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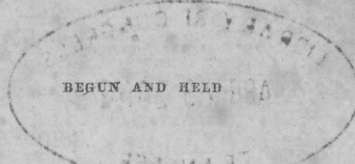
OF

## THE SENATE

OF

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

BEING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS;



AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,

DECEMBER 6, 1824,

AND IN THE FORTY-NINTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF SAID UNITED STATES.

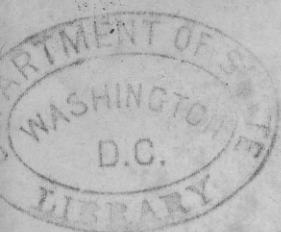
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## CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1824.

PRESENT:

*From the State of New Hampshire,*

The Honorable { Samuel Bell,  
John F. Parrott.

*From the State of Massachusetts,*

The Honorable { James Lloyd,  
Elijah H. Mills.

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

The Honorable Nehemiah R. Knight.

*From the State of Connecticut,*

The Honorable { Henry W. Edwards,  
James Lanman.

*From the State of Vermont,*

The Honorable William A. Palmer.

*From the State of New York,*

The Honorable { Rufus King,  
Martin Van Buren.

*From the State of New Jersey,*

The Honorable { Mahlon Dickerson,  
Joseph McIlvaine.

*From the State of Pennsylvania,*

The Honorable { William Findlay,  
Walter Lowrie.

*From the State of Delaware,*

The Honorable { Thomas Clayton,  
Nicholas Van Dyke.

*From the State of Maryland,*  
The Honorable Samuel Smith.

*From the State of Virginia,*  
The Honorable James Barbour.

*From the State of North Carolina,*  
The Honorable Nathaniel Macon.

*From the State of South Carolina,*  
The Honorable John Gaillard.

*From the State of Georgia,*  
The Honorable { Thomas W. Cobb,  
                          { John Elliott.

*From the State of Kentucky,*  
The Honorable { Richard M. Johnson,  
                          { Isham Talbot.

*From the State of Ohio,*  
The Honorable { Ethan A. Brown,  
                          { Benjamin Ruggles.

*From the State of Louisiana,*  
The Honorable Josiah S. Johnston.

*From the State of Indiana,*  
The Honorable { James Noble,  
                          { Waller Taylor.

*From the State of Mississippi,*  
The Honorable Thomas H. Williams.

*From the State of Illinois,*  
The Honorable Jesse B. Thomas.

*From the State of Alabama,*  
The Honorable William R. King.

*From the State of Maine,*  
The Honorable { John Chandler,  
                          { John Holmes.

*From the State of Missouri,*  
The Honorable { David Barton,  
                          { Thomas H. Benton.

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

The Honorable Henry W. Edwards, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the State of Connecticut, to supply the vacancy occa-

sioned by the death of the Honorable Elijah Boardman; and the Honorable Thomas W. Cobb, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the State of Georgia, in the place of the Honorable Nicholas Ware, deceased, severally produced their credentials, which were read, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to them, and they took their seats in the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*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. Clarke, their Clerk:

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

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Macon were appointed of the said committee, on the part of the Senate.

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

On motion, by Mr. Knight,

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

Mr. Knight was appointed of the said committee, on the part of the Senate.

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

Mr. Ruggles submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was read.

*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.

The said resolution was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole, and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this resolution 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 concur in the resolution to appoint a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and to inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and they have appointed a committee on their part. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

*Resolved,* That a Committee for Engrossed Bills be appointed, agreeably to the 30th rule for conducting business in the Senate.

Mr. Lanman, Mr. McIlvaine, and Mr. Cobb, were appointed the said committee.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

*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 the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Lanman submitted the following motion for consideration; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

*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.

On motion,

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1824.

The Honorable Andrew Jackson and the Honorable John H. Eaton, from the state of Tennessee; the Honorable Horatio Seymour, from the state of Vermont; the Honorable John Branch, from the state of



North-Carolina; and the Honorable Robert Y. Hayne, from the state of South-Carolina, severally, attended.

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

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of Chaplains; and a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to consider and report what respectful mode it may be proper for Congress to adopt to receive General Lafayette, and have appointed a committee on their part: in which resolutions they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate proceeded to consider the last mentioned resolution, and  
*Resolved,* That the Senate concur therein.

Mr. Barbour, Mr. King of New York, Mr. Smith, Mr. Macon, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ruggles, were appointed of the said committee on the part of the Senate.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution from the House of Representatives, for the appointment of Chaplains; and,

*Resolved,* That the Senate concur therein.

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

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Senate, with statements showing the amount of disbursements from the contingent fund during the last year, which was read.

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.

Mr. Barbour presented the memorial of James Leander Cathcart, praying to be reimbursed for certain deductions made from the amount of the award, in his favor, of the Commissioners under the eleventh article of the Florida treaty; and that his account for salary and other items, whilst Consul General at Algiers, may be admitted and liquidated. The memorial was read; and,

*Ordered.* That it lie on the table.

The resolution authorizing the Sergeant-at-arms to employ an assistant and horses for the use of the Senate, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said resolution having been reported, by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

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

*Fellow-Citizens of the Senate,*

*and of the House of Representatives :*

THE view which I have now to present to you, of our affairs, Foreign and Domestic, realizes the most sanguine anticipations which have been entertained of the public prosperity. If we look to the whole, our growth, as a Nation, continues to be rapid, beyond example; if to the States which compose it, the same gratifying spectacle is exhibited. Our expansion over the vast territory within our limits has been great, without indicating any decline in those sections from which the emigration has been most conspicuous. We have daily gained strength by a native population in every quarter—a population devoted to our happy system of Government, and cherishing the bond of union with fraternal affection. Experience has already shewn, that the difference of climate, and of industry, proceeding from that cause, inseparable from such vast domains, and which, under other systems, might have a repulsive tendency, cannot fail to produce, with us, under wise regulations, the opposite effect. What one portion wants, the other may supply, and this will be most sensibly felt by the parts most distant from each other, forming, thereby, a domestic market, and an active intercourse between the extremes and throughout every portion of our Union. Thus, by a happy distribution of power between the National and State Governments, governments which rest exclusively on the sovereignty of the people, and are fully adequate to the great purposes for which they were respectively instituted, causes which might otherwise lead to dismemberment, operate powerfully to draw us closer together. In every other circumstance, a correct view of the actual state of our Union must be equally gratifying to our constituents. Our rela-

tions with foreign powers are of a friendly character, although certain interesting differences remain unsettled with some. Our revenue, under the mild system of impost and tonnage, continues to be adequate to all the purposes of the Government. Our agriculture, commerce, manufactures, and navigation, flourish. Our fortifications are advancing in the degree authorized by existing appropriations, to maturity, and due progress is made in the augmentation of the navy, to the limit prescribed for it by law. For these blessings, we owe to Almighty God, from whom we derive them, and with profound reverence, our most grateful and unceasing acknowledgments.

In adverting to our relations with foreign powers, which are always an object of the highest importance, I have to remark, that, of the subjects which have been brought into discussion with them during the present administration, some have been satisfactorily terminated; others have been suspended, to be resumed hereafter, under circumstances more favorable to success; and others are still in negotiation, with the hope that they may be adjusted, with mutual accommodation to the interests, and to the satisfaction, of the respective parties. It has been the invariable object of this Government, to cherish the most friendly relations with every power, and on principles and conditions which might make them permanent. A systematic effort has been made to place our commerce with each power on a footing of perfect reciprocity; to settle with each, in a spirit of candor and liberality, all existing differences, and to anticipate and remove, so far as it might be practicable, all causes of future variance.

It having been stipulated by the seventh article of the convention of navigation and commerce, which was concluded on the twenty-fourth of June, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, between the United States and France, that the said convention should continue in force for two years, from the first of October, of that year, and for an indefinite term afterwards, unless one of the parties should declare its intention to renounce it, in which event it should cease to operate at the end of six months from such declaration; and no such intention having been announced, the convention having been found advantageous to both parties, it has since remained, and still remains, in force. At the time when that convention was concluded, many interesting subjects were left unsettled, and particularly our claim to indemnity for spoliations which were committed on our commerce in the late wars. For these interests and claims, it was in the contemplation of the parties to make provision, at a subsequent day,

by a more comprehensive and definitive treaty. The object has been duly attended to since by the Executive, but, as yet, it has not been accomplished. It is hoped that a favorable opportunity will present itself for opening a negotiation, which may embrace and arrange all existing differences, and every other concern in which they have a common interest, upon the accession of the present king of France, an event which has occurred since the close of the last session of Congress.

With Great Britain our commercial intercourse rests on the same footing that it did at the last session. By the convention of one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, the commerce between the United States and the British dominions in Europe and the East Indies, was arranged on a principle of reciprocity. That convention was confirmed and continued in force, with slight exceptions, by a subsequent treaty, for the term of ten years, from the twentieth of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, the date of the latter. The trade with the British colonies, in the West Indies, has not, as yet, been arranged by treaty, or otherwise, to our satisfaction. An approach to that result has been made by legislative acts, whereby many serious impediments, which had been raised by the parties, in defence of their respective claims, were removed. An earnest desire exists, and has been manifested on the part of this Government, to place the commerce with the colonies, likewise, on a footing of reciprocal advantage; and it is hoped that the British Government, seeing the justice of the proposal, and its importance to the colonies, will, ere long, accede to it.

The Commissioners who were appointed for the adjustment of the boundary, between the territories of the United States and those of Great Britain, specified in the fifth article of the Treaty of Ghent, having disagreed in their decision, and both Governments having agreed to establish that boundary by amicable negotiation between them, it is hoped that it may be satisfactorily adjusted in that mode. The boundary specified by the sixth article has been established by the decision of the commissioners. From the progress made in that provided for by the seventh, according to a report recently received, there is good cause to presume that it will be settled in the course of the ensuing year.

It is a cause of serious regret, that no arrangement has yet been finally concluded between the two Governments, to secure, by joint co-operation, the suppression of the slave trade. It was the object of



the British Government, in the early stages of the negotiation, to adopt a plan for the suppression, which should include the concession of the mutual right of search by the ships of war of each party, of the vessels of the other, for suspected offenders. This was objected to by this Government, on the principle that, as the right of search was a right of war of a belligerent towards a neutral power, it might have an ill effect to extend it, by treaty, to an offence which had been made comparatively mild, to a time of peace. Anxious, however, for the suppression of this trade, it was thought adviseable, in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, founded on an act of Congress, to propose to the British Government an expedient, which should be free from that objection, and more effectual for the object, by making it piratical. In that mode, the enormity of the crime would place the offenders out of the protection of their Government, and involve no question of search, or other question, between the parties, touching their respective rights. It was believed, also, that it would completely suppress the trade in the vessels of both parties, and, by their respective citizens and subjects, in those of other powers, with whom, it was hoped, that the odium which would thereby be attached to it, would produce a corresponding arrangement, and, by means thereof, its entire extirpation forever. A convention to this effect was concluded and signed, in London, on the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, by plenipotentiaries duly authorized by both Governments, to the ratification of which certain obstacles have arisen, which are not yet entirely removed. The difference between the parties still remaining, has been reduced to a point, not of sufficient magnitude, as is presumed, to be permitted to defeat an object so near to the heart of both nations, and so desirable to the friends of humanity throughout the world. As objections, however, to the principle recommended by the House of Representatives, or at least to the consequences inseparable from it, and which are understood to apply to the law, have been raised, which may deserve a reconsideration of the whole subject, I have thought it proper to suspend the conclusion of a new convention until the definitive sentiments of Congress may be ascertained. The documents relating to the negotiation, are, with that intent, submitted to your consideration.

Our commerce with Sweden has been placed on a footing of perfect reciprocity by treaty, and, with Russia, the Netherlands, Prussia, the free Hanseatic Cities, the Dukedom of Oldenburg, and Sardinia,



by internal regulations on each side, founded on mutual agreement between the respective Governments.

The principles upon which the commercial policy of the United States is founded, are to be traced to an early period. They are essentially connected with those upon which their independence was declared, and owe their origin to the enlightened men who took the lead in our affairs at that important epoch. They are developed in their first treaty of commerce with France, of sixth February, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, and by a formal commission, which was instituted immediately after the conclusion of their Revolutionary struggle, for the purpose of negotiating treaties of commerce with every European power. The first treaty of the United States with Prussia, which was negotiated by that commission, affords a signal illustration of those principles. The act of Congress of the third March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, adopted immediately after the return of a general peace, was a new overture to foreign nations to establish our commercial relations with them on the basis of free and equal reciprocity. That principle has pervaded all the acts of Congress, and all the negotiations of the Executive on the subject since.

A convention for the settlement of important questions in relation to the Northwest Coast of this continent, and its adjoining seas, was concluded and signed at St. Petersburg, on the fifth day of April last, by the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, and Plenipotentiaries of the Imperial Government of Russia. It will immediately be laid before the Senate for the exercise of the constitutional authority of that body, with reference to its ratification. It is proper to add, that the manner in which this negotiation was invited and conducted on the part of the Emperor, has been very satisfactory.

The great and extraordinary changes which have happened in the Government of Spain and Portugal, within the last two years, without seriously affecting the friendly relations which, under all of them, have been maintained with those powers by the United States, have been obstacles to the adjustment of the particular subjects of discussion which have arisen with each. A resolution of the Senate, adopted at their last session, called for information as to the effect produced upon our relations with Spain, by the recognition, on the part of the United States, of the Independent South American Governments. The papers containing that information are now communicated to Congress.

A Chargé d'Affaires has been received from the Independent Government of Brazil. That country, heretofore a colonial possession of Portugal, had, some years since, been proclaimed by the Sovereign of Portugal himself, an independent kingdom. Since his return to Lisbon a revolution in Brazil has established a new Government there, with an Imperial title, at the head of which is placed the Prince, in whom the Regency had been vested by the King, at the time of his departure. There is reason to expect that, by amicable negotiation, the independence of Brazil will, ere long, be recognized by Portugal herself.

With the remaining powers of Europe, with those on the coast of Barbary, and with all the new South American States, our relations are of a friendly character. We have Ministers Plenipotentiary residing with the Republics of Colombia and Chili, and have received Ministers, of the same rank, from Colombia, Guatimala, Buenos Ayres, and Mexico. Our commercial relations with all those States, are mutually beneficial and increasing. With the Republic of Colombia, a Treaty of Commerce has been formed, of which a copy is received, and the original daily expected. A negotiation for a like Treaty would have been commenced with Buenos Ayres, had it not been prevented by the indisposition, and lamented decease, of Mr. Rodney, our Minister there, and to whose memory the most respectful attention has been shewn by the Government of that Republic. An advantageous alteration in our Treaty with Tunis has been obtained by our Consular-Agent residing there, the official document of which, when received, will be laid before the Senate.

The attention of the Government has been drawn with great solicitude to other subjects, and particularly to that relating to a state of maritime war, involving the relative rights of neutral and belligerent in such wars. Most of the difficulties which we have experienced, and of the losses which we have sustained, since the establishment of our Independence, have proceeded from the unsettled state of those rights, and the extent to which the belligerent claim has been carried against the neutral party. It is impossible to look back on the occurrences of the late wars in Europe, and to behold the disregard which was paid to our rights as a neutral power, and the waste which was made of our commerce by the parties to those wars, by various acts of their respective Governments, and under the pretext, by each, that the other had set the example, without great mortification, and a fixed purpose never to submit to the like in future. An

attempt to remove those causes of possible variance by friendly negotiation, and on just principles, which should be applicable to all parties, could, it was presumed, be viewed by none, other than as a proof of an earnest desire to preserve those relations with every power. In the late war between France and Spain, a crisis occurred, in which it seemed probable that all the controvertible principles, involved in such wars, might be brought into discussion, and settled to the satisfaction of all parties. Propositions, having this object in view, have been made to the Governments of Great Britain, France, Russia, and of other powers, which have been received in a friendly manner by all, but as yet no treaty has been formed with either for its accomplishment. The policy will, it presumed, be persevered in, and in the hope that it may be successful.

It will always be recollected that, with one of the parties to those wars, and from whom we received those injuries, we sought redress, by war. From the other, by whose then reigning government our vessels were seized, in port as well as at sea, and their cargoes confiscated, indemnity has been expected, but has not yet been rendered. It was under the influence of the latter, that our vessels were likewise seized by the Governments of Spain, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, and Naples, and from whom indemnity has been claimed and is still expected, with the exception of Spain, by whom it has been rendered. With both parties we had abundant cause of war, but we had no alternative but to resist that which was most powerful at sea, and pressed us nearest at home. With this, all differences were settled by a treaty, founded on conditions fair and honorable to both, and which has been, so far, executed with perfect good faith. It has been earnestly hoped, that the other would, of its own accord, and from a sentiment of justice and conciliation, make to our citizens the indemnity to which they are entitled, and thereby remove from our relations any just cause of discontent on our side.

It is estimated, that the receipts into the Treasury, during the current year, exclusive of loans, will exceed eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars, which, with the sum remaining in the Treasury, at the end of the last year, amounting to nine millions four hundred sixty-three thousand nine hundred twenty-two dollars, eighty-one cents, will, after discharging the current disbursements of the year, the interest on the public debt, and upwards of eleven millions six hundred and thirty-three thousand eleven dollars, fifty-two cents, of the principal, leave a balance of more than three millions dollars in the Treasury on the first day of January next.

A larger amount of the debt contracted during the late war, bearing an interest of six per cent. becoming redeemable in the course of the ensuing year, than could be discharged by the ordinary revenue, the act of the twenty-sixth of May authorized a loan of five millions dollars, at four and a half per cent. to meet the same. By this arrangement an annual saving will accrue to the public of seventy-five thousand dollars.

