organization of the courts of the United States, within the state of New-York;'" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

On motion,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

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

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sophia B. Ford, Nathan Ford, and Jacob Arnold, jr. administrators of the estate of Mahlon Ford, deceased;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James H. Clark;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

It was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois," together with the amendments reported by the Committee on Public Lands; and the same having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House, amended accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said amendments having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The title was amended so as to strike out "*Commissioner of the General Land Office*," and insert, in lieu thereof, "*Secretary of the Treasury*."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to carry into effect the ninth article of the treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, the 22d day of February, 1819;" and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; 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 a 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 therein.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act providing for the examination of the titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana situated between the Rio Hondo and the Sabine river;" and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; 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 a 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 therein.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Coffee;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

It was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading; and,

On motion,

It was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury to sell the public lots, and other property, belonging to the United States, in the District of Columbia; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Postmaster General to pay for certain repairs to the General Post Office, and to keep the engine house, the fire engine, and apparatus, in repair;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida, and for other purposes;" and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

It was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to discontinue certain post roads and to establish others;" and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said amendments having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed,

On motion,

The bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions;" and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and opening certain public roads in the territory of Florida;" and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States, for the year 1823, and for other purposes," reported the same, with an amendment, which was read; and,

On motion,

The bill, together with the said amendment, was taken up, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, the same having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House, amended accordingly, and, the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said amendment having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed,

On motion,

The bill was read a 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 therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Samuel Burch:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Alexander Montgomery, deceased;" and, also, the resolution directing the printing of the Journal of Congress from the 5th day of September, 1774, to the 3d day of November, 1786, with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the last mentioned resolution: Whereupon,

Resolved, That they do not concur therein.

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

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the last mentioned bill: Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act amending, and supplementary to, the act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida, and to provide for the survey and disposal of the public lands in Florida;" and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the House; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said amendments having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

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

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Samuel Burch:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the following bills:

"An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year 1823, and for other purposes;" "An act amending, and supplementary to, the act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida, and to provide for the survey and disposal of the public lands in Florida;" "An act to carry into effect the ninth article of the treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, on the 22d February, 1819;" "An act authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois;" "An act making appropriations for the public buildings;" "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1823;" "An act making further appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1823."

They, also, concur in the amendments of the Senate to the resolution to direct the withholding the compensation of certain prize agents; also, in the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the examination of the titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana situated between the Rio Hondo and the Sabine river."

Likewise to the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to discontinue certain post routes, and to establish others."

They *insist* on their amendment to the resolution directing the printing of the Journal of Congress from the 5th day of September, 1774, to the 3d day of November, 1786. And he withdrew.

Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Senate *adhere* to their disagreement to the said amendment.

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thaddeus Mayhew," reported the same without amendment; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bills and resolutions with the following titles:

"An act for the erection of a monument over the tomb of Elbridge Gerry, late Vice President of the United States;" "An act providing for the accommodation of the circuit court of the United States for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, and for the preservation of the records of said court;" "An act to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the 6th volume of the Laws of the United States;" "An act for clearing, repairing, and improving certain roads, for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of the United States' mail;" "An act concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri for the purposes of education, and other public uses;" "An act to establish an additional land office in the state of Missouri;" "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their securities;" "An act to authorize the building of light-houses, light-vessels, and beacons, therein mentioned, and for other purposes;" "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Ohio and Indiana;" "An act to establish a national armory on the western waters;" "An act for the punishment of frauds committed on the government of the United States;" "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court,' passed the third day of March, eighteen hundred and seventeen;" "An act for the relief of the