Under the act of the twenty-fourth of May last, a loan of five millions dollars was authorized, in order to meet the awards, under the Florida Treaty, which was negotiated at par, with the Bank of the United States, at four and a half per cent. the limit of interest fixed by the act. By this provision the claims of our citizens, who had sustained so great a loss by spoliations, and from whom indemnity had been so long withheld, were promptly paid. For these advances, the public will be amply repaid, at no distant day, by the sale of the lands in Florida. Of the great advantages resulting from the acquisition of the territory, in other respects, too high an estimate cannot be formed.

It is estimated that the receipts into the Treasury, during the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, will be sufficient to meet the disbursements of the year, including the sum of ten millions dollars, which is annually appropriated, by the act constituting the Sinking Fund, to the payment of the principal and interest of the public debt.

The whole amount of the public debt on the first of January next, may be estimated at eighty-six millions dollars, inclusive of two millions five hundred thousand dollars of the loan authorized by the act of the twenty-sixth of May last. In this estimate is included a stock of seven millions dollars, issued for the purchase of that amount of the capital stock of the Bank of the United States; and which, as the stock of the Bank, still held by the Government, will at least be fully equal to its reimbursement, ought not to be considered as constituting a part of the public debt. Estimating, then, the whole amount of the public debt at seventy-nine millions dollars, and regarding the annual receipts and expenditures of the Government, a well-founded hope may be entertained, that, should no unexpected event occur, the whole of the public debt may be discharged in the course of ten years, and the Government be left at liberty, thereafter, to apply such portion of the revenue as may not be necessary for current expenses, to such other objects as may be most conducive to the public security and welfare. That the



sums applicable to these objects will be very considerable, may be fairly concluded, when it is recollected, that a large amount of the public revenue has been applied since the late war, to the construction of the public buildings in this city; to the erection of fortifications along the coast, and of arsenals in different parts of the Union; to the augmentation of the navy; to the extinguishment of the Indian title to large tracts of fertile territory; to the acquisition of Florida; to pensions to revolutionary officers and soldiers, and to invalids of the late war. On many of these objects the expense will annually be diminished, and cease at no distant period on most of them. On the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the public debt amounted to one hundred and twenty-three millions four hundred and ninety-one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five dollars and sixteen cents; and notwithstanding the large sums which have been applied to these objects, it has been reduced, since that period, thirty-seven millions four hundred and forty-six thousand nine hundred and sixty-one dollars and seventy-eight cents. The last portion of the public debt will be redeemable on the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five; and while there is the best reason to believe, that the resources of the Government will be continually adequate to such portions of it as may become due in the interval, it is recommended to Congress to seize every opportunity, which may present itself, to reduce the rate of interest on every part thereof. The high state of the public credit, and the great abundance of money, are at this time very favorable to such a result. It must be very gratifying to our fellow-citizens to witness this flourishing state of the public finances, when it is recollected, that no burthen whatever has been imposed upon them.

The Military Establishment, in all its branches, in the performance of the various duties assigned to each, justifies the favorable view which was presented, of the efficiency of its organization, at the last session. All the appropriations have been regularly applied to the objects intended by Congress; and, so far as the disbursements have been made, the accounts have been rendered and settled, without loss to the public. The condition of the army itself, as relates to the officers and men, in science and discipline, is highly respectable. The Military Academy, on which the army essentially rests, and to which it is much indebted for this state of improvement, has attained, in comparison with any other institution of a like kind, a high degree of perfection. Experience, however, has shewn, that the dispersed con-



dition of the corps of artillery is unfavorable to the discipline of that important branch of the Military Establishment. To remedy this inconvenience, eleven companies have been assembled at the fortification erected at Old Point Comfort, as a school for artillery instruction, with intention, as they shall be perfected in the various duties of that service, to order them to other posts, and to supply their places with other companies, for instruction in like manner. In this mode, a complete knowledge of the science and duties of this arm will be extended throughout the whole corps of artillery. But to carry this object fully into effect, will require the aid of Congress; to obtain which, the subject is now submitted to your consideration.

Of the progress which has been made in the construction of fortifications, for the permanent defence of our maritime frontier, according to the plan decided on, and to the extent of the existing appropriations, the report of the Secretary of War, which is herewith communicated, will give a detailed account. Their final completion cannot fail to give great additional security to that frontier, and to diminish, proportionably, the expense of defending it in the event of war.

The provisions in the several acts of Congress of the last session, for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi and the Ohio, of the harbor of Presqu'isle, on Lake Erie, and the repair of the Plymouth Beach, are in a course of regular execution; and, there is reason to believe, that the appropriation, in each instance, will be adequate to the object. To carry these improvements fully into effect, the superintendence of them has been assigned to officers of the corps of engineers.

Under the act of thirtieth April last, authorizing the President to cause a survey to be made, with the necessary plans and estimates, of such roads and canals, as he might deem of national importance, in a commercial or military point of view, or for the transportation of the mail, a board has been instituted, consisting of two distinguished officers of the corps of engineers, and a distinguished civil engineer, with assistants, who have been actively employed in carrying into effect the object of the act. They have carefully examined the route between the Potomac and the Ohio rivers; between the latter and Lake Erie; between the Alleghany and the Susquehannah; and the routes between the Delaware and the Rariton, Barnstable and Buzzard's Bay, and between Boston Harbor and Narraganset Bay. Such portion of the corps of topographical engineers as could be spared from the survey of the coast, has been employed in surveying the very important route

between the Potomac and the Ohio. Considerable progress has been made in it, but the survey cannot be completed until the next season. It is gratifying to add, from the view already taken, that there is good cause to believe, that this great national object may be fully accomplished.

It is contemplated to commence early in the next season the execution of the other branch of the act, that which relates to roads, and with the survey of a route from this city, through the southern states, to New Orleans, the importance of which cannot be too highly estimated. All the officers of both the Corps of Engineers, who could be spared from other services, have been employed in exploring and surveying the routes for canals. To digest a plan for both objects, for the great purposes specified, will require a thorough knowledge of every part of our Union, and of the relation of each part to the others, and of all to the seat of the General Government. For such a digest it will be necessary that the information be full, minute, and precise. With a view to these important objects, I submit to the consideration of Congress the propriety of enlarging both the corps of Engineers, the military and topographical. It need scarcely be remarked, that the more extensively these corps are engaged in the improvement of their country, in the execution of the powers of Congress, and in aid of the states in such improvements as lie beyond that limit, when such aid is desired, the happier the effect will be in many views of which the subject is susceptible. By profiting of their science, the works will always be well executed; and, by giving to the officers such employment, our Union will derive all the advantage, in peace as well as in war, from their talents and services, which they can afford. In this mode, also, the military will be incorporated with the civil, and unfounded and injurious distinctions and prejudices, of every kind, be done away. To the corps themselves, this service cannot fail to be equally useful, since, by the knowledge they would thus acquire, they would be eminently better qualified, in the event of war, for the great purposes for which they were instituted.

Our relations with the Indian tribes within our limits, have not been materially changed during the year. The hostile disposition evinced by certain tribes on the Missouri during the last year, still continues, and has extended, in some degree, to those on the Upper Mississippi and the Upper Lakes. Several parties of our citizens have been plundered and murdered by those tribes. In order to es-

establish relations of friendship with them, Congress, at the last session, made an appropriation for treaties with them, and for the employment of a suitable military escort to accompany and attend the Commissioners at the places appointed for the negotiations. This object has not been effected. The season was too far advanced when the appropriation was made, and the distance too great to permit it, but measures have been taken, and all the preparations will be completed, to accomplish it at an early period in the next season.

Believing that the hostility of the tribes, particularly on the upper Mississippi, and the Lakes, is in no small degree owing to the wars which are carried on between the Tribes residing in that quarter, measures have been taken to bring about a general peace among them, which, if successful, will not only tend to the security of our citizens, but be of great advantage to the Indians themselves.

With the exception of the Tribes referred to, our relations with all the others are on the same friendly footing, and it affords me great satisfaction to add, that they are making steady advances in civilization, and the improvement of their condition. Many of the Tribes have already made great progress in the arts of civilized life. This desirable result has been brought about by the humane and persevering policy of the Government, and particularly by means of the appropriation for the civilization of the Indians. There have been established, under the provisions of this act, thirty two schools, containing nine hundred and sixteen scholars, who are well instructed in several branches of literature, and likewise in agriculture, and the ordinary arts of life.

Under the appropriation to authorize treaties with the Creeks, and Quaupaw Indians, commissioners have been appointed, and negotiations are now pending, but the result is not yet known.

For more full information respecting the principle which has been adopted for carrying into effect the act of Congress authorizing surveys, with plans and estimates, for canals and roads, and on every other branch of duty incident to the Department of War, I refer you to the Report of the Secretary.

The squadron in the Mediterranean has been maintained in the extent which was proposed in the Report of the Secretary of the Navy of the last year, and has afforded to our commerce the necessary protection in that sea. Apprehending, however, that the unfriendly relations which have existed between Algiers and some of the powers of Europe, might be extended to us, it has been thought expedient to

augment the force there, and, in consequence, the "North Carolina," a ship of the line, has been prepared, and will sail in a few days to join it.

The force employed in the Gulf of Mexico, and in the neighboring seas, for the suppression of Piracy, has likewise been preserved essentially in the state in which it was during the last year. A persevering effort has been made for the accomplishment of that object, and much protection has thereby been afforded to our commerce; but still the practice is far from being suppressed. From every view which has been taken of the subject, it is thought that it will be necessary rather to augment than to diminish our force in that quarter. There is reason to believe that the piracies now complained of, are committed by bands of robbers who inhabit the land, and who, by preserving good intelligence with the towns, and seizing favorable opportunities, rush forth and fall on unprotected merchant vessels, of which they make an easy prey. The pillage thus taken, they carry to their lurking places, and dispose of afterwards, at prices tending to seduce the neighboring population. This combination is understood to be of great extent, and is the more to be deprecated, because the crime of piracy is often attended with the murder of the crews, these robbers knowing, if any survived, their lurking places would be exposed and they be caught and punished. That this atrocious practice should be carried to such extent, is cause of equal surprize and regret. It is presumed that it must be attributed to the relaxed and feeble state of the local Governments, since it is not doubted, from the high character of the Governor of Cuba, who is well known and much respected here, that, if he had the power, he would promptly suppress it. Whether those robbers should be pursued on the land, the local authorities be made responsible for these atrocities, or any other measure be resorted to, to suppress them, is submitted to the consideration of Congress.

In execution of the laws for the suppression of the slave trade, a vessel has been occasionally sent from that squadron to the coast of Africa, with orders to return thence by the usual track of the slave ships, and to seize any of our vessels which might be engaged in that trade. None have been found, and, it is believed, that none are thus employed. It is well known, however, that the trade still exists under other flags.

The health of our squadron while at Thompson's Island, has been much better during the present, than it was the last season. Some improvements have been made, and others are contemplated there, which, it is believed, will have a very salutary effect.



On the Pacific, our commerce has much increased, and on that coast, as well as on that sea, the United States have many important interests which require attention and protection. It is thought that all the considerations which suggested the expediency of placing a squadron on that sea, operate, with augmented force, for maintaining it there, at least in equal extent.

For detailed information respecting the state of our maritime force, on each sea, the improvement necessary to be made on either, in the organization of the Naval Establishment, generally, and of the laws for its better government, I refer you to the Report of the Secretary of the Navy, which is herewith communicated.

The revenue of the Post Office Department has received a considerable augmentation in the present year. The current receipts will exceed the expenditures, although the transportation of the mail, within the year, has been much increased. A report of the Postmaster General, which is transmitted, will furnish, in detail, the necessary information respecting the administration and present state of this Department.

In conformity with a resolution of Congress, of the last Session, an invitation was given to General Lafayette to visit the United States, with an assurance that a ship of war should attend at any port of France which he might designate, to receive and convey him across the Atlantic, whenever it might be convenient for him to sail. He declined the offer of the public ship, from motives of delicacy, but assured me that he had long intended, and would certainly visit our Union, in the course of the present year. In August last, he arrived at New York, where he was received with the warmth of affection and gratitude to which his very important and disinterested services and sacrifices, in our Revolutionary struggle, so eminently entitled him. A corresponding sentiment has since been manifested in his favor, throughout every portion of our Union, and affectionate invitations have been given him to extend his visits to them. To these he has yielded all the accommodation in his power. At every designated point of rendezvous, the whole population of the neighboring country has been assembled to greet him, among whom it has excited, in a peculiar manner, the sensibility of all, to behold the surviving members of our Revolutionary contest, civil and military, who had shared with him in the toils and dangers of the war, many of them in a decrepid state. A more interesting spectacle, it is believed, was never witnessed, because none could be founded on



purser principles—none proceed from higher or more disinterested motives. That the feelings of those who had fought and bled with him, in a common cause, should have been much excited, was natural. There are, however, circumstances attending these interviews, which pervaded the whole community, and touched the breasts of every age, even the youngest among us. There was not an individual present, who had not some relative who had not partaken in those scenes, nor an infant who had not heard the relation of them. But the circumstance which was most sensibly felt, and which his presence brought forcibly to the recollection of all, was the great cause in which we were engaged, and the blessings which we have derived from our success in it. The struggle was for independence and liberty, public and personal, and in this we succeeded. The meeting with one who had borne so distinguished a part in that great struggle, and from such lofty and disinterested motives, could not fail to affect, profoundly, every individual, and of every age. It is natural that we should all take a deep interest in his future welfare, as we do. His high claims on our Union are felt, and the sentiment universal, that they should be met in a generous spirit. Under these impressions, I invite your attention to the subject, with a view that, regarding his very important services, losses, and sacrifices, a provision may be made, and tendered to him, which shall correspond with the sentiments, and be worthy the character, of the American people.

In turning our attention to the condition of the civilized world, in which the United States have always taken a deep interest, it is gratifying to see how large a portion of it is blessed with peace. The only wars which now exist within that limit, are those between Turkey and Greece, in Europe, and between Spain and the new Governments, our neighbors, in this hemisphere. In both these wars, the cause of independence, of liberty, and humanity, continues to prevail. The success of Greece, when the relative population of the contending parties is considered, commands our admiration and applause, and that it has had a similar effect with the neighboring powers, is obvious. The feeling of the whole civilized world is excited, in a high degree, in their favor. May we not hope that these sentiments, winning on the hearts of their respective Governments, may lead to a more decisive result? that they may produce an accord among them, to replace Greece on the ground which she formerly held, and to which her heroic exertions, at this day, so eminently entitle her?

With respect to the contest, to which our neighbors are a party, it is evident that Spain, as a power, is scarcely felt in it. These new states had completely achieved their independence, before it was acknowledged by the United States, and they have since maintained it with little foreign pressure. The disturbances which have appeared in certain portions of that vast territory, have proceeded from internal causes, which had their origin in their former governments, and have not yet been thoroughly removed. It is manifest that these causes are daily losing their effect, and that these new states are settling down under governments elective and representative in every branch similar to our own. In this course we ardently wish them to persevere, under a firm conviction that it will promote their happiness. In this their career, however, we have not interfered, believing that every people have a right to institute for themselves the government, which, in their judgment, may suit them best. Our example is before them, of the good effect of which, being our neighbors, they are competent judges, and to their judgment we leave it, in the expectation that other powers will pursue the same policy. The deep interest which we take in their independence, which we have acknowledged, and in their enjoyment of all the rights incident thereto, especially in the very important one of instituting their own governments, has been declared, and is known to the world. Separated, as we are, from Europe, by the great Atlantic ocean, we can have no concern in the wars of the European Governments, nor in the causes which produce them. The balance of power between them, into which ever scale it may turn, in its various vibrations, cannot affect us. It is the interest of the United States to preserve the most friendly relations with every power, and on conditions fair, equal, and applicable to all. But, in regard to our neighbors, our situation is different. It is impossible for the European Governments to interfere in their concerns, especially in those alluded to, which are vital, without affecting us; indeed, the motive which might induce such interference in the present state of the war between the parties, if a war it may be called, would appear to be equally applicable to us. It is gratifying to know that some of the powers with whom we enjoy a very friendly intercourse, and to whom these views have been communicated, have appeared to acquiesce in them.

The augmentation of our population, with the expansion of our Union, and increased number of states, have produced effects in certain branches of our system, which merit the attention of Congress.

Some of our arrangements, and particularly the Judiciary Establishment, were made with a view to the original thirteen states only. Since then, the United States have acquired a vast extent of territory; eleven new states have been admitted into the Union, and territories have been laid off for three others, which will likewise be admitted at no distant day. An organization of the Supreme Court, which assigns to the Judges any portion of the duties which belong to the inferior, requiring their passage over so vast a space, under any distribution of the states that may now be made, if not impracticable in the execution, must render it impossible for them to discharge the duties of either branch with advantage to the Union. The duties of the Supreme Court would be of great importance, if its decisions were confined to the ordinary limits of other tribunals; but when it is considered that this court decides, and in the last resort, on all the great questions which arise under our Constitution, involving those between the United States, individually, between the States and the United States, and between the latter and foreign powers, too high an estimate of their importance cannot be formed. The great interests of the nation seem to require, that the Judges of the Supreme Court should be exempted from every other duty, than those which are incident to that high trust. The organization of the inferior courts would, of course, be adapted to circumstances. It is presumed that such an one might be formed, as would secure an able and faithful discharge of their duties, and without any material augmentation of expense.

The condition of the Aborigines within our limits, and especially those who are within the limits of any of the States, merits likewise particular attention. Experience has shown, that, unless the tribes be civilized, they can never be incorporated into our system, in any form whatever. It has likewise shown, that, in the regular augmentation of our population, with the extension of our settlements, their situation will become deplorable, if their extinction is not menaced. Some well digested plan, which will rescue them from such calamities, is due to their rights, to the rights of humanity, and to the honor of the nation. Their civilization is indispensable to their safety, and this can be accomplished only by degrees. The process must commence with the infant state, through whom some effect may be wrought on the parental. Difficulties of the most serious character present themselves to the attainment of this very desirable result, on the territory on which they now reside. To remove them from it

by force, even with a view to their own security and happiness, would be revolting to humanity, and utterly unjustifiable. Between the limits of our present States and Territories, and the Rocky Mountain and Mexico, there is a vast territory, to which they might be invited, with inducements which might be successful. It is thought if that territory should be divided into districts, by previous agreement with the tribes now residing there, and civil governments be established in each, with schools, for every branch of instruction in literature, and the arts of civilized life, that all the tribes now within our limits might gradually be drawn there. The execution of this plan would necessarily be attended with expense, and that not inconsiderable, but it is doubted whether any other can be devised which would be less liable to that objection, or more likely to succeed.

In looking to the interests which the United States have on the Pacific Ocean, and on the Western coast of this continent, the propriety of establishing a military post at the mouth of Columbia river, or at some other point in that quarter, within our acknowledged limits, is submitted to the consideration of Congress. Our commerce and fisheries on that sea, and along the coast, have much increased, and are increasing. It is thought that a military post, to which our ships of war might resort, would afford protection to every interest, and have a tendency to conciliate the tribes to the northwest, with whom our trade is extensive. It is thought, also, that, by the establishment of such a post, the intercourse between our western states and territories, and the Pacific, and our trade with the tribes residing in the interior, on each side of the Rocky Mountain, would be essentially promoted. To carry this object into effect, the appropriation of an adequate sum to authorize the employment of a frigate, with an officer of the corps of engineers, to explore the mouth of the Columbia river, and the coast contiguous thereto, to enable the Executive to make such establishment at the most suitable point, is recommended to Congress.

It is thought that attention is also due to the improvement of this city. The communication between the public buildings, and in various other parts, and the grounds around those buildings, require it. It is presumed, also, that the completion of the canal, from the Tiber to the Eastern Branch, would have a very salutary effect. Great exertions have been made, and expenses incurred, by the citizens, in improvements of various kinds; but those which are suggested, belong exclusively to the Government, or are of a nature to require expendi-



tures beyond their resources. The public lots which are still for sale, would, it is not doubted, be more than adequate to these purposes.

From the view above presented, it is manifest, that the situation of the United States is, in the highest degree, prosperous and happy. There is no object which, as a people, we can desire, which we do not possess, or which is not within our reach. Blessed with governments the happiest which the world ever knew, with no distinct orders in society, or divided interests in any portion of the vast territory over which their dominion extends, we have every motive to cling together, which can animate a virtuous and enlightened people. The great object is to preserve these blessings, and to hand them down to the latest posterity. Our experience ought to satisfy us, that our progress, under the most correct and provident policy, will not be exempt from danger. Our institutions form an important epoch in the history of the civilized world. On their preservation, and in their utmost purity, every thing will depend. Extending, as our interests do, to every part of the inhabited globe, and to every sea, to which our citizens are carried by their industry and enterprise, to which they are invited by the wants of others, and have a right to go, we must either protect them in the enjoyment of their rights, or abandon them, in certain events, to waste and desolation. Our attitude is highly interesting as relates to other powers, and particularly to our southern neighbours. We have duties to perform with respect to all, to which we must be faithful. To every kind of danger we should pay the most vigilant and unceasing attention; remove the cause where it may be practicable, and be prepared to meet it when inevitable.

Against foreign danger, the policy of the Government seems to be already settled. The events of the late war admonished us to make our maritime frontier impregnable, by a well digested chain of fortifications, and to give efficient protection to our commerce, by augmenting our navy to a certain extent; which has been steadily pursued, and which it is incumbent upon us to complete, as soon as circumstances will permit. In the event of war, it is on the maritime frontier that we shall be assailed. It is in that quarter, therefore, that we should be prepared to meet the attack. It is there that our whole force will be called into action, to prevent the destruction of our towns, and the desolation and pillage of the interior. To give full effect to this policy, great improvements will be indispensable. Access to those works, by every practicable communication, should be made easy, and in every direction. The intercourse, also, between



every part of our Union, should also be promoted and facilitated by the exercise of those powers, which may comport with a faithful regard to the great principles of our constitution. With respect to internal causes, those great principles point out, with equal certainty, the policy to be pursued. Resting on the people, as our Governments do, State and National, with well defined powers, it is of the highest importance that they, severally, keep within the limits prescribed to them. Fulfilling that sacred duty, it is of equal importance that the movement between them be harmonious, and in case of any disagreement, should any such occur, a calm appeal be made to the people; and that their voice be heard, and promptly obeyed. Both Governments being instituted for the common good, we cannot fail to prosper, while those who made them are attentive to the conduct of their representatives, and control their measures. In the pursuit of these great objects, let a generous spirit, and national views and feelings be indulged; and let every part recollect, that, by cherishing that spirit, and improving the condition of the others, in what relates to their welfare, the general interest will not only be promoted, but the local advantage be reciprocated by all.

I cannot conclude this communication, the last of the kind which I shall have to make, without recollecting, with great sensibility and heartfelt gratitude, the many instances of the public confidence, and the generous support which I have received from my fellow-citizens in the various trusts with which I have been honored. Having commenced my service in early youth, and continued it since, with few and short intervals, I have witnessed the great difficulties to which our Union has been exposed, and admired the virtue and intelligence with which they have been surmounted. From the present prosperous and happy state, I derive a gratification which I cannot express. That these blessings may be preserved and perpetuated, will be the object of my fervent and unceasing prayers to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, Dec. 7, 1824.*

The message was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That fifteen hundred copies of the documents accompanying said message be printed for the use of the Senate.

The resolution directing the supply of newspapers, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, gave notice, that, to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill to abolish imprisonment for debt.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Resolved*, That, until otherwise ordered, the Senate will meet at 12 o'clock.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1824.

Mr. Barbour, from the joint committee appointed to consider and report what respectful mode it may be proper for Congress to adopt to receive General Lafayette, made the following report:

The joint committee propose that each House shall adopt its own method in receiving General Lafayette.

The committee on the part of the Senate, recommend that the President of the Senate invite General Lafayette to take a seat, such as he shall designate, in the Senate chamber; that the committee deliver the invitation to the General, and introduce him into the Senate; and that the members receive the General standing.

The said report was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Senate do concur therein.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the committee have leave to perform the duty assigned them, by the foregoing resolution, during the sitting of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, for the appointment of a Joint Library Committee, and agreed thereto.

Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Williams, were appointed of the committee on the part of the Senate.

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1824.

The Honorable William Kelly, from the state of Alabama, attended.

Mr. Barbour, from the committee to whom the duty was assigned, reported, that they had waited on General Lafayette, who informed them that he would visit the Senate this day, at one o'clock.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the Standing Committees of the Senate be appointed on Monday next.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to abolish imprisonment for debt; which was read; and,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the petition of William Johnson, of Maine, praying the payment of a final settlement certificate, and compensation for services rendered during the Revolutionary war; which was read; and,

*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 making a partial appropriation for the year 1824," in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bill was read; and,

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

At one o'clock, General Lafayette was conducted into the Chamber of the Senate, by the committee appointed for the purpose. Whereupon,

Mr. Barbour, as the Chairman of the said Committee, introduced the General to the Senate, when the Senators arose from their seats, and remained standing until the General was seated on the right of the Chair of the President, to which he was invited by the President.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

That the Senate do now adjourn, in order that the members may present their respects to General Lafayette, individually,

It was *unanimously* determined in the affirmative. Whereupon, The President adjourned the Senate to Monday next.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1824.

The Honorable David Holmes, from the state of Mississippi, attended.

Agreeably to order, the President announced the appointment of the Standing Committees, as follows:

A Committee on Foreign Relations, consisting of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Macon, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Mills.

A Committee on Finance, consisting of Mr. Smith, Mr. King, of New York, Mr. Macon, Mr. Holmes, of Maine, and Mr. Lowrie.

A Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, consisting of Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Findlay, Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Clayton.

A Committee on Military Affairs, consisting of Mr. Jackson, Mr. Benton, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky.

A Committee on the Militia, consisting of Mr. Chandler, Mr. Findlay, Mr. Knight, Mr. Branch, and Mr. Bell.

A Committee on Naval Affairs, consisting of Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, Mr. Williams, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland, and Mr. Hayne.

A Committee on Public Lands, consisting of Mr. Barton, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Eaton, Mr. King, of Alabama, and Mr. Van Dyke.

A Committee on Indian Affairs, consisting of Mr. Benton, Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Kelly.

A Committee of Claims, consisting of Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Bell, and Mr. McIlvaine.

A Committee on the Judiciary, consisting of Mr. Van Buren, Mr. Holmes, of Maine, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Seymour.

A Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, consisting of Mr. Lanman, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Knight, Mr. McIlvaine, and Mr. Taylor.

A Committee on Pensions, consisting of Mr. Noble, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Lanman, Mr. Branch, and Mr. Cobb.

A Committee on the District of Columbia, consisting of Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Noble, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Parrott.

A Committee to audit and control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, consisting of Mr. Seymour, Mr. Hayne, and Mr. Edwards.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,



*Resolved*, That the Senate will, to-morrow, at 1 o'clock P. M. proceed to the election of a Chaplain on their part.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the memorial of William Manson, of Massachusetts, praying that his claim, for the loss of a vessel captured by the Spaniards in the year 1803, which has been erroneously rejected by the Commissioners appointed to carry into effect the eleventh article of the Treaty with Spain, ceding the Floridas to the United States, may be examined and allowed. The memorial was read.

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That Thomas Evans and William Coppuck have leave to withdraw their petition and papers, presented at the last session.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. presented the petition of Lewis A. Tarascon, and others, praying the opening of a wagon road from the river Missouri, north of the river Kansas, to the river Columbia; which was read; and

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Ky.

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table, and that it be printed, for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Barton submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of establishing a fort at some suitable point on the usual trading route between the state of Missouri and the Mexican states, for the protection of that commerce.

Mr. Barton also submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands inquire into the expediency of exposing to public sale the lead mines and salines of the United States.

Mr. King, of Alabama, presented the petition of Edwin Lewis, praying a donation of, or the right of pre-emption to, a section of land, in consideration of the labor and expense incurred by him, in constructing and making a road in Alabama. The petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

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

Mr. Benton gave notice that, to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill to graduate the sale of public lands.



Mr. Hayne presented the petition of Elihu Hall Bay, Theodore Gaillard, and Charles Roberts, praying to be confirmed in their title to certain lands in Louisiana; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Charles Dehault Delassus, of Missouri, praying reimbursement of certain moneys forcibly taken from him, and applied to public purposes, at the time of the insurrection and capture of the fort and district of Baton Rouge, in the year 1810; which was read.

On motion,

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

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

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the more effectual protection of the revenue on the frontier of the United States.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the year 1824," was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Van Buren, Mr. Mills, Mr. Van Dyke, Mr. Cobb, Mr. King, of Alabama, and Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Van Buren presented the petition of Thomas L. Ogden, of New York, in behalf of himself and others, owners of the real estate at

Sackett's Harbor, which was occupied by the troops of the United States during the late war with Great Britain, praying indemnity for the injury sustained in consequence of such occupancy, which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Van Buren communicated the Preamble and Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their utmost endeavors to exempt, by law, the boats navigating the canals of that State from the form of enrolment or license, and from the payment of tonnage duties. The preamble and resolutions were read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That they lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Johnson, presented on Thursday last, be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. gave notice that, to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill further to amend the Judicial System of the United States, and to provide for the holding of Circuit Courts.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1824.

The Honorable Edward Lloyd, from the State of Maryland, attended.

The President communicated the memorial of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan, praying that the ordinance of Congress, which forms the temporary constitution of the Territories Northwest of the river Ohio, may be so far altered, as to vest in the Legislature of Michigan the power to lay out and establish Towns, and to authorize the people to choose certain town and corporation officers; that the Legislature may be invested with certain powers over the reservations of land for the use of schools; also praying the aid of the General Government in constructing and improving roads; the establishment of a Surveyor General's office in the Territory; an in-

crease of the number of the members, and pay of the Legislative council, and the passage of a law, re-enacting the act of 1792, entitled "An act respecting the government of the Territories of the United States, Northwest and South of the river Ohio," so as to make it applicable to Michigan. The memorial was read; and,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That so much of the President's message as relates to Foreign Affairs, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That so much of the President's message as relates to the Navy of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

*Ordered*, That so much of the President's message as relates to the Judiciary, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Jackson,

*Ordered*, That so much of the President's message as relates to the Army, Engineer Corps, Fortifications, and Military Academy, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

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

*To the Senate of the United States,*

Agreeably to a resolution of the Senate, of 28th January, 1818, requesting the President "to cause a statement of expenditures upon the Public Buildings, and an account of their progress, to be annually laid before Congress, at the commencement of each session," I herewith transmit a report from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, which contains the information required.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, December 13th, 1824.*

The message was read.

Mr. Knight, from the Committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the year 1824."

Mr. Knight 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 on Dutch Island, at the entrance of Narraganset Bay, in Rhode Island.

Mr. Van Buren presented the memorial of the citizens of New York, suggesting the propriety and expediency of authorizing merchant vessels to arm for their protection, against piratical attacks; the reinforcement of the squadron on the Cuba station, and of requesting the President of the United States to make to the Spanish authorities suitable remonstrances on the subject of the piracies committed by persons issuing from the Island of Cuba. The memorial was read.

On motion,

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

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

*Mr. President*: I am directed to inform the Senate that, on the 10th instant, the House of Representatives passed an order, inviting the Senate to attend in the Chamber of Representatives, at one o'clock of that day, on the reception of General Lafayette.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Legislature of the State of Ohio to sell and convey certain tracts of land, granted to said state for the use of the people thereof;" and a bill, entitled "An act authorizing repayment for land erroneously sold by the United States;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

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 signed, and it was delivered to the Committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The two bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Leander Cathcart, presented on the 7th instant, be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Jacob Greer, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred, and losses sustained, while engaged in the collection of the old direct tax in North Carolina; which was read; and,



On motion,

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

Mr. Mills presented the petition of Henry Rice, of Boston, praying that the amount of two Custom-house bonds, given and paid by him, after the peace, for duties upon goods imported into Castine, whilst in possession of the enemy, during the late war with Great Britain, may be refunded; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, presented the petition of Charles Parent, on behalf of the legal representatives of Charles Parent, deceased, praying authority to enter, at the proper land office, and at the minimum price, two quarter sections of land, to include a plantation owned, occupied, and cultivated, by the deceased in his life time; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Benton presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Missouri, praying that treaty stipulations may be entered into with the Indians occupying the intervening country, so as to secure to them a free and unmolested intercourse and trade with the internal provinces of Mexico, and also that a military post and Indian agency may be established at a suitable point on the Arkansas river. The petition was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Macon presented the memorial of the citizens of Wilkes county, in North Carolina, suggesting a route for the contemplated road from Washington to New Orleans, as the nearest and most practicable, and praying that the same may be surveyed by authority of Congress; which was read; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of providing for the better protection of the revenue on the frontiers; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, that the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of establishing a certain fort; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, that the Committee on Public Lands inquire into the expediency of selling the lead mines and salines; and agreed thereto.

Agreeable to notice, Mr. Benton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to graduate the price of public lands; which was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

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

Mr. Barton presented the memorial from the Cherokee nation of Indians, praying authority from Congress, if they do not now possess it, to regulate by law their municipal concerns, by taxing merchants and pedlars, trading within their nation; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Brown submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a Committee, to consist of five members, be appointed on the subject of Roads and Canals, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Talbot gave notice that, to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Agreeably to order, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Chaplain on their part; and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Reverend Charles P. McIlvaine was duly elected.

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1824.

Mr. Findlay presented two memorials of John F. Dumas, of Philadelphia; the one, praying the interposition of the Government of the United States in obtaining for him indemnity for a quantity of cotton, seized and sequestered at St. Sebastians, in the year 1809, by

the Government of France; and the other, praying that his claim for spoliations committed on his property by Spain, and erroneously decided upon by the commissioners appointed under the eleventh article of the Florida Treaty, may be revised and allowed. The memorials were severally read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Thomas Hewes, praying the restitution of a sum of money exacted from him by the marshal of Louisiana, under an execution issued against him from the District Court of Vermont, in favor of the United States, alleging that the judgment was unjustly entered against him; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Williams presented the petition of B. R. Grayson, Register of the Land Office west of Pearl River, and the petition of Joseph Dunbar, Receiver of Public Moneys at the Land Office for the district of Washington, in the State of Mississippi, severally praying compensation for extra services performed by them in their respective offices. The petitions were read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Hayne,

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the 7th instant, as relates to General Lafayette, be referred to a select committee, to consist of five Members, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hayne, Mr. King, of N. Y. Mr. Smith, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Barbour, were appointed the said committee.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

*Ordered*, That so much of the President's message, of the 7th instant, as relates to the Indians, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

*Ordered*, That so much of the President's message, of the 7th instant, as relates to Commerce and Manufactures, be referred to the

Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Barton presented the petition of John Rush and Samuel Conway, of Missouri, praying that a gratuity in land may be made to each, in consideration of Revolutionary services; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Foreign Relations inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, to compensate Samuel Gilbert, of the state of Missouri, for such property stolen from him by the Sauk Indians at the close of the late war, as they were bound by their treaty of 13th May, 1816, to have restored, and from which obligation they may have been subsequently released by the United States.