heirs of Johnston Blakeley;" "An act for the relief of John Byers;" "An act for the relief of Amos Nichols;" "An act granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land;" "An act for the relief of Daniel Seward;" "An act for the relief of Joshua Russell;" "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James McClung, deceased;" "An act for the relief of Eleanor Lawrence;" "An act for the relief of Robert Purdy;" "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and others;" "An act for the relief of Samuel Hodgdon;" "An act for the relief of Samuel Walker and others;" "An act for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Wilcox;" "An act for the relief of Robert F. Stockton;" "An act to enable the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to audit and settle the accounts of the Surveyor of Public Lands in the states of Illinois and Missouri, and territory of Arkansas, for extra clerk hire in his office;" "An act for the relief of James Morrison;" "An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased;" "An act for the relief of Edward Evat;" "An act to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan;" "An act further to extend the provisions of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the 1st day of July, 1820;" "An act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the state of Louisiana;" "An act respecting the punishment of piracy;" "An act altering the time of holding the circuit court in the district of Maine and New Hampshire;" "An act making the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, receivable in payments, on account of public lands;" "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1823;" "An act vesting in the state of Virginia the right of the United States to all fines assessed for non-performance of militia duty during the late war with Great Britain, within said state;" "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, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces,' passed the 29th day of April, eighteen hundred and sixteen, so far as the same relates to the crowns of France, and five franc pieces;" "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1823;" "An act for the relief of John Coffee;" "An act for the relief of Woodson Wren;" "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and for other purposes;" "An act providing for the examination of the titles to land

in that part of the state of Louisiana situated between the Rio Hondo and the Sabine river;" "An act to discontinue certain post roads, and to establish others;" "An act amending, and supplementary to, the act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida, and to provide for the disposal of the public lands in Florida;" "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1823, and for other purposes;" "An act making appropriations for the Public Buildings;" "An act to carry into effect the ninth article of the treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, 22d February, 1819;" "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, Illinois;" "An act to amend an act, for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida;" "An act to authorize the Postmaster General to pay for certain repairs to the General Post Office, and to keep the engine house, the fire engine, and apparatus, in repair;" "An act for the relief of Abraham Snyder;" "An act for the relief of Henry Lee, one of the sureties of John Ricaud, late a paymaster in service of the United States;" "An act respecting stamps;" "An act to confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois;" "An act further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia;" "An act for the relief of Charles Carr, of Kentucky, late paymaster to Colonel William Dudley's regiment of Kentucky militia;" "An act for the relief of Polly L. Campbell, widow of Colonel John B. Campbell, late of the 11th regiment of United States' infantry;" "An act for the discharge of John Burgin from imprisonment;" "An act for the relief of James Morrison, of Kentucky;" "An act supplementary to an act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war;" "An act for the relief of John B. Hogan;" "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;" "An act for carrying into effect the convention of navigation and commerce between the United States and France, concluded at Washington, on the 24th day of June, 1822;" "An act to alter the time of holding the district court of the United States for the district of Vermont;" "An act to extend the time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct tax, in certain cases;" "An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower;" "An act for the relief of James Rees, of New York, one of the sureties of Joseph H. Rees, deceased, late assistant deputy paymaster general in the service of the United States;" "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent country;" "An act to amend the ordinance and

acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;" "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty three;" "An act for the relief of Nathan Branson;" "An act for the relief of James H. Clark;" "An act for the relief of Sophia B. Ford, Nathan Ford, and Jacob Arnold, jr. administrators of the estate of Mahlon Ford, deceased;" "An act supplementary to an act for the better organization of the courts of the United States, within the state of New York;" and a resolution to direct the withholding of the compensation of certain prize agents. Also, a resolution granting to the Washington Library a copy of the public documents, laws, and journals.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Samuel Burch:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives *adhere* to their amendment to the resolution directing the printing of the Journal of Congress, from the 5th day of September, 1774, to the 3d day of November, 1786. And he withdrew.

The President signed the eighty-two enrolled bills, and the three enrolled resolutions, 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,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1823.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 1st instant, laid before the President of the United States, all the bills and resolutions last reported to have been duly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Samuel Burch:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has approved and signed the following acts and resolutions:

"An act to amend an act for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida, and for other purposes;" "An act for the relief of Nathan Branson;" "An act further to extend the provisions of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the purchasers of the public lands prior to the 1st

of July, 1820;" "An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war;" "An act for the relief of Woodson Wren;" "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia;" "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts, and for the punishment of the crime of perjury;" "An act to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan;" "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1823;" "An act for the better organization of the District Court of the United States within the state of Louisiana;" "An act vesting in the state of Virginia the right of the United States to all fines assessed for the non-performance of militia duty during the late war with Great Britain, within said state;" "An act making the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, receivable in payment on account of public lands;" "An act altering the time of holding the Circuit Court, in the Districts of Maine and New Hampshire;" "An act to discontinue certain post roads, and to establish others;" "An act for the relief of John B. Hogan;" "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1823;" "An act for the relief of Charles Carr, of Kentucky, late paymaster to Colonel William Dudley's regiment of Kentucky militia;" "An act to extend the time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct tax, in certain cases;" "An act for the relief of Abraham Snyder;" "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;" "An act further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia;" "An act to confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois;" "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois;" "An act for the relief of Sophia B. Ford, Nathan Ford, and Jacob Arnold, junior, administrators of the estate of Mahlon Ford, deceased;" "An act supplementary to 'An act for the better organization of the Courts of the United States, within the state of New York;" "An act to carry into effect the ninth article of the treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, the 22d of February, 1819;" "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, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces,' passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as

the same relates to the crowns of France, and five franc pieces;" "An act respecting the punishment of piracy;" "An act for carrying into effect the Convention of Navigation and Commerce between the United States and France, concluded at Washington, on the 24th day of June, 1822;" "An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower;" "An act for the relief of James Morrison, of Kentucky;" "An act for the relief of James H. Clarke;" "An act respecting stamps;" "An act for the relief of John Coffee;" "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Vermont;" "An act making appropriations for the public buildings;" "An act to authorize the Postmaster General to pay for certain repairs to the General Post Office, and to keep the engine house, the fire engine, and apparatus, in repair;" "An act supplementary to 'An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war;" "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States, for the year 1823, and for other purposes;" "An act for the relief of Henry Lee, one of the sureties of John Ricaud, late a paymaster in service of the United States;" "An act for the relief of James Rees, of New York, one of the sureties of Joseph H. Rees, deceased, late assistant deputy paymaster general in service of the United States;" "An act providing for the examination of the titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana situated between the Rio Hondo and the Sabine river;" "An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;" "An act for the discharge of John Burgin from imprisonment;" "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory;" "An act making further appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1823, and for other purposes;" "An act for the relief of Polly L. Campbell, widow of Colonel John B. Campbell, deceased, late of the 11th regiment of the United States' infantry;" "An act amending and supplementary to the act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida, and to provide for the survey and disposal of the public lands in Florida;" "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the 1823;" "An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown;" "An act supplementary to and to amend an act, entitled 'An act to

regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed 2d March, 1799, and for other purposes;" "A resolution to direct the withholding of the compensation of certain prize agents;" and "A resolution requiring from the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, an annual statement of the expenditures from the contingent fund of the two Houses."

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that, unless he may have any further communication to make to the two Houses of Congress, they are ready to adjourn; in which resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the memorial of Robert Young and Richard Bland Lee; and that the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to repeal the third section of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act concerning navigation,'" be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively, and that the said bill lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Richard Fordham, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of Benjamin Desobry; the memorial of the Legislature of Louisiana, in relation to the act of Congress, of 1819, providing that foreign coins should cease to be current in the United States; the instructions of the Legislature of Alabama, in relation to a tonnage duty on all vessels coming to the ports of Mobile and Blakeley; the memorial of the same Legislature, requesting a treaty may be held with the Cherokee nation of Indians; and, also, the resolution in relation to the silver coins of Mexico, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, respectively.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

Ordered, That Ezekiel P. Beldon have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the resolution from

the House of Representatives for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that, unless he may have further communications to make to the two Houses of Congress, they are ready to adjourn; and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Macon 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.

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

Ordered, That James Byers, of New York, have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the plats of the lead mine districts in Missouri.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee on the Contingent Fund, laid before the Senate a list of accounts passed by said committee, this session, which was read; and,

On his motion,

Ordered, That it be printed.