Mr. Barton presented sundry documents in support of the claim of Samuel Gilbert.

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

The President communicated a report from the Postmaster General, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, at their last session, requiring him to report "the most practicable post route from New Orleans to Washington City;" which was read; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light on Dutch Island; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to appoint a Committee on Roads and Canals; and agreed thereto.

Mr. Brown, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Lowrie, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Clayton, were appointed the said committee.

The bills from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act authorizing repayment for land erroneously sold by the United States;" and "An act to authorize the Legislature of the state of Ohio to sell and convey certain tracts of land granted to said state, for the use of the people thereof;" were, severally, read the second time.

On motion,



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

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the citizens of Wilkes county, North Carolina, presented yesterday, be referred to the select committee on Roads and Canals, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of Israel T. Canby, executor of Ann Sprigg, praying indemnity for the loss of a wagon and team which was impressed into the service of the United States, during the late war; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith presented documents in support of the claim of the Levy Court of Calvert county, Maryland, for the value of the Court House of that county, which was burnt by the enemy, in consequence of its having been occupied by the troops of the United States, in the year 1814; which were read; and,

On motion,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1824.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Joseph Forrest, praying indemnity for the loss of a vessel in the service of the United States; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Resolved*, That so much of the memorial of the Legislative Council of the territory of Michigan, as relates to the alteration of the ordinance of Congress of July 13th, 1787, so as to vest in the Legislature of the territory the power to lay out and establish towns, and to authorize the people to choose all town and corporation officers; also, so much as relates to altering the mode of appointing the civil officers

the territory, by requiring the concurrence and approbation of the Legislative Council to the nominations made by the Governor; and also, so much as relates to an increase of the number and pay of the members of the Legislative Council; be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

*Resolved*, That so much of said memorial as relates to number sixteen in each surveyed township, which is reserved for the support of schools; and also, the township of land granted for the support of a college in said territory; and for the establishment of a surveyor's office in that territory; be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

*Resolved*, That so much of said memorial as relates to the laying out, opening, and making roads in the said territory, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Legislature of the state of Ohio to sell and convey certain tracts of land granted to said state, for the use of the people thereof," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, respecting the claim of Samuel Gilbert, and agreed thereto.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Talbot asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States; which was read; and,

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

Mr. Barton submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands inquire into the expediency of making further provision, by law, to perfect the titles to lands located by virtue of warrants issued under the act of Congress of the 17th of February, 1815, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes."

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1824.

The Honorable John M'Lean, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Illinois, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honorable Ninian Edwards, produced his credentials; which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 10th of May last, accompanied by documents shewing the names of, and amount of money paid to, each pensioner in the United States. The report was read; and

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

That the report and accompanying documents be printed for the use of the Senate,

A division thereof was called for; and

The question was taken on printing the report, and determined in the affirmative.

The question was then taken on printing the documents, and determined in the negative.

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That the said report and documents be referred to the Committee on Pensions, with instructions to inquire and report upon the expediency of printing said documents or any part of them.

The President also communicated a Report from the Postmaster General, with a statement showing the number, names, and salaries, of the Clerks employed in his office. The Report was read.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the petition of Ebenezer Whitten, of Maine, and a mariner on board the ship Adams, at the time she was destroyed by the enemy at Hampden, praying indemnity for property lost, in consequence of such destruction; which was read; and

On motion,

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

Mr. Holmes of Maine, presented the petition of Richard Thurston and Benjamin Garland, praying a remission of the duties paid by them on certain goods imported into Castine during the occupancy thereof by the British Government, in the late war; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Barbour presented the memorial of the Board of Trustees of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, praying the aid of Congress in extricating them from their pecuniary embarrassments; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Lowrie presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Philadelphia, praying the erection of a "break-water, or artificial harbor, at the mouth of the Delaware river;" which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Lowrie presented the Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Philadelphia, praying that efficient measures may be adopted by Congress for the entire suppression of piracy; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Mills presented the petition of Monroe and Grosvenor, and others, praying that certain duties paid by them on goods imported into Castine, during the occupancy thereof by the enemy, in the late war, may be refunded; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Mills presented the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others, of Massachusetts, stating that they released their claims to certain lands, in conformity to the provisions of the act "providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands;" but, for which, no allowance was made, in consequence of erroneous information having been given to the Commissioners appointed under said act, of the law of the state of Georgia, under which they claimed; and praying that the indemnity to which they are entitled, in consideration of such release, may be made; or that the lands so released may be restored. The petition was read; and



On motion,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the Memorial of the Assistant Quartermasters in the Army, praying that provision by law may be made for allowing them forage for horses necessarily employed by them in the discharge of their official duties; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton presented the petition of the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of Missouri, praying the establishment of an additional mail route; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Joseph Dunbar and of B. R. Grayson; and that they be severally referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the subject was referred on the 16th instant, reported a bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest; which was read; and,

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

Mr. Macon submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of limiting the number of Cadets at the Military Academy at West Point, to the number of members in the House of Representatives; and, that the number to be admitted from each state and territory, respectively, shall be the same as that of the Representatives to which each state or territory shall be entitled, and that the brother of no person educated at the academy, shall be admitted, so long as there be other applicants; and that provision be made for admitting from the District of Columbia.

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

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report what contracts have been made for erecting light houses and buoys on the coast of Florida and Gulf of Mexico, under the several appropriations, and what progress has been made in those works.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures inquire into the expediency of erecting a dwelling-house for the boarding officer, and a guard-house at the Balize.

Mr. Hayne, from the select committee, to whom the subject was referred on the 15th instant, reported a bill making provision for General Lafayette; which was twice read, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred on the 15th instant, reported a bill for the relief of Thomas Hewes; which was read; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 16th instant, to instruct the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of making further provision by law to perfect certain land titles in Missouri. and agreed thereto.

The bill further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the legislature of the state of Ohio to sell and convey certain tracts of land granted to said state, for the use of the people thereof, and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1824.

The Honorable Dominique Bouigny. appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honorable Henry Johnson, 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. Findlay presented the memorial of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, praying the aid of the United States in accomplishing the objects of the company, by a subscription to the capital stock thereof; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles presented the memorials of John Watts and others, and of James Calloway, Jun. and others, holders of Virginia military Continental land warrants, severally representing that the line, as now established, between the Little Miami and Scioto Rivers, is erroneous, and praying that competent persons, not residents of the state of Ohio, may be appointed to examine the country, and to run the true line from the source of the longest fork of the Little Miami, to the point of the swamp where the branch of the Scioto river leaves it. The memorials were read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith called up the petition of John S. Stiles, executor of George Stiles, presented to the Senate at the last session: he also presented sundry additional documents in support of that claim; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Francis Larche, of New Orleans, praying compensation for a negro man who, having been impressed into the service of the United States, was killed at the battle of New Orleans; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

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 making provision, by law, to authorize the several banks, in which the public money arising from the sale of the public lands were deposited, and which still owe balances to the United States on account of deposits, as well as the debtors of such banks whose obligations have been transferred to the United States, to pay the same in lands, upon such terms as may be just and equitable.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of limiting the number of cadets to be admitted at the Military Academy from the several states and territories, and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, respecting the application of the appropriations made for erecting light-houses and buoys on the coast of Florida and Gulf of Mexico, and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures to inquire into the expediency of erecting a dwelling and guard-house at the Balize, and agreed thereto.

The bill for the relief of Thomas Hewes, and the bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest, were severally read the second time.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize the Legislature of the state of Ohio to sell and convey certain tracts of land granted to said state, for the use of the people thereof," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill making provision for General Lafayette; 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.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time by unanimous consent; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 37,  
Nays, . . . . . 7.

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. Findlay,	Mr. King, <i>of Ala.</i>
Boulogny,	Gaillard,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>
Branch,	Hayne,	Knight,
Chandler,	Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Lanman,
Clayton,	Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i>	Lloyd, <i>of Md.</i>
Dickerson,	Jackson,	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>
Eaton,	Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Lowrie,
Edwards,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	McLean,
Elliott,	Kelly,	Mills,



Mr. Palmer,  
Parrott,  
Seymour,  
Smith,

Mr. Talbot,  
Taylor,  
Thomas,

Mr. Van Buren,  
Van Dyke,  
Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,  
Bell,  
Brown,

Mr. Cobb,  
Macon,

Mr. Noble,  
Ruggles.

So it was

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title thereof be  
“An act making provision for General Lafayette.”

*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 President of the United States, on the 15th instant, approved and signed “An act making a partial appropriation for the year 1824.”

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled “An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adopt a new Hydrometer for ascertaining the proof of Liquors;” and a bill, entitled “An act confirming certain claims to lands in the western district of Louisiana;” in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read.

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

On motion,

The first mentioned of said bills was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be communicated to the Senate, such correspondence and such information as he may possess, (and which may be safely communicated) relative to the piracies referred to in his message, and the means heretofore adopted by the Executive for their suppression, and that the President be also requested to state the additional means necessary and expedient to be entrusted to the Executive for the suppression of the same.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1824.

Mr. Ruggles submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be communicated to the Senate, the number of merchant vessels belonging to the citizens of the United States, with their names, owners, and value of merchandise, which have been captured or plundered, and of injuries inflicted on citizens of the United States by the pirates, since the first of December, 1823; and also, the number of pirates, and piratical vessels, with the names of the said vessels, that have been taken by our naval force since that period of time.

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

*Resolved*, That the public lands of the United States, except in the territory of Florida, be appropriated and pledged as a permanent and perpetual fund for education and internal improvement.

*Resolved*, That the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, after defraying the incidental expenses, be annually invested by the Secretary of the Treasury in the stock of the Bank of the United States, or in the stock of the Government, or other stock, as Congress may direct, together with the interest annually accruing thereon.

*Resolved*, That the year following the return of the next census, and immediately after the apportionment of Representatives, and every tenth year thereafter, the proceeds of the interest arising on the said capital stock, shall be distributed among the several states, according to the ratio of representation. One half of which sum shall constitute a fund for education, and the other half shall constitute a fund for internal improvement, to be applied to those objects, under the authority of the respective states.

Mr. Findlay presented the petition of the sugar refiners of Philadelphia, praying that the drawback upon sugars refined within the United States, may be increased to six cents per pound; which was read; and.

On motion,

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

Mr. Eaton gave notice, that he would, tomorrow, ask leave to bring in a bill to authorize the territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands, to unite the river St. Johns with the bay of St. Augustine.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox, praying compensation for their labor and expense in graduating the public road round the circular part of the capital square; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That Rezin Rawlings and John Locke, Executors of Daniel Rawlings, have leave to withdraw their petition and papers presented at the last session.

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing repayment for the land erroneously sold by the United States," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Knight presented the memorial of the citizens of Providence, in the state of Rhode Island, praying that more efficient measures may be adopted for the suppression of piracy; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred on the 14th instant, reported a bill confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Charles Parent to two tracts of land; which was read; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of providing for the liquidation of the balances due from banks in which the moneys received for public lands have been deposited; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to lands in the western district of Louisiana," was read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Thomas Hewes; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Joseph Forrest; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to amend the judicial system of the United States, and provide for three additional circuit courts; which was read; and,

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

Mr. Macon presented the petition of Otway Burns, of North Carolina, praying to be discharged from a judgment obtained against him as security in a custom house bond; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1824.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

*Ordered*, That Samuel Peters have leave to withdraw his petition and documents presented at the last session.

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Legislature of the State of Ohio, to sell and convey certain tracts of land, granted to said State, for the use of the people thereof."

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Eaton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorize the territory of Florida to open a canal through



the public land to unite the river St. John's with the bay of St. Augustine; which was read.

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

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 concerning General Lafayette;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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

The bill, entitled "An act concerning General Lafayette," was twice read, by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole, and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and

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

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent, and,

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

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

Mr. Lanman presented the petition of Nathaniel Canada, of Connecticut, praying indemnity for the loss of the bridge at Rope Ferry, which he states was burnt by the enemy in 1814, in consequence of the toll house, attached thereto, having been occupied by American troops; which was read.

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, requesting information from the President of the United States, respecting piracies; and agreed thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary lay the said resolution before the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motions of yesterday, to appropriate the money arising from the sales of public lands to the uses of education and internal improvement; and

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That they lie on the table.

The bill confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Charles Parent, to two tracts of land; and the bill to amend the judicial system of the United States, and to provide for three additional circuit courts, were severally read the second time.

On motion,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing repayment for land erroneously sold by the United States;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and

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

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That Daniel Seward have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, presented at the second session of the Seventeenth Congress.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That Sarah Easton and Dorothy Storer have leave to withdraw their petition and documents, presented at the last session.

On motion,

It was agreed that, when the Senate adjourns, it be to Monday next, After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1824.

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

The honorable Nathaniel Macon, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of North Carolina, for the term of six years from the third day of March next, produced his credentials; which were read.

The President communicated a letter from the Postmaster General, enclosing a list of unproductive Post Roads for the year 1824. The letter was read.

Mr. Hayne presented the petition of Ann Eccles, Timothy D. Pettigrew, and Robert A. Pettigrew, praying compensation for property taken from them by the Cherokee Indians; which was read; and

On motion,

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

Mr. Hayne presented the memorial of Isabel Osorno de Valverde, praying compensation for certain merchandise shipped by her late husband, Augustin Valverde, from the Havana to Pensacola, and there, as it is alleged, illegally seized by an officer of the United States; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, presented a memorial of the citizens of Boston, praying the adoption of prompt and energetic measures for the suppression of the crime of piracy on the coast of Cuba; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with instructions to make a special report upon the subject as soon as they can obtain the necessary information.

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act concerning General Lafayette."

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "an act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adopt a new Hydrometer for ascertaining the proof of liquors," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the select committee, to whom the subject was referred on the 13th instant, reported a bill to abolish imprisonment for debt; which was read; and

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 21st instant, to instruct the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of providing for a final liquidation of the debts due by Banks, in which the moneys arising from the sales of public lands were deposited, which was modified and agreed to, as follows :

*Resolved*, That a select committee, to consist of five members, be appointed, to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law to authorize the several Banks in which the public money arising from the sale of the public lands were deposited, and which still owe balances to the United States on account of deposits, as well as the debtors of such banks, whose obligations have been transferred to the United States, to pay the same in lands, upon such terms as may be just and equitable.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Van Dyke, Mr. McLean, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Barton, were appointed the said committee.

The bill to authorize the territory of Florida to open a canal through the public land, to unite the river St. Johns with the bay of St. Augustine, was read the second time; and

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act authorizing repayment for land erroneously sold by the United States," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Charles Parent, to two tracts of land; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Lewis A. Tarascon and others, presented on the 13th instant, be referred to the select committee on Roads and Canals, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1824.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the report of the Commissioners of Land Claims in the Territory of Michigan. The letter was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the petition of Oliver Blake, praying to be repaid certain moneys disbursed by him on public account as ensign in the army; and, also, that compensation be made to him for the time he was unjustly confined in prison at the suit of the United States. The petition was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the subject was referred on the 13th instant, reported a bill for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden, and others, which was read; and,

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

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the subject was referred on the 20th instant, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia. The report and bill were read.

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

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 authorize the occupation of the Oregon River," in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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

The bill last brought up for concurrence, was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing repayment for land erroneously sold by the United States."

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the memorial of William Duane, praying to be compensated for a system of infantry compiled by him at the request of the Secretary of War; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

The bill confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Charles Parent to two tracts of land, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Charles Parent, to two tracts of land."

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

The bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, was read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adopt a new hydrometer for ascertaining the proof of liquors;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1824.

The Honorable Littleton W. Tazewell, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the State of Virginia, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Honorable John Taylor, 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. Ruggles presented the memorial of Thomas R. Broom, late a paymaster in the army of the United States, praying an equitable settlement of his accounts; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton presented two petitions from the inhabitants of the new land district in Missouri, severally praying that the land office established for that district at Palmyra, may be removed to New London. The petitions were read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Richard Cain and Isaac Baldwin, praying that a patent may be directed to be issued to them for a tract of land purchased at the land office at Marietta, in the state of Ohio; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton submitted the following motion for consideration.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of allowing, by law, fees to the District Attorney of the district of Missouri.

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

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Whitten, reported the following resolution thereon, viz:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted. The resolution was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the memorial of Isabel Osorno de Valverde, presented on the 27th inst. and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia; and the bill for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden, and others; were severally read the second time.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adopt a new hydrometer for ascertaining the proof of liquors," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith presented the petition of James Ramsay and others, praying compensation for the storage of goods, and repairs done to a schooner that entered the port of Baltimore under Spanish colors, in distress, and which was afterwards libelled and sold for a violation of the revenue laws; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. D'Wolf presented the petition of the inhabitants of the District of Bristol and Warren, in Rhode Island, praying that more effectual measures may be adopted by the United States for the suppression of piracy on the coast of Cuba; which was read.

On motion,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1824.

Mr. Lanman presented the petition of Adolphus G. Trott, late of the Island of Antigua, praying that letters patent may be granted to him as the inventor of a certain material for dying and coloring of cloths; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Mills presented additional documents in support of the claim of Henry Rice, of Boston; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Van Buren communicated the deposition of George Brown, a seaman on board the brig Laura Ann, of New York, at the time she was captured by a band of pirates on the Coast of Cuba, exhibiting the horrid treatment and fate of the rest of the crew; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Lowrie presented the petition of Abdiel McLure, an officer of the Revolution, praying the payment of his account for pay and losses during that war; which was read.