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

Mr. President: The President of the United States has approved and signed the following acts and resolution:

“An act for the relief of Samuel Hodgdon;” “An act for the relief of Samuel Walker and others;” “An act for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Wilcox;” “An act for the relief of Robert F. Stockton;” “An act to enable the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to audit and settle the accounts of the Surveyor of Public Lands in the states of Illinois and Missouri, and territory of Arkansas, for extra clerk hire in his office;” “An act for the relief of James Morrison;” “An act for the relief of Edward Evat;” “An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased;” “An act for the relief of John Byers;” “An act for the relief of Amos Nichols;” “An act granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land;” “An act for the relief of Daniel Seward;” “An act for the relief of Joshua Russell;” “An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James McClung, deceased;” “An act for the relief of Eleanor Lawrence;” “An act for the relief of Robert Purdy” “An

act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and others;" "An act to establish an additional land office in the state of Missouri;" "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their securities;" "An act to authorize the building of light-houses, light-vessels, and beacons, therein mentioned, and for other purposes;" "An act for the relief of the heirs of Johnston Blakeley;" "An act supplementary to the act, entitled an act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of public lands, not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Ohio and Indiana;" "An act to establish a national armory on the western waters;" "An act for the punishment of frauds committed on the government of the United States;" "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court,' passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen;" "An act for the erection of a monument over the tomb of Elbridge Gerry, late Vice President of the United States;" "An act providing for the accommodation of the circuit court of the United States, for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, and for the preservation of the records of said court;" "An act to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the 6th volume of the Laws of the United States;" "An act for clearing, repairing, and improving certain roads, for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of the United States' mail;" "An act concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri for the purposes of education, and for other public uses;" "An act altering the time of holding the district court of the United States, for the district of Kentucky; "An act extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office;" and a resolution granting to the Washington Library a copy of the public documents, laws, and journals.

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

Mr. Macon, from the joint committee, reported that they had waited on the President of the United States, who informed them that he had no further Legislative communications to make to the two Houses.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Samuel Burch:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives having finished the business before them, are about to adjourn.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that the Senate, having finished the Legislative business before them, are about to adjourn; and,

After the consideration of Executive business,

The President adjourned the Senate, *sine die*.

APPENDIX.

Senators of the United States whose seats will become vacant—in

1825.	1827.	1829.
Mr. Barton, Brown, <i>of Louis.</i> Brown, <i>of Ohio,</i> Edwards, Elliott, Gaillard, Kelly, King, <i>of N. Y.</i> Lanman, Lloyd, <i>of Md.</i> Lowrie, Macon, Palmer, Parrott, Talbot, Taylor, <i>of Ind.</i>	Mr. Barbour, Benton, Boardman, D'Wolf, Eaton, Findlay, Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i> Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i> Mills, Noble, Ruggles, Seymour, Smith, Southard, Van Buren, Delaware, one vacancy	Mr. Bell, Branch, Chandler, Dickerson, Haine, Johnson, <i>of Ker.</i> Johnson, <i>of Louis.</i> King, <i>of Alab.</i> Knight, Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i> Taylor, <i>of Vir.</i> Thomas, Ware, Williams, <i>of Miss.</i> Delaware, one vacancy Tennessee, do.

LIST OF ACTS

Passed at the Second Session of the Seventeenth Congress.

- An act authorizing an additional naval force for the suppression of Piracy.
- An act concerning the apportionment of Representatives in the state of Alabama.
- An act making a partial appropriation for the support of government for the year 1823.
- An act to repeal part of an act, passed by the state of Maryland in the year 1784, and now in force in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, entitled "An act for an addition to Georgetown, in Montgomery county."
- An act to continue the present mode of supplying the army of the United States.
- An act to enable the proprietors of lands held by titles derived from the United States to obtain copies of papers from the proper department, and to declare the effect of such copies.
- An act in addition to "An act to continue in force an act to protect the commerce of the United States and punish the crime of Piracy," and also to make further provision for punishing the crime of Piracy.
- An act to provide for the appointment of an additional Judge for the Michigan territory, and for other purposes.
- An act concerning the disbursement of Public Money.
- An act for the relief of Samuel Buel.
- An act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims in the territory of Michigan.
- An act to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia.
- An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of the State of New York.
- An act to divide the state of South Carolina into two Judicial Districts.
- An act to repeal so much of an act, passed April 18, 1806, as limits the price of certain lands in the state of Tennessee.