On motion,

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

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred, on the 20th instant, reported a bill supplementary to "An act to perfect certain locations and sales of the public lands in Missouri," passed April 26th, 1822; which was read; and,

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

Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the subject was referred, on the 22d instant, reported a bill for the relief of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox; which was read; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Rush and Samuel Conway.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, that the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of allowing, by law, fees to the District Attorney of Missouri, and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs, on the petition of Ebenezer Whitten, and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia; and,

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

*Ordered*, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the District of Columbia, with instructions to report a statement of facts in relation to the subject-matter thereof.



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

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States, on the 28th instant, approved and signed "An act to authorize the Legislature of the state of Ohio to sell and convey certain tracts of land granted to said state, for the use of the people thereof;" and "An act concerning General Lafayette."

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to announce "to General Lafayette the passage of the act concerning him; and to express to him the respectful request and confidence of the two Houses of Congress, that he will add his acceptance of the testimony of public gratitude extended to him by that act, to the many and signal proofs which he has afforded of his esteem for the United States;" and have appointed a committee on their part. And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the last mentioned resolution; and, *Resolved*, That they concur therein.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Hayne, and Mr. Boulogny, were appointed of the said committee, on the part of the Senate.

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1825.

Mr. Ruggles presented the memorial of John M. Lure, of Virginia, praying compensation for extra labor and expense incurred by him in making a part of the Cumberland road; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Findlay presented the memorial of James Glentworth, surveyor and inspector of the revenue for the district and port of Philadelphia, praying that his account for fees and emoluments of office may be settled and allowed upon equitable principles; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Parrott presented the petition of Henry S. Langdon, late Navy Agent at Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, praying remuneration for losses sustained by him on Treasury notes; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith presented the petition of the sugar refiners of Baltimore, praying that the drawback upon sugars refined within the United States may be increased to six cents per pound; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Noble presented the petition of Winthrop Robinson, of Indiana, praying compensation for Revolutionary services; which was read; and

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

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

Mr. Benton communicated the answers made by Augustus Storrs, of Missouri, to certain queries propounded to him by Mr. Benton, upon the origin, present state, and future prospect of trade and intercourse, between Missouri and the internal provinces of Mexico; and

On motion,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, to consider and report thereon; and that they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Greer 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. Ruggles submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate the report of the commissioners appointed under the act of Congress of the 15th of May, 1820, to survey and lay out a road from Wheeling, in Virginia, to the Mississippi river.

Mr. Smith, from the Joint Committee of the two Houses, appointed on the subject, reported, that, in discharge of the duty assigned them, they waited on General Lafayette, on the first instant, and, together with an authenticated copy of the act lately passed, concerning him, presented to him an address, of which the following is a copy:

WASHINGTON, January 1, 1825.

GENERAL: We are a Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, charged with the office of informing you of the passage of an act, a copy of which we now present. You will perceive, from this act, Sir, that the two Houses of Congress, aware of the large pecuniary, as well as other sacrifices, which your long and arduous devotion to the cause of freedom has cost you, have deemed it their privilege to reimburse a portion of them, as having been incurred, in part, on account of the United States. The principles which have marked your character, will not permit you to oppose any objection to the discharge of so much of the national obligation to you, as admits of it, we are directed to express to you the confidence, as well as request, of the two Houses of Congress, that you will, by an acquiescence with their wishes in this respect, add another to the many and signal proofs you have afforded of your esteem for a people, whose esteem for you can never cease until they have ceased to prize the liberty they enjoy, and to venerate the virtues by which it was acquired.

We have only to subjoin an expression of our gratification in being the organs of this communication, and of the distinguished personal respect with which we are,

Your obedient servants,

S. SMITH,  
ROBERT Y. HAYNE,  
D. BOULIGNY,

*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

W. S. ARCHER,  
S. VAN RENSSELAER,  
PHILIP S. MARKLEY,

*Committee on the part of the H. of Reps.*

To which the General replied in the following words:

WASHINGTON, January 1, 1825.

*Gentlemen of the Committee of both Houses of Congress:*

The immense and unexpected gift, which, in addition to former and considerable bounties, it has pleased Congress to confer upon me, calls for the warmest acknowledgments of an old American soldier, and adopted son of the United States; two titles dearer to my heart than all the treasures of the world.

However proud I am of every sort of obligation received from the people of the United States and their Representatives in Congress, the large extent of this benefaction might have created in my mind feelings of hesitation, not inconsistent, I hope, with those of the most grateful reverence. But the so very kind resolution of both Houses, delivered by you, gentlemen, in terms of equal kindness, precludes all other sentiments, except those of the lively and profound gratitude of which, in respectfully accepting the munificent favor, I have the honor to beg you will be the organs.

Permit me, also, gentlemen, to join my affectionate, personal thanks, to the expression of the highest respect, with which I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

LAFAYETTE.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the documents accompanying the Message of the President of the United States of the 7th ult. in relation to Spain, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. D'Wolf asked and obtained leave to bring

in a bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp; which was read; and

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

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the State of the Finances, made in obedience to the "act supplementary to the act to establish the Treasury Department;" which was read; and

On motion,

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

The bill supplementary to "an act to perfect certain locations and sales of the public lands in Missouri," passed April 26th, 1822; and the bill for the relief of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox; were, severally, read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others; and

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt; and

On motion,

To amend the said bill, by striking out, from section 1, line 22, the words, "But, after the return thereof, the defendant, or defendants, may contest the allegation of the said oaths, or affirmations, before the Court in which the said suit or action is instituted, in such form as the Court shall prescribe; and, if the Court shall be of opinion that the said allegations are not well founded, it may make an order, to be entered on record, discharging the said bail, or security, from his, or their suretyship:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 21,  
Nays . . . . . 21.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Ky.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bell,	Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Mills,
Brown,	Elliott,	Noble,
Chandler,	Gaillard,	Palmer,
Clayton,	King, of N. Y.	Parrott,
Cobb,	Lloyd, of Md.	Ruggles,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of Mass.	Seymour,
Dickerson,	M'Ilvaine,	Thomas.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holmes, of Me.	Mr. M'Lean,
Barton,	Jackson,	Macon,
Benton,	Johnson, of Ky.	Smith,
Bouligny,	Johnston, of Lou.	Talbot,
Branch,	King, of Ala.	Tazewell,
Eaton,	Lanman,	Van Buren,
Findlay,	Lowrie,	Williams.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1825.

Mr. Clayton presented the memorial of James Ray and others, owners of the brig James Lawrence, and cargo, stating that the said brig, with her cargo, on her return voyage from La Guayra, was captured by a Spanish privateer, and carried into St. John's, in the island of Porto Rico, and condemned, contrary to all law and justice; and praying the interposition of the Government of the United States, to obtain indemnity for the injury so sustained. The memorial was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, presented the petition of Benjamin Bridges, late a lieutenant of dragoons in the army of the United States, praying that his accounts may be settled upon equitable principles; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, presented the petition of David Tate, of Alabama, praying compensation for forage taken from him by the officers of the army for the use of the United States; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Eaton presented the memorial of the members of the bar of Nashville, in Tennessee, praying a reorganization of the Judicial System of the United States; which was read.



On motion,

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

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of sundry merchants, manufacturers, and property holders of Nashville, in the state of Tennessee, praying that a duty of ten per centum may be imposed on certain sales by auction; which was read.

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted on the 22d ult. to appropriate the money arising from the sales of the public lands, to the purposes of education and internal improvement; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana,

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

Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, Mr. King, of New York, Mr. Tazewell, Mr. Ruggles, and Mr. D'Wolf, were appointed the said committee.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to communicate the report of the commissioners, appointed to survey and lay out a road from Wheeling to the Mississippi river; and agreed thereto.

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

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

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, by Mr. Lanman,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt; and, the bill having been amended,

On motion,

Further to amend the bill, by striking out from section one, line fourteen, the words, "and shall further make oath or affirmation, that he or they have reason to believe that the said defendant or defend-

ants intend to remove from the state or territory, or intend to leave the United States."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 22.  
Nays, . . . . . 22.

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. Edwards,	Mr. Noble,
Bell,	Elliott,	Palmer,
Brown,	Gaillard,	Parrott,
Chandler,	Hayne,	Ruggles,
Clayton,	King, of N. Y.	Seymour,
Cobb,	Lloyd, of Md.	Tazewell.
D'Wolf,	M'Ilvaine,	
Dickerson,	Mills,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Benton,	Mr. Johnson, of Ken.	Mr. Macon,
Bouligny,	Johnston, of Lou.	Smith,
Branch,	Kelly,	Talbot,
Eaton,	King, of Alab.	Thomas,
Findlay,	Lanman,	Van Buren,
Holmes, of Me.	Lloyd, of Mass.	Williams.
Holmes, of Miss.	Lowrie,	
Jackson,	M'Lean,	

And, no further amendment having been proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate; and the amendments having been concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1825.

Mr. Thomas presented the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Illinois, praying a donation in land, to enable the state to open a canal between lake Michigan and the Illinois river; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Benton presented the memorial of the citizens residing in the Salt River Land District, in Missouri, remonstrating against the removal of the Land Office from its present position, Palmyra, to New London; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Benton presented the petition of the inhabitants of the county of Michilimackinac, in the territory of Michigan, praying that that territory may be divided into two separate governments; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

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

Mr. Benton, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Branch, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Talbot gave notice that he would, to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a joint resolution, authorizing the purchase of a certain number of copies of the Journals of Congress, from 1774 to 1788.

Mr. King, of Alabama, gave notice that he would, to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a bill making compensation to the persons appointed by the electors to deliver the votes for President and Vice President.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the documents in relation to Spain, which accompanied the President's message of the 7th ultimo.

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the subject referred on the 21st ultimo, respecting the Military Academy:

On motion,

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

The bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed,

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill supplementary to "An act to perfect certain locations and sales of the public lands in Missouri," passed April 26, 1822.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox; and

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Parrott presented the petition of Reuben Shapley, stating that the schooner John and cargo, belonging to the petitioner, were captured by the British ship of war Talbot, in 1815, within the time limited by the treaty of peace for the restoration of captured vessels: that the said vessel and cargo were lost on the coast of Cuba, through the misconduct or negligence of the captors; and that he has been unable to obtain indemnity therefor from the British government; and praying the interposition of the government of the United States in obtaining him relief.

The petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

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

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied by a statement of the contracts made by the Commissioners of the Navy, during the year 1824.

He also communicated a report from the same officer, accompanied by an abstract of the expenditures on account of contingent expenses of the Navy during the year ending on the 30th of September, 1824.

He also communicated a report from the same officer, on the expediency, location, and probable expense, of a dry dock, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, of the 25th of May last.

The reports were severally read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1825.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, on the petition of Winthrop Robinson; which was read.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of T. Minor and Leonard Jones, executors of John Ferrell, deceased, representing that, pursuant to the will of the deceased, they proceeded to relinquish a moiety of a quarter section of land, purchased by the deceased in his life-time, at the land office at Marietta; but, in consequence of an error on the part of their agent, and contrary to the intention of the deceased, that part of the land on which the improvements had been made, was released; which error they pray may be corrected by a special act of Congress. The petition was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Findlay presented two petitions from the citizens of Schuylkill county, in Pennsylvania, praying that a more convenient post route may be established from the seat of justice in said county to the metropolis of said state. The petitions were read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Kelly presented the petition of George Fisher, administrator of Thomas H. Boyles, deceased, praying compensation for certain horses lost in the public service by the deceased in his life-time, during the Seminole war, in consequence of the want of forage for their support; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured from foreign hemp, reported it without amendment.



Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred on the 30th ult. reported a bill to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Adolphus G. Trott; which was read.

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

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Talbot asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution, authorizing the purchase of a certain number of copies of the Journals of Congress, from 1774 to 1788; which was read.

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

Mr. Barton presented the petition of A. S. M'Girk, of Missouri, and a pensioner of the United States, praying to be paid certain arrears of pension that have been unjustly withheld from him; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred on the 5th instant, reported a bill to remove the land office of the Salt River district, in Missouri; which was read.

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred on the 29th ultimo, reported a bill for the relief of Richard Cain and Isaac Baldwin, of Ohio; which was read.

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

On motion,

Mr. Barbour was excused from serving on the Committee on the District of Columbia; and

Mr. Bouigny was appointed in his stead.

The bill for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 24,  
Nays . . . . . 12.

On motion, by Mr. Cobb,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bell,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Johnston, of Lou.
Eaton,	Hayne,	King, of N. Y.
Edwards,	Holmes, of Miss.	Lanman,
Elliott,	Jackson,	Lloyd, of Md.
Findlay,	Johnson, of Ken.	Lewrie,

Mr. M'Ilvaine,  
Mills,  
Palmer,

Mr. Parrott,  
Ruggles,  
Seymour,

Mr. Smith,  
Thomas,  
Van Buren.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,  
Barton,  
Branch,  
Brown,

Mr. Chandler,  
Clayton,  
Cobb,  
Dickerson,

Mr. Holmes, of Me.  
Macon,  
Talbot,  
Tazewell.

So it was

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title thereof be,  
“An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others.”

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

On motion by Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox; and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1825.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, made pursuant to a resolution of the Senate, of 21st December last, showing the contracts that have been made for erecting light-houses and buoys on the coast of Florida and Gulf of Mexico, under the several appropriations, and the progress made in them; which was read.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, showing the expenditures of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment for the year 1824; which was read.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Navy, showing the names and compensation of the Clerks employed in his office, and in that of the Commissioners of the Navy, for the last year; which was read.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Navy, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 25th of May last, accompanied by statements showing the amount of traveling expenses and other allowances received by officers of the Navy and Marine Corps, over their monthly pay and rations; the expense of courts martial; the number of desertions, &c.; and, also, exhibiting the views of the Secretary of the Navy in relation to certain alterations proper to be made by law for the better government and discipline of the Navy. The report and documents were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

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

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred so much of the President's message as relates to piracies, and the several memorials on the same subject, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies; which were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The said bill was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

The President communicated a letter from Rembrandt Peale, offering to the patriotism and munificence of Congress, his painting of an equestrian portrait of Washington; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

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

Mr. Mills, Mr. Tazewell, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Findlay, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Lowrie presented the memorial of Richard W. Meade, praying that a debt due to him from the government of Spain, may be adjusted and paid by the United States, for reasons set forth in his memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

*Ordered*, That the memorial and documents be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon; and that they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Thomas gave notice that, to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill to compensate the Registers and Receivers of the land offices for extra services rendered under the provisions of the act of the 2d of March, 1821.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the occupation of the Oregon river," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred by resolution of the Senate, of the 30th ultimo, reported a bill allowing fees to the District Attorney of Missouri, which was read: and,

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

Mr. Van Buren, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Oliver and others, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

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:*

As the term of my service in this high trust will expire at the end of the present Session of Congress, I think it proper to invite your attention to an object very interesting to me, and which, in the movement of our Government, is deemed, on principle, equally interesting to the public. I have been long in the service of my country, and in its most difficult conjunctures, as well abroad as at home, in the course of which I have had a control over the public moneys, to a vast amount. If, in the course of my service, it shall appear, on the most severe scrutiny, which I invite, that the public have sustained any loss by any act of mine, or of others, for which I ought to be held responsible, I am willing to bear it. If, on the other hand, it shall appear, on the view of the law, and of precedents in other cases, that justice has been withheld from me, in any instance, as I have believed it to be in many, and greatly to my injury, it is submitted whether it ought not to be rendered. It is my wish that all matters of account and claims, between my country and myself, be settled, with that strict regard to justice, which is observed in settlements between individuals in private life. It would be gratifying to me, and it appears to be just, that the subject should be now examined, in both respects, with a view to a decision hereafter. No bill would, it is presumed, be presented for my signature, which would operate either for, or against me, and I would certainly sanction none in my favor. While here, I can furnish testimony, applicable to any case, in both views, which

a full investigation may require, and the committee to whom the subject may be referred, by reporting facts now, with a view to a decision, after my retirement, will allow time for further information, and due consideration, of all matters relating thereto. Settlements with a person in this trust, which could not be made with the accounting officers of the Government, should always be made by Congress, and before the public. The cause of the delay, in presenting these claims, will be explained to the committee to whom the subject may be referred. It will, I presume, be made apparent, that it was inevitable; that, from the peculiar circumstances attending each case, Congress alone could decide on it; and that, from considerations of delicacy, it would have been highly improper for me to have sought it from Congress, at an earlier period than that which is now proposed—the expiration of my term in this high trust.

Other considerations appear to me to operate with great force, in favor of the measure which I now propose. A citizen who has long served his country, in its highest trusts, has a right, if he has served with fidelity, to enjoy undisturbed tranquillity and peace in his retirement. This he cannot expect to do, unless his conduct, in all pecuniary concerns, shall be placed, by severe scrutiny, on a basis not to be shaken. This, therefore, forms a strong motive with me for the inquiry which I now invite. The public may also derive considerable advantage from the precedent, in the future movement of the Government. It being known that such scrutiny was made in my case, it may form a new and strong barrier against the abuse of the public confidence in future.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 5th January, 1825.*

The message was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered,* That it lie on the table.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. King, of Alabama, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, making compensation to the persons appointed by the electors to deliver the votes for President and Vice President; which was twice read, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred on the 16th December last, reported a bill in addition to an act, entitled “An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;” which was read; and,

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



Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was recommitted the bill for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, reported the said bill without amendment, together with a statement of facts in relation to the subject matter thereof.

The report was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to lands in the western district of Louisiana," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Reuben Colburn, praying the payment of a balance due him for services and disbursements during the Revolutionary war; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Hayne presented the petition of Sarah Shillito, praying indemnification for a house that was burnt whilst occupied by troops of the United States as barracks; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton presented the petition of Abraham Gallatin, of Missouri, praying to be released from the payment of a judgment obtained against him as one of the sureties of John W. Thompson, late Collector of the Internal Revenue, for the then territory of Missouri; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Findlay presented the memorial of D. H. Miller and George Ord, executors of Alexander Wilson, deceased, who was the author of a work entitled "American Ornithology, or the Natural History of the Birds of the United States," praying that a law may be passed securing to them, for the use of the estate of the deceased, the copyright of said work; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Kelly presented the petition of William Stedman, praying remuneration for losses sustained by the impressment of his property into the public service during the late war; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Colget Donaldson, widow of William Donaldson, deceased, praying that the title of the deceased, to a tract of land on the Pascagola river, derived from the Spanish government, may be recognized and confirmed by the United States; which was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, 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 resolution of the Senate, of the 17th May last, I transmit a report from the Secretary of the Navy, which contains the information requested.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 5th January, 1825.*

The message 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; and that they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The resolution authorizing the purchase of a certain number of copies of the Journals of Congress, from 1774 to 1788, 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 to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Adolphus G. Trott; the bill for the relief of Richard Cain and Isaac Baldwin, of Ohio; and the bill to remove the land office of the Salt River District, in Missouri; were severally read the second time.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the last mentioned bill; and,

On motion,

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

The engrossed bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, was read the third time; and,

On motion,

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

The bill for the relief of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox."

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

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

On motion,

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

Mr. Brown submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of commencing the construction of the national road laid out and surveyed by authority of the United States, between Wheeling, Virginia, and St. Louis, in the state of Missouri.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1825.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Thomas Taylor, jun. praying compensation for improving certain streets in the city of Washington, the expense of which is properly chargeable to the United States; and

On motion,

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

Mr. Kelly presented the petition of Benjamin S. Pope, Register of the Land Office, and Obadiah Jones, Receiver of Public Moneys, at

Huntsville, praying to be compensated for extra services performed by them in their respective offices, under the act for the relief of the purchasers of Public Lands, and the acts supplementary thereto; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Missouri, praying the establishment of a certain mail route; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to provide for the security of public money in the hands of Clerks of Courts, Attorneys, and Marshals, and their deputies, which was read; and,

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

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adopt a new Hydrometer for ascertaining the proof of liquors."

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Thomas asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to compensate the Registers and Receivers of the Land Offices, for extra services rendered under the provisions of the act of the 2d of March, 1821, which was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Bridges.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred, on the 14th of December last, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Missouri, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out from the western frontier of Missouri, to the confines of New Mexico; which was read; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to in-

struct the Committee on Roads and Canals to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for constructing the road from Wheeling to St. Louis; and agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver and others; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next; and that the Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, made on the same subject, on the 10th of February last, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill allowing fees to the District Attorney of Missouri; and the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the Territory of Michigan; were severally read the second time.

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 signed, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, 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 Senate, and the blanks were filled.

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Adolphus G. Trott; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Richard Cain and Isaac Baldwin, of Ohio; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate.



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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill making compensation to the persons appointed by the Electors to deliver the votes for President and Vice President; and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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 the Columbian College in the District of Columbia; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the occupation of the Oregon river;" and,

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to lands in the western district of Louisiana;" and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill supplementary to "An act to perfect certain locations and sales of the public lands in Missouri," passed April 26, 1822; and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, presented additional documents in relation to the claim of Isabel Osorno de Valverde; and,

On his motion,

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

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

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a steam ship, or vessel, of large size, capable of carrying a great number of men and boats, to be employed on the Coast of Cuba, and in the Gulf of Mexico, for the suppression of piracy.

Mr. Kelly submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the Legislatures of the territories of the United States from taxing lands held or claimed by unconfirmed British, French, or Spanish titles, and of limiting the amount of tax that may be imposed, by such legislatures, on other lands of non-residents, and of regulating the time and mode of redemption of lands sold for such taxes; and, also, of prohibiting, under suitable penalties, the governor of any such territory, and secretary, acting as such, from practicing law in any of the courts thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1825.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, with a statement exhibiting the names and pay of the Clerks employed in the several offices of the Treasury Department, for the last year. The report was read.

Mr. Smith presented additional documents in support of the claim of James Ramsey and others; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Wilkins Tannehill of Tennessee, stating that he became justly possessed of the claims of a certain Robert H. Boone, and Erasmus Chapman, for services rendered the United States; and for which he prays payment.

On motion,

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

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom the subject was referred on the 29th ult. reported a bill for the relief of Thomas R. Broome; which was read; and,

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

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

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom the subject was referred on the 6th instant, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the companies of mounted rangers commanded by Captains Boyle and M'Girth. The report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Brown, from the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom the subject was referred on the 3d instant, reported a bill for the relief of John M'Lure; which was read twice, by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That the select Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Lewis A. Tarascon, and others.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the Legislatures of the Territories from taxing certain lands; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a Steam Ship of a large size, to be employed in the suppression of piracy; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out from the western frontier of Missouri, to the confines of New Mexico; and the bill to provide for the security of public money in the hands of Clerks of Courts, Attorneys, and Marshals, and their deputies; were severally read the second time.

The bill supplementary to "An act to perfect certain locations and sales of the Public Lands in Missouri," passed April 26, 1822, hav-

ing been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act supplementary to 'An act to perfect certain locations and sales of the Public Lands in Missouri,' passed April 26th, 1822."

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

The bill to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Adolphus G. Trott, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Adolphus G. Trott."

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

The bill for the relief of Richard Cain and Isaac Baldwin of Ohio, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Richard Cain and Isaac Baldwin of Ohio."

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

The bill making compensation to the persons appointed by the Electors to deliver the votes for President and Vice President, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act making compensation to the persons appointed by the Electors to deliver the votes for President and Vice President."

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

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to lands in the Western District of Louisiana," was read the third time; and,

On motion,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, 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,

On motion,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia.

Whereupon,

Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland, communicated a letter from Luther Rice, in relation to the subject matter of said bill, which was read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill allowing fees to the District Attorney of Missouri: and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1825.

Mr. King, of New York, presented the memorial of Samuel Russel, praying to be compensated for his services as issuing commissary for the third military district, in the year 1815; and

On motion,

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

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the petition of W. K. Armistead, praying an equitable settlement of his accounts; and

On motion,

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



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

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to furnish to each of the standing committees a full set of the laws of the United States, suitably marked and lettered, to designate the committee to whom each set belongs; the same to be deposited in the Library during the recess of Congress.

Mr. Chandler submitted the following motions for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to cause to be made, and laid before the Senate, as soon as may be, an abstract of the rules and regulations for the field exercise and manœuvres of the infantry, and the general regulations for the army which is observed and practised upon by the army of the United States, in such a manner as shall be best adapted to the use of the militia of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to the Senate, as soon as may be, the number of divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions and companies of militia of the United States, according to the last returns from the several states in the Union.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Johnson, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Talbot, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a joint resolution, directing the Librarian to furnish the several committee rooms of Congress with copies of the laws of the United States; which was read twice, by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky.

*Ordered*, That Hanson Catlett have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, presented at the second session of the Sixteenth Congress.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Isabel Osorno de Valverde.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That the memorial of Isabel Osorno de Valverde be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of the companies of mounted rangers, commanded by Captains Boyle and M'Girth, and the bill for the relief of Thomas R. Broome, were severally read the second time.

The bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes.'"

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the occupation of the Oregon River;" 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 bill for the suppression of Piracy in the West Indies; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out from the Western frontier of Missouri, to the confines of New Mexico; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to provide for the security of public money in the hands of Clerks of Courts, Attorneys, and Marshals, and their deputies; and,

On 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 Senate of the United States.*

In compliance with two resolutions of the Senate, the first of the 21st, and the second of the 23d December last, requesting information respecting the injuries which have been sustained by our citizens by piratical depredations, and other details connected therewith; and requesting, also, information of the measures which have been adopted for the suppression of piracy; and whether, in the opinion of the Executive, it will not be necessary to adopt other means for the accomplishment of the object; and, in that event, what other means it will be most advisable to recur to; I herewith transmit a report from the Secretary of State, and likewise a report from the Secretary of the Navy, with the documents referred to in each.

On the very important question submitted to the Executive, as to the necessity of recurring to other more effectual means for the suppression of a practice so destructive of the lives and property of our citizens, I have to observe, that three expedients occur; one by the pursuit of the offenders to the settled as well as the unsettled parts of the Island from whence they issue; another, by reprisal on the property of the inhabitants; and a third, by the blockade of the ports of those Islands. It will be obvious that neither of these measures can be resorted to, in a spirit of amity with Spain, otherwise than in a firm belief that neither the Government of Spain, nor the Government of either of the Islands, has the power to suppress that atrocious practice, and that the United States interpose their aid for the accomplishment of an object which is of equal importance to them as well as to us. Acting on this principle, the facts which justify the proceeding being universally known and felt by all engaged in commerce in that sea, it may fairly be presumed, that neither will the Government of Spain, nor the Government of either of those Islands, complain of a resort to either of those measures, or to all of them, should such resort be necessary. It is therefore suggested, that a power, commensurate with either resource, be granted to the Executive, to be exercised according to his discretion, and as circumstances may imperiously require. It is hoped that the manifestation of a policy so decisive will produce the happiest result—that it will rid these seas and this hemisphere of this practice. This hope is strengthened by the belief that

the Government of Spain, and the Governments of the Islands, particularly of Cuba, whose Chief is known here, will faithfully co-operate in such measures as may be necessary for the accomplishment of this very important object. To secure such co-operation will be the earnest desire, and, of course, the zealous and persevering effort, of the Executive.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 13th January, 1823.*

The message was read; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the said message, with the documents accompanying it, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of John McLure; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1825.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, accompanied by a statement shewing the names, and salary, of the Clerks employed in his Department, for the last year. The report was read.

The President also communicated a report from the Secretary of War, accompanied by an abstract of all licenses granted by the su-

perintendents and agents for Indian Affairs, to trade with the Indians, shewing by and to whom granted, and when and where granted, with the amount of the bonds, and capital employed, as far as the same could be ascertained from the returns which have been made. The report was read.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Oliver Blake, 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. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the sugar refiners of Baltimore, and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution authorizing the purchase of a certain number of copies of the Journals of Congress, from 1774 to 1788, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Gallatin, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

Mr. Van Buren presented the memorial of Enrico Causici, sculptor, praying that an additional appropriation may be made, to enable him to proceed to execute, in marble, an Allegorical Group for the use of the Senate Chamber, which he has modelled in Plaster, under an appropriation heretofore made by Congress for that purpose.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the select committee, appointed on the 10th instant, on the letter from Rembrandt Peale, to consider and report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Solomon Frazier, keeper of two light-houses situated at North Point, at the mouth of the Patapsco river, praying an increase of his salary.

On motion,



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

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to light houses and buoys on the coast of Florida and Gulf of Mexico, communicated on the 10th instant, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. King, of Alabama, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was recommitted the bill, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to lands in the Western District of Louisiana," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill to secure the accountability of public officers and others; which was read.

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

Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, gave notice that, to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill to authorize the laying out and opening a passage through the Raft in the Red river.

Mr. Bouligny gave notice that, tomorrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill to permit Anna Dubord to bring certain slaves into the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Mills, from the select committee, appointed on the 10th instant, on the letter of Rembrandt Peale, reported a bill to authorize the purchase of the Equestrian Portrait of Washington, by Rembrandt Peale; which was twice read, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland, presented the petition of Richard R. Keene, of Baltimore, praying remuneration for services rendered to the United States in relation to a disclosure made by him in the year 1814, of the military and marine resources of the Regency of Algiers.

On motion,

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

Mr. Tazewell presented the petition of Thomas Gatewood, naval officer for the District, and the petition of Copeland Parker, surveyor of the customs and inspector of the revenue for the Ports of Norfolk and Portsmouth, severally praying an increase of their compensation.

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was

recommitted the bill to remove the Land Office off the Salt River District, in Missouri, reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 13th instant, to instruct the Committee on the Library to furnish the standing committees with sets of the laws of the United States; which, having been modified by Mr. Holmes of Maine, was read, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish to each of the standing committees, a full set of the laws of the United States, suitably marked and lettered, to designate the committee to whom each sets belongs, the same to be deposited in the Secretary's office during the recess of Congress; the expense of which shall be paid out of the contingent fund.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motions of the 13th instant, directing the Secretary of War to lay before the Senate an abstract of the rules and regulations of the army, and a report of the divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions, and companies of militia; and agreed thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver and others; and,

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

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

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

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

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:*

Agreeably to the resolution of the Senate, of 19th May last, requesting the President to cause to be laid before the Senate a report, "shewing the amount of duties which shall have accrued on importations into the United States for the three quarters of a year ending June 30th

1824, also the amount of duties which would have accrued on the same importations at such higher rates of duty, as may be imposed by any act of the present session of Congress;" Therewith transmit a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, which contains the information required.

JAMES MONROE.

January, 17, 1825.

The message was read.

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

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

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

The engrossed bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, was again read; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas, . . . . . 20,} \\ \text{Nays, . . . . . 23.} \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Van Dyke,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Mr. Macqon,
Benton,	Jackson,	Smith,
Bouligny,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Talbot,
Branch,	Johnston, of <i>Lou.</i>	Taylor,
Eaton,	King, of <i>Alabama,</i>	Thomas,
Elliott,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Van Buren.
Findlay,	Lowrie,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Noble,
Bell,	Gaillard,	Palmer,
Brown,	Hayne,	Parrott,
Chandler,	King, of <i>N. F.</i>	Ruggles,
Clayton,	Knight,	Seymour,
Cobb,	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Tazewell,
D'Wolf,	McLean	Van Dyke.
Dickerson,	Mills,	

So it was

*Resolved, That the said bill do not pass.*

Agreeably to the order of the day, 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,

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate, resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to provide for the security of public money in the hands of clerks of courts, attorneys, and marshals, and their deputies; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1825.

Mr. Findlay presented the memorial of William Brandt and Company, of the town of Archangel, owners of the Russian ships the Dwina, and the St. Petersburg, and subjects of Russia, by S. Chew, of the city of Philadelphia, their attorney in fact, praying that certain additional tonnage and discriminating duties, paid into the Custom House at New York, by their agent, on the said ships and their cargoes, may be refunded; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

*Ordered*, That, in addition to the number heretofore ordered, there be printed for the use of the Senate, two thousand copies of the Message received from the President of the United States, on the 10th instant, on the use of canvass, cables, and cordage, manufactured from American hemp, in the Navy.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That the message yesterday received from the President of the United States, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of

Claims, on the petition of Oliver Blake; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Abraham Gallatin; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill to secure the accountability of public officers and others, and the resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to furnish the standing committees with sets of the laws of the United States, were severally read the second time.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to lands in the western district of Louisiana," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia; and, the same having been amended, it was reported to the Senate; 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 bill to provide for the security of public money in the hands of clerks of courts, attorneys, and marshals, and their deputies; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate.

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 further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Louisiana, accompanied by a resolution, instruct-



ing their Senators and Representatives in Congress, to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law making an appropriation of money for opening a Canal from Lake Pontchartrain, to the Mississippi river; and,

On motion,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1825.

Mr. Brown, from the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the memorial of the inhabitants of Wilkes county, in North Carolina, on the subject of a road to New Orleans, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report and resolution were read.

Mr. Benton submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of procuring from the Indians south of Lake Superior, the privilege of exploring the country for the discovery of copper mines, and for the use and occupation of the same by the United States, if discovered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver and others; and,

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

To strike out the word "not," in the resolution,

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

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

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

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 12th instant, approved and signed "An act authorizing repayment for land erroneously sold by the United States;" and "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adopt a new Hydrometer for ascertaining the proof of liquors."

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Burt;" a bill, entitled "An act amendatory of

the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the civil department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia;" and a bill, entitled "An act further to amend the act authorizing payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, passed 9th April, 1816;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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

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

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the petitions of John F. Dumas and William Manson, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitions of John F. Dumas and William Manson be rejected.

The report and resolution were read.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,  
*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of James Ray and others.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Resolved*, That the said memorial, and the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the Secretary of State, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Findlay presented the memorial of the umbrella makers of Philadelphia, praying that a drawback of the duty on imported silk may be allowed when manufactured into umbrellas and exported.

On motion,

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

Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, presented the petition of John Filhiol, praying that his title to a tract of land in Louisiana, derived from the Spanish Government, may be confirmed.

On motion,

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

Mr. Kelly presented the petition of Holden W. Prout, administrator of Joshua W. Prout, deceased, stating that the deceased held a number of discharges of soldiers, with powers of attorney to receive their pay, which the administrator cannot obtain without the aid of a law in his favor; and praying relief,

On motion,

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

The bill for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia."

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

The bill to provide for the security of public money in the hands of Clerks of Courts, Attorneys, and Marshals, and their Deputies, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to provide for the security of public money in the hands of Clerks of Courts, Attorneys, and Marshals, and their Deputies."

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1825.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, with statements showing all the contracts made by the War Department for the last year. The report was read.