- An act to revive and continue in force the seventh section of an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana," approved the 11th of May, 1820, and for other purposes.
- An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana.
- An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker.
- An act for laying out and making a road from the Lower Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to the western boundary of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the state of Ohio, agreeable to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown.
- An act appropriating moneys for the purpose of repairing the public road from Cumberland to Wheeling.
- An act supplementary to, and to amend, an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed 2d March, 1799, and for other purposes.
- An act to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain British colonial ports.
- An act extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.
- An act to alter the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Kentucky.
- An act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war.
- An act in addition to the act, entitled "An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts, and for the punishment of the crime of Perjury.
- An act to extend the jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace in the recovery of debts in the District of Columbia.
- An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1823.
- An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the U. States for the year 1823.
- An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their securities.
- An act providing for the examination of the titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana situated between Rio Hondo and the Sabine river.
- An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan.

An act to amend an act, entitled "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory.

An act making further appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1823, and for other purposes.

An act to establish an additional Land Office in the state of Missouri.

An act to authorize the building of light-houses, light-vessels, and beacons, therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

An act for the punishment of frauds committed on the government of the United States.

An act granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land.

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of Districts and establish Land Offices for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Ohio and Indiana.

An act to establish a National Armory on the Western waters.

An act to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court, passed the 3d of March, 1817.

An act providing for the accommodation of the Circuit Court of the United States for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, and for the preservation of the records of said court.

An act to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the Laws of the United States.

An act concerning the lands to be granted to the state of Missouri for the purposes of education, and other public uses.

An act for clearing, repairing, and improving, certain roads, for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of the United States' Mail.

An act to amend an act for the establishment of a territorial government in Florida, and for other purposes.

An act amending and supplementary to the "Act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida," and to provide for the survey and disposal of the public lands in Florida.

An act to alter the times of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of Vermont.

An act supplementary to an act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war.

- An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year 1823.
- An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1823.
- An act making appropriations for the public buildings.
- An act to authorize the Postmaster General to pay for certain repairs to the General Post Office, and to keep the engine-house, the fire engine, and apparatus, in repair.
- An act respecting stamps.
- An act further to extend the provisions of the act, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the purchasers of the public lands prior to the first of July, 1820.'"
- An act to establish an additional Land Office in the territory of Michigan.
- An act for the better organization of the District Court of the United States within the state of Louisiana.
- An act to enable the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to audit and settle the accounts of the Surveyor of Public Lands in the states of Illinois and Missouri and territory of Arkansas for extra clerk hire in his office.
- An act vesting in the state of Virginia the right of the United States to all fines assessed for non-performance of militia duty during the late war with Great Britain, within said state.
- An act making the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, receivable in payments on account of public lands.
- An act to extend the time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct taxes.
- An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to the officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army.
- An act further to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia.
- An act to confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois.
- An act supplementary to an act for the better organization of the Courts of the United States within the State of New York.
- An act to carry into effect the ninth article of the treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, the 22d Feb. 1819.
- 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, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces," passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns of France and five franc pieces.

An act respecting the punishment of Piracy.

An act for carrying into effect the Convention of Commerce and Navigation between the United States and France, concluded at Washington on the 24th June, 1822.

An act altering the time of holding the Circuit Court in the districts of Maine and New Hampshire.

An act for the relief of Henry Lee, one of the sureties of John Ricaud, late a Paymaster in the service of the United States.

An act for the relief of James Reese, of New York, one of the sureties of Joseph H. Reese, deceased, late Assistant Deputy Paymaster General in the service of the United States.

An act for the discharge of John Burgin from imprisonment.

An act for the relief of Polly L. Campbell, widow of Col. John B. Campbell, deceased, late of the eleventh regiment of United States' infantry.

An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois.

An act for the relief of the legal representative of James McClung, deceased.

An act for the relief of Daniel Seward.

An act for the relief of Amos Nichols.

An act for the relief of the heirs of Johnston Blakeley.

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An act for the erection of a monument over the tomb of Elbridge Gerry, late Vice President of the United States.

An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased.

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An act for the relief of Capt. Richard Hightower.

An act for the relief of James Morrison, of Kentucky.

An act for the relief of James H. Clark.

An act to discontinue certain Post Roads, and to establish others.

An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and others.

Resolution requiring of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives an annual statement of the expenditures from the contingent fund of the two Houses.

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