The President communicated a letter from Robert Waln, jun. of Philadelphia, soliciting the patronage of Congress to a Biography of General Lafayette, which he is about to publish; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the select committee, appointed on the 10th instant, on the letter from Rembrandt Peale, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Bouligny asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to permit Anna Dubord to bring certain slaves into the state of Louisiana; which was read; and

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Wilkins Tennehill; and that he have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. Ruggles presented the petition of Joseph Dozet, and Antoine Bourgoud, praying remuneration for property destroyed at the River Raisin, by order of the commanding officer there, in the year 1812; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to lands in the western district of Louisiana."

Mr. Benton communicated a statement by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, showing the quantity of public land that has been surveyed and sold, from the 30th June, 1823, to the 30th June, 1824, and the quantity remaining unsold on those days; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill to graduate the price of the public lands, reported it without amendment.

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

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I communicate, herewith, to both Houses of Congress, copies of the Convention between the United States and His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, concluded at St. Petersburg, on the  $\frac{5}{17}$ th of April last; which has been duly ratified on both sides, and the ratifications of which were exchanged on the 11th instant.

JAMES MONROÉ.

*Washington, 18th January, 1825.*

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on Indian Affairs to inquire into the expediency of procuring the privilege of exploring the country south of Lake Superior, for the discovery of copper mines; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the select Committee on Roads and Canals, on the memorial of the inhabitants of Wilkes county, in North Carolina; and,

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the petitions of John F. Dumas and William Manson; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An act amendatory of the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the civil department of the Government of the United States, in the District of Columbia,'" the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the act authorizing payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, passed ninth of April, 1816;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Burt;" were severally read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

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

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

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

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, communicated the following resolutions, passed by the Legislature of that state.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*Resolved*, That the Senators of this Commonwealth in Congress, be instructed, and the Representatives requested, to urge, at their present session, the adjustment of the claim of Massachusetts on the Government of the United States, for disbursements necessary in the



Commonwealth's defence, during the late war, and that the admission of its justice and validity, so far as it has been expressed by the authorities of the National Government, is duly appreciated.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he hereby is, requested to cause this resolve to be communicated to the several Senators and Representatives from this Commonwealth, in Congress, and that they are desired to lay the same before Congress, in such manner as they may think proper.

*In Senate, January 11th, 1825.*—Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

NATHANIEL SILSBEE, *President*.

*House of Representatives, January 12th, 1825.*—Read, and passed in concurrence.

WM. C. JARVIS, *Speaker*.

January 13th, 1825.—Approved:

WM. EUSTIS.

A true copy. Attest,

EDWARD D. BANGS, *Secretary*.

The said resolutions were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,  
*Ordered*, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, communicated the following resolutions, passed by the Legislature of that State:

STATE OF MAINE.

*Resolve relating to the allowance of the Massachusetts Claims, now pending before the Congress of the United States.*

*Resolved*, That the Senators in Congress from this state be instructed, and the Representatives requested, to adopt all suitable and proper measures, at the present session, to obtain the allowance of the Massachusetts claims, now pending before Congress; that, the justice of the claims being admitted by the President of the United States, in his message, and by the committee of Congress, in their report, it is due to the parties in interest that these claims be now adjusted; and, from the enlightened liberality of our National Legislature, we have the fullest confidence that they will be brought to a speedy and equitable decision.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolution, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with a request that they would

communicate the same to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in such manner as they may deem expedient.

*In the House of Representatives, January 10th, 1825.—Read and passed.*

JOHN RUGGLES, *Speaker.*

*In Senate, January 10th, 1825.—Read and passed.*

JONAS WHEELER, *President.*

January 10th 1825. Approved,

ALBION K. PARRIS.

STATE OF MAINE.

*Secretary of State's Office,*

*Portland, January 10th, 1825.*

I hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the original deposited in this office. Attest,

A. NICHOLS, *Secretary of State.*

The said resolutions were read; and,

On motion,

*Ordered,* That they lie on the table.

Mr. Chandler communicated a duplicate of the foregoing resolutions; which were,

On his motion,

*Ordered,* To lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, 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,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered,* That it 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 bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1825.

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

*Ordered*, That Robert Young and Richard B. Lee, Judges of the Orphans' Courts of the District of Columbia, have leave to withdraw their petition, presented at the last session.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the subject was referred on the 13th instant, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Samuel Russell. The report and bill were read.

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

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorize the laying out and making a passage through the Raft in the Red River; which was read; and

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

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the subject was yesterday referred by resolution, reported a bill concerning the copper mines on the south side of Lake Superior; which was read; and,

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

Mr. Benton communicated a letter from the Governor of the Michigan Territory, containing information relating to the last mentioned bill; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act enabling the claimants to lands within the limits of the state of Missouri, and territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," approved the 26th day of May, 1824; and to repeal a part thereof; which was read; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out, from the western frontier of Missouri to the confines of New Mexico; and,

On motion,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver and others; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

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

The bill to permit Anna Dubord to bring certain slaves into the state of Louisiana, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Boulogny,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed 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. Branch,

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

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies; and,

On motion, by Mr. Tazewell,

To strike out the third section:

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the said bill 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.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1825.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Burt," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to amend the Judicial system of the United States, and to provide for three additional Circuit Courts, reported the same with amendments; which were read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the subject was referred, on the 21st December last, reported a bill for the relief of Francis Larche, of New Orleans; which was read; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That, in addition to the number heretofore ordered, there be printed for the use of the Senate 1500 copies of the message and documents received on the 13th instant, from the President of the United States, on the subject of Piracy.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred on the 21st ultimo, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of John S. Stiles. The report and bill were read.

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

Mr. Eloyd, of Maryland, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the subject was referred on the 11th instant, reported a bill for the relief of Thomas Taylor, Jr.; which was read; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 11th instant, to instruct the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a steam ship of large size, to be employed in the suppression of piracy.

Whereupon,

Mr. Johnston communicated sundry documents on the subject of said motion; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Barton presented the petition of the inhabitants of Boone county, in the State of Missouri, praying that military posts and other regulations may be established for the encouragement and protection of the trade between that state and the internal provinces of Mexico; 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 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 for the continuation of the Cumberland Road;" and a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the subscription of stock in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company;" 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 signed, and it was delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

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

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

The bill for the relief of Samuel Russell; the bill concerning the copper mines on the south side of Lake Superior; the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act enabling the claimants to lands within the limits of the state of Missouri, and territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," approved the 26th day of May 1824, and to repeal a part thereof; and the bill to authorize the laying out, and opening, a passage through the raft in the Red River; were severally read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned bill be referred to the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others; and,

On motion, by Mr. Seymour,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, 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, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

The Senate adjourned.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1825.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of South Burwick, in the state of Maine, praying that an appropriation may be made to enable them to remove certain obstructions to boat navigation, in the main branch of the Piscataqua river; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Benton presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Calloway, Boone, and Howard, in the state of Missouri, praying the alteration of a certain post road therein mentioned; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Benton presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Howard County, in the state of Missouri, praying the establishment of military posts, and other arrangements, for the encouragement and protection of the trade of that state with the internal provinces of Mexico; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of Zebulon Pike, of Indiana, and a pensioner of the United States, praying to be allowed and paid certain arrears of pension; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Van Buren presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, representing that, in consequence of the great increase of imports and exports at the port of that city, the merchants have frequently experienced serious injury from delays at the Custom-House, occasioned by the inability of any one person to discharge the duties of Collector of that port, whilst obliged to attend to the import and export duties, with that promptness required by commercial interests, and suggesting the expediency of separating those branches of Commerce, and of appointing an officer, to whom may be assigned the duty of attending to exports, under the supervision of the Collector; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

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

Mr. Van Buren presented the memorial of William Smith, of Lower Canada, attorney of the heirs of Francis Cazeau, late a merchant of Montreal, and now deceased, praying remuneration for advances made, and indemnity for losses and sacrifices sustained, by the deceased, during the Revolutionary war; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the subject was referred on the 20th instant, reported a bill for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud; which was read; and,

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

The bill for the relief of John S. Stiles; the bill for the relief of Francis Larche, of New Orleans; and the bill for the relief of Thomas Taylor, jun.; were, severally, read the second time.

The bills from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland Road;" and "An act authorizing the subscription of stock in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company;" were read the second time; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

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,

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

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 18,  
Nays, . . . . . 25.

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. Bell,	Mr. Knight,	Mr. Ruggles,
Clayton,	Lanman,	Seymour,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of Mass.	Smith,
Eaton,	Noble,	Thomas,
King, of Ala.	Palmer,	Van Buren,
King, of N. Y.	Parrott,	Van Dyke.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Findlay,
Benton,	Dickerson,	Gaillard,
Bouligny,	Edwards,	Hayne,
Brown,	Elliott,	Holmes, of Me.

Mr. Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Mr. Lowrie,	Mr. Talbot,
Jackson,	M·Ilvaine,	Taylor.
Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	McLean,	Tazewell,
Johnston, of <i>Lou.</i>	Macon,	Williams,
Kelly.		

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 the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes.'"

They have passed a "resolution authorizing the public documents printed by order of Congress to be furnished to the Gardiner Lyceum, in the state of Maine;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said resolution was twice read, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered,* That it 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 bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies; and,

On motion, by Mr. Elliott,

*Ordered,* That it 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 bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out from the western frontier of Missouri, to the confines of New Mexico; and,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1825.

Mr. Thomas presented the memorial of Daniel Parker, assignee of George Mitchell, the purchaser of a quarter section of land at the Land Office at Vincennes, praying to be permitted to relinquish the same; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the memorial of Stephen Thacher, Collector of the Customs for the District of Passamaquoddy, in Maine, stating that, in the year 1822, owing to a misconception of the law on the subject, he admitted into that port a large amount of British tonnage, at a lower rate of duty than the law required, by the construction given to it by the Government, and subsequently communicated to him; and that he stands charged with the difference between the sum received, and that which ought to have been received, and from which he prays to be released; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill supplementary to "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;" which was read; and,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the subject was referred on the 19th instant, reported a bill for the relief of Holden W. Prout, administrator on the estate of Joshua W. Prout, deceased; which was read, and,

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

Mr. Kelly, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Ann Eccles, Timothy D. Pettigrew, and Robert A. Pettigrew, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the claim of the petitioners ought not to be granted. The report and resolution were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

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



The bill for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out from the western frontier of Missouri, to the confines of New Mexico; and, no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 30,  
Nays, . . . . . 12.

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Johnson, of Ky.	Mr. Palmer,
Benton,	Johnston, of Lou.	Parrot,
Bouligny,	Kelly,	Ruggles,
Brown,	Knight,	Seymour,
D'Wolf,	Lanman,	Smith,
Eaton,	Lloyd, of Mass.	Talbot,
Edwards,	Lowrie,	Taylor,
Elliott,	McIlvaine,	Thomas,
Holmes, of Mis.	McLean,	Van Buren,
Jackson,	Noble,	Van Dyke.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Branch,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. King, of N. Y.
Chandler,	Hayne,	Macon,
Clayton,	Holmes, of Me.	Tazewell,
Cobb,	King, of Alab.	Williams.

So the bill was rejected.

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to amend the Judicial System of the United States, and to provide for three additional Circuit Courts, together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on the Judiciary. The said amendments were agreed to; and,

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Friday next; and that it be printed for the use of the Senate, as amended.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1825.

Mr. Kelly presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Huntsville, in the state of Alabama, praying the establishment of a certain post route; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Eaton, presented the memorial of Benjamin Bohrer, and others, physicans in the District of Columbia, praying that a charter may be granted, incorporating a Medical College in the City of Washington; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Williams submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster General, be directed to report to the Senate, the amount which, in his opinion, it will be necessary to appropriate, to render the post road passing through the Indian country, between Columbus and Jackson, in the state of Mississippi, fit for the transportation of the mail from the City of Washington to Natchez and New Orleans, in covered carriages or stages.

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress, for the Government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes.'"

Mr. Brown, from the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the territory of Florida to open a canal through the public land, to unite the river St. John's, with the bay of St. Augustine, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the memorial of James Ramsay, and others, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted; and that they have leave to withdraw their petition and documents.

Mr. Dickerson gave notice that, to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the Library of Congress.

The bill supplementary to "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for

regulating the same; and the bill for the relief of Holden W. Prout, administrator on the estate of Joshua W. Prout, deceased; were severally read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of Ann Eccles, Timothy D. Pettigrew, and Robert A. Pettigrew; and,

On motion, by Mr. Hayne,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out, from the western frontier of Missouri, to the confines of New Mexico, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out, from the western frontier of Missouri, to the confines of New Mexico."

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That it 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 bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies; and,

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the companies of mounted rangers, commanded by Captains Boyle and McGirth; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Thomas R. Broome; and,

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

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

the bill to remove the Land Office off the Salt River district, in Missouri; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution directing the Librarian to furnish the several Committee Rooms of Congress with copies of the laws of the United States; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution authorizing the purchase of a certain number of copies of the Journals of Congress, from 1774 to 1788; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the purchase of the Equestrian Portrait of Washington, by Rembrandt Peale; and,

On motion, by Mr. Hayne,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to secure the accountability of public officers, and others; and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to furnish the Standing Committees with copies of the laws of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to graduate the price of the public lands; and,

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled " An act for the relief of Peter Burt;" and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,  
*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Samuel Russell; and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution from the House of Representatives, " authorizing the public documents, printed by order of Congress, to be furnished to the Gardiner Lyceum, in the state of Maine," reported it without amendment.

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 authorize the surveying and making a road from Little Rock to Cantonment Gibson, in the territory of Arkansas;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

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

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:*

Being deeply impressed with the opinion, that the removal of the Indian tribes from the lands which they now occupy within the limits of the several states and territories, to the country lying westward and northward thereof, within our acknowledged boundaries, is of very high importance to our Union, and may be accomplished, on conditions, and in a manner, to promote the interest and happiness of those tribes, the attention of the Government has been long drawn, with great solicitude, to the object. For the removal of the tribes within the limits of the state of Georgia, the motive has been pecu-



liarily strong, arising from the compact with that state, whereby the United States are bound to extinguish the Indian title to the lands within it, whenever it may be done peaceably, and on reasonable conditions. In the fulfilment of this compact I have thought that the United States should act with a generous spirit, that they should omit nothing which should comport with a liberal construction of the instrument, and likewise be in accordance with the just rights of those tribes. From the view which I have taken of the subject, I am satisfied that, in the discharge of these important duties, in regard to both the parties alluded to, the United States will have to encounter no conflicting interests with either: on the contrary, that the removal of the tribes, from the territory which they now inhabit, to that which was designated in the message at the commencement of the session, which would accomplish the object for Georgia, under a well digested plan for their government and civilization, which should be agreeable to themselves, would not only shield them from impending ruin, but promote their welfare and happiness. Experience has clearly demonstrated, that, in their present state, it is impossible to incorporate them, in such masses, in any form whatever, into our system. It has also demonstrated, with equal certainty, that, without a timely anticipation of, and provision against, the dangers to which they are exposed, under causes which it will be difficult, if not impossible, to control, their degradation and extermination will be inevitable.

The great object to be accomplished is, the removal of these tribes to the territory designated, on conditions which shall be satisfactory to themselves, and honorable to the United States. This can be done only by conveying to each tribe a good title to an adequate portion of land, to which it may consent to remove, and by providing for it there, a system of internal government, which shall protect their property from invasion, and, by the regular progress of improvement and civilization, prevent that degeneracy which has generally marked the transition from the one to the other state.

I transmit, herewith, a report from the Secretary of War, which presents the best estimate which can be formed from the documents in that Department, of the number of Indians within our states and territories, and of the amount of lands held by the several tribes within each; of the state of the country lying northward and westward thereof, within our acknowledged boundaries; of the parts to which the Indian title has already been extinguished, and of the conditions on which other parts, in an amount which may be adequate to the object

contemplated may be obtained. By this report, it appears that the Indian title has already been extinguished to extensive tracts in that quarter, and that other portions may be acquired to the extent desired, on very moderate conditions. Satisfied, I also am, that the removal proposed is not only practicable, but that the advantages attending it, to the Indians, may be made so apparent to them, that all the tribes, even those most opposed, may be induced to accede to it, at no very distant day.

The digest of such a government, with the consent of the Indians, which should be endowed with sufficient power to meet all the objects contemplated, to connect the several tribes together in a bond of amity, and preserve order in each; to prevent intrusions on their property; to teach them, by regular instruction, the arts of civilized life, and make them a civilized people, is an object of very high importance. It is the powerful consideration which we have to offer to these tribes as an inducement to relinquish the lands on which they now reside, and to remove to those which are designated. It is not doubted, that this arrangement will present considerations of sufficient force to surmount all their prejudices in favor of the soil of their nativity, however strong they may be. Their elders have sufficient intelligence to discern the certain progress of events, in the present train, and sufficient virtue, by yielding to momentary sacrifices, to protect their families and posterity from inevitable destruction. They will also perceive that they may thus attain an elevation, to which, as communities, they could not otherwise aspire.

To the United States, the proposed arrangement offers many important advantages in addition to those which have been already enumerated. By the establishment of such a government over these tribes, with their consent, we become, in reality, their benefactors. The relation of conflicting interests, which has heretofore existed between them and our frontier settlements, will cease. There will be no more wars between them and the United States. Adopting such a government, their movement will be in harmony with us, and its good effect be felt throughout the whole extent of our territory, to the Pacific. It may fairly be presumed, that, through the agency of such a government, the condition of all the tribes inhabiting that vast region, may be essentially improved: that permanent peace may be preserved with them, and our commerce be much extended.

With a view to this important object, I recommend it to Congress to adopt, by solemn declaration, certain fundamental principles, in

accord with those above suggested, as the basis of such arrangements as may be entered into with the several tribes, to the strict observance of which the faith of the nation shall be pledged. I recommend it, also, to Congress, to provide, by law, for the appointment of a suitable number of Commissioners, who shall, under the direction of the President, be authorized to visit, and explain to the several tribes, the objects of the Government, and to make with them, according to their instructions, such arrangements as shall be best calculated to carry those objects into effect.

A negotiation is now depending with the Creek nation for the cession of lands held by it within the limits of Georgia, and with a reasonable prospect of success. It is presumed, however, that the result will not be known during the present session of Congress. To give effect to this negotiation, and to the negotiations which it is proposed to hold, with all the other tribes within the limits of the several states and territories, on the principles and for the purposes stated, it is recommended that an adequate appropriation be now made by Congress.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 27th January, 1825.*

The message was read.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the said message, and the documents accompanying it, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, to consider and report thereon; and that two thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate, and one thousand copies for the use of the Secretary of War.

Mr. Kelly gave notice that he would, to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a bill granting further relief to the purchasers of public lands, prior to the first of July, 1820.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1825.

Mr. Kelly presented the petition of John Murphy, praying a pension, in consideration of Revolutionary services; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Lanman presented the memorial of Hezekiah Smith, of Connecticut, and a seaman of the United States, praying that efficient measures may be adopted for the suppression of piracy on the coast of Cuba, and tendering his services to the Government, to aid in accomplishing that object. The memorial was read; and,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to whom the subject was referred by resolution of the Senate of 14th December last, reported a bill to provide for the seizure and sale of property brought into the United States in violation of the revenue laws, in certain cases; which was read; and,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, communicated sundry documents containing information relative to the last mentioned bill; and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the act authorizing payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed 9th April, 1816," reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Kelly asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the further relief of the purchasers of public lands, prior to the 1st of July, 1820; which was read; and,

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

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Dickerson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the Library of Congress; which was read twice, by unanimous consent.

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

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

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

The bill to secure the accountability of public officers, and others, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to secure the accountability of public officers, and others."

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

The resolution directing the Librarian to furnish the several Committee rooms of Congress with copies of the laws of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be, "A resolution directing the Librarian to furnish the several committee rooms of Congress with copies of the laws of the United States."

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

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and making a road from Little Rock, to Cantonment Gibson, in the territory of Arkansas," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, directing the Postmaster General to report the sum that will be necessary to render the road through the Indian country, between Columbus and Jackson, fit for the transportation of the mail; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Finance on the memorial of James Ramsay, and others; and, in concurrence therewith,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, and that they have leave to withdraw their petition and documents.

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

It was agreed that, when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next. After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1825.

The President communicated the following reports from the Secretary of the Treasury, viz:

A report showing the payments made, during the year 1824, for the discharge of miscellaneous claims, not otherwise provided for;



the contracts made relative to oil, light-houses, beacons, buoys, stake-ages, &c.; the contracts and purchases made by Collectors, for the revenue service, during the year 1823; and the expenditures on account of sick and disabled seamen, during the year 1823;

A report, made in obedience to the act "regulating the currency, within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Spain, and Portugal, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces," giving the result of sundry assays made at the Mint;

A report, accompanied by one from the Register and Receiver of the Land District south of Red River, prepared in obedience to an act of the 3d of March, 1823, and the act of May 28, 1824, supplementary thereto;

A report, accompanied by maps of the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, prepared by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of the 18th of February, 1823.

The said reports were, severally, read.

The President communicated the following reports from the Secretary of War, viz:

A report, accompanied by additional abstracts of licenses issued to persons to trade in the Indian country, during the year ending on the 1st of September, 1824;

A report, accompanied by an abstract of the General annual returns of the militia, and of the annual returns of arms and accoutrements, prepared in conformity with the act of Congress of March 2d, 1803;

A report showing the divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions, and companies of militia of the United States, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of the 17th instant.

The reports were, severally, read.

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned report be referred to the Committee on the Militia, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Anderson's Town, to Winchester, the county seat for Randolph county; thence, to Fort Wayne, in the state of Indiana.

Mr. King, of Alabama, presented a resolution of the Legislature of that state, requesting their Senators and Representatives in Con-

gress to use their influence to obtain specific appropriations by Congress for certain internal improvements, to be made within that state; and to obtain the passage of a law giving authority to the said Legislature to levy and collect a tonnage duty on certain vessels entering the port and harbor of Mobile, for the purpose of providing a fund for improving the navigation thereto. The resolution was read.

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. King, of Alabama, communicated an act of the Legislature of that state, entitled "An act for improving the navigation of the port and harbor of Mobile;" and,

On his motion,

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

Mr. Kelly presented a memorial of the Legislature of the state of Alabama, suggesting the expediency of withholding from sale the relinquished lands in that state for, at least, one year, except such as are already advertised; and a memorial of the same Legislature, praying Congress to take into consideration the claims of Colonel Samuel Dale, for services rendered and expenses incurred, during the late Indian wars; and that said claims may be settled and paid upon equitable principles.

On motion, by Mr. Kelly,

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

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of Solomon Frazier, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

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

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to permit Anna Dubord to bring certain slaves into the state of Louisiana, reported it without amendment.

The bill for the further relief of the purchasers of public land, prior to the 1st of July, 1820; and the bill to provide for the seizure and sale of property brought into the United States in violation of the revenue laws, in certain cases; were, severally, read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Kelly,

*Ordered*, That the first mentioned bill be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, 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 bills of the following titles viz:

“An act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes;”

“An act to authorize the sale of unserviceable ordnance, arms, and military stores;” and,

“An act to establish the City of Hudson and the City of Troy, in the State of New York; Bowdoinham, in the State of Maine; and Fairport in the State of Ohio, ports of delivery; and to abolish Tops-ham as a port of delivery;” 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 bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies, together with the motion to strike out the third section; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Hayne,

The Senate adjourned.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1825.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, accompanied by a statement of the appropriations for the service of the year 1824, shewing the amount appropriated under each specific head, the amount expended under each, and the balance remaining unexpended in the Treasury, on the 31st December last. The report was read.

Mr. Barton presented the petition of Jesse F. Royston, praying compensation for a horse lost, whilst employed on public service, in the year 1813; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. King, of New York, presented the petition of Thomas Constantine, of New York, cabinet-maker, praying that the balance of his account for furnishing the Senate Chamber, in the year 1819, may be paid; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the 7th December last, as relates to the subject, reported a bill for the preservation and civilization of the Indian tribes, within the United States, which was read; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Tazewell,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and of notifying the persons elected of their election.

Mr. Tazewell, Mr. Van Dyke, and Mr. King, of Alabama, were appointed of the said committee, on the part of the Senate.

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

On motion, by Mr. Williams,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post route, from Greenville to the Petit Gulf, in the state of Mississippi.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

*Ordered*, That the select committee be discharged from the further consideration of the letter of Robert Waln, Jr. soliciting the patronage of Congress to the publication of a Biography of General Lafayette.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the 7th December last, as relates to Naval Affairs, reported a bill authorizing the establishment of a navy yard and Depot, at or near Pensacola, which was twice read, by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

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

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

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of Solomon Frazier; and, in concurrence therewith,

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

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

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Adolphus G. Trott."

They have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to authorize the surveying and opening of a road from Detroit to Chicago in the state of Illinois;"

"An act to reduce into one, the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department;"

"An act to extend the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;"

"An act to change the time of holding the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of Louisiana;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies; and,

On the question, to strike out the 3d section, as follows:

"Sec 3. And be it further enacted, that, if any of the said pirates should escape from the fresh pursuit of the commanding officers and crews of any armed vessel of the United States, and find refuge in any of the cities or ports of the said island of Cuba, or other islands aforesaid, the President of the United States, on being informed of the fact, in a manner satisfactory to him, of its authenticity, shall be, and he is hereby, authorized, at his discretion, to declare the said port or city to be in a state of blockade, and shall cause the same to be invested by the naval force of the United States, till the said pirates shall have been secured and punished by the authorities of the said island, or until satisfaction shall otherwise have been made, whereupon he shall deem it just and expedient to discontinue the said blockade;"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 37,  
Nays, . . . . . 10.

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. Barton,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Dickerson,
Bell,	Chandler,	Edwards,
Benton,	Clayton,	Elliott,
Bouligny,	Cobb,	Findlay,
Branch,	D'Wolf,	Gaillard,



Mr. Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Talbot,
King, <i>of Alab.</i>	Macon,	Taylor,
King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Palmer,	Tazewell,
Knight,	Parrott,	Thomas,
Lanman,	Ruggles,	Van Buren,
Lloyd, <i>of Md.</i>	Seymour,	Van Dyke,
Lowrie,	Smith,	Williams.
McIlvaine,		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour	Mr. Jackson,	Mr. Kelly,
Eaton,	Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>
Hayne,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Mills.
Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>		

Mr. Holmes then moved further to amend the said bill, by inserting a new section, in lieu of that stricken out.

Whereupon,

Mr. Van Buren moved to recommit the said bill, with certain instructions; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That the said amendment and instructions be printed, for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1825.

The President communicated a letter from the Governor of the state of Maryland, enclosing a law of the General Assembly of that state, entitled "An act to confirm an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled 'An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.'" The letter was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland,

*Ordered*, That the letter and act therein mentioned be referred to the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to consider and report thereon; and that they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President also communicated the petition of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Pensacola, praying that the lands owned by the United States, within the limits of the corporation of said city, may be granted to said city; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

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

Mr. Brown, from the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the memorial of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company; and the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the subscription of stock in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company;" reported the said bill with an amendment; which was read,

Mr. Brown, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Brown, from the same committee, to whom was referred so much of the memorial of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan, as relates to roads in that territory, 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 motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

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

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Oxford, in the state of Ohio, to Liberty, the county seat for Union county, thence, to Brownsville; thence, to Dunlapsville; thence, to Rushville, via Connersville.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and opening of a road from Detroit to Chicago, in the state of Illinois;" the bill, entitled "An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department;" the bill, entitled "An act to change the time of holding the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of Louisiana;" and the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;" were, severally, read.

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

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

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of unserviceable ordnance, arms, and military stores," was read the second time; and

Mr. Jackson communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, containing information on the subject matter of said bill; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to establish the city of Hudson and the city of Troy, in the state of New York; Bowdoinham, in the state of Maine; and Fairport, in the state of Ohio, ports of delivery; and to abolish Topsham as a port of delivery;" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, 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 bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year 1825;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of the military service of the United States, for the year 1825;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1825;"

"An act fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States, for the Southern District of New York;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were read, and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the Library of Congress; and, no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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 considera-

tion of the bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies, together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Holmes, of Maine, and the motion of Mr. Van Buren to recommit the bill with instructions;

Whereupon,

Mr. Van Buren withdrew his said motion; and, the said amendment having been rejected,

Mr. Smith moved further to amend the bill, by inserting a new section after the seventh; and, after debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1825.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of State, on the memorial of James Ray, and others; which was read.

The President also communicated a report from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied by a statement of the appropriations for the support of the Navy for the year 1824, shewing the balances expended on the 1st of February, 1825. The report was read.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented the petition of Anthony Shane, praying a pension, in consideration of services rendered as an Indian interpreter, during the late war; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Thomas presented the memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, praying that the present laws relating to the sale of public lands be so modified, as to authorize the sale of all such lands as have been offered for sale five years, or more, at fifty cents per acre; which was read; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the County of Brown, in the territory of Michigan, praying that the said territory may be divided into two separate governments; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the select committee, appointed on the 5th ultimo, on the memorial of the inhabitants of the county of Michilimackinac, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Hayne,

*Resolved*, That Peter Trazevant, formerly a purser in the Navy of the United States, have leave to withdraw his petition and the accompanying papers.

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill for the further relief of the purchasers of public land, prior to the 1st of July, 1820, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Jackson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of unserviceable ordnance, arms, and military stores," reported it without amendment.

The bill for the preservation and civilization of the Indian tribes within the United States, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and opening of a road from Detroit to Chicago, in the state of Illinois;" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Thomas,

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

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military Service of the United States, for the year 1825," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*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 1825;" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

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

The bill, entitled "An act fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States, for the Southern District of New York;" and the bill, entitled "An act to change the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana;" were, severally, read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army," was read the second time.



On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the companies of mounted rangers, commanded by Captains Boyle and M<sup>c</sup>Girth; and,

On motion,

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

The bill to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the Library of Congress, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the Library of Congress."

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies, together with the amendment yesterday proposed thereto by Mr. Smith, as follows:

"Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the collectors of the several  
"ports of the United States be, and they are hereby, authorized to  
"pay to the owner or owners of any merchant vessel of the United  
"States, which shall clear out for, and bona fide be bound to, any  
"island in the West Indies, north and west of the Island of St. Thomas,  
"or any port in the Gulf of Mexico, north of the state of Colom-  
"bia, the sum of ——— dollars, for every gun of a calibre not  
"less than four pounds, which may be mounted on board such vessel:  
"*Provided*, That the owner or owners shall have furnished for each  
"gun, at least thirty rounds of ammunition, ten boarding pikes, and  
"ten muskets, with at least thirty-six cartridges for each musket, and  
"shall have furnished three men, at least, for each gun so mounted:  
"*And provided, further*, That such payment shall only be made on the  
"report of the surveyor of the port being produced to the said collector,  
"that such armament is actually on board such vessel, and such  
"number of men had been engaged for the voyage;" which, having  
been amended,

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

To fill the blank therein with the word "fifty,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 15,  
Nays, . . . . . 27.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

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. Parrott,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Ruggles,
Edwards,	Lowrie,	Seymour,
Hayne,	Mills,	Smith,
Johnston, of <i>Lou.</i>	Palmer,	Van Buren.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Eaton,	Mr. Knight,
Bell,	Elliott,	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>
Benton,	Findlay,	Macon,
Bouligny,	Gaillard,	Talbot,
Branch,	Holmes, of <i>Me.</i>	Taylor,
Brown,	Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Tazewell,
Chandler,	Jackson,	Thomas,
Clayton,	King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Van Dyke,
Dickerson,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Williams.

And the said amendment having been rejected,

Mr. Macon moved to strike out the fourth section of the bill; and, after debate,

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

The Senate adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1825.

Mr. Hayne presented the petition of Thomas F. Quin, of South Carolina, praying payment of sundry accounts of soldiers against the United States, for services rendered by them during the late war; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Hayne presented the petition of Daniel Palmer, a pensioner of the United States, praying an increase of his pension; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Bell presented the petition of Thomas D. Morrison, praying a pension in consideration of a wound received by him in the late war; and,

On motion,

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

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

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy report to the Senate, as soon as practicable, a statement shewing the amount of specie, bullion, and jewels, transported by the public armed ships of the United States, authorized to be employed by an act of the 20th day of December, 1822, entitled "An act authorizing an additional naval force for the suppression of piracy;" giving in detail, the ports from whence the vessels sailed, and the time of sailing, the ports where the articles were delivered, and when delivered, and the amount of freight accruing, and to whom paid. And that there be also furnished to the Senate, copies of the instructions given by the commander of the forces, authorized by the aforesaid act, to the subordinate officers of the squadron, in relation to the receipt, or transportation, of specie, bullion, and jewels, in the several vessels under his command.

Mr. Dickerson presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Sussex, Morris, and Somerset, in New Jersey, praying the establishment of a post route from New Brunswick to Newtown; and,

On motion,

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

Mr Knight, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Adolphus G. Trott."

The bill, entitled "An act to reduce into one, the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

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

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Support of Government, for the year 1825," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

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

The three following written messages were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Mosher:

*To the President pro tempore, of the Senate.*

It appearing, by certain provisions contained in a late act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," that the assent of Congress will be necessary to carry the said act into effect, I herewith transmit a copy thereof, that it may be considered, with a view to the object contemplated.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 4th February, 1825.*

*To the Senate of the United States.*

I herewith transmit a report from the Director of the Mint of the United States, shewing the operations of that institution for the last year.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, February 2, 1825.*

*To the Senate of the United States.*

I communicate, herewith, to both Houses of Congress, copies of the alterations in the Treaty of Peace and Friendship, of August, 1797, between the United States and the Bashaw Bey of Tunis, concluded at the palace of Bardo, near Tunis, on the 24th of February last; and of treaties between the United States and the Sock and Fox Tribes of Indians, and the Ioway Tribe of Indians, concluded at the City of Washington, on the 4th of August last, which have been duly ratified.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 2d February, 1825.*

The messages were, severally, read.

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 making compensation to the

persons appointed by the Electors to deliver the votes for President and Vice President."

They have concurred in the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a joint committee, to ascertain and report a mode of examining and counting the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and have appointed a committee on their part. And he withdrew.

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

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Burt;" and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland Road; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the subscription of stock in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company;" and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act enabling the claimants to lands within the limits of the state of Missouri and



territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," approved the 26th day of May, 1824, and to repeal a part thereof; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Brown, from the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Louisiana, to open a canal from Lake Pontchartrain to the Mississippi river, 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 motion,

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies, together with the motion of yesterday to strike out the 4th section; and,

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

To strike out the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th sections of the bill, as follows:

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commanders and crews of any armed merchant vessel of the United States be, and they are hereby, authorized to recapture any vessel and cargo taken by pirates upon the coast of the Island of Cuba, or the other islands aforesaid, or on the adjoining seas; and such vessel, so recaptured, being brought into any judicial district of the United States, shall be adjudged to be restored by any court of the United States having admiralty jurisdiction therein, to the former owner or owners of the same, he or they paying for salvage not less than one-eighth, nor more than one-half of the true value of the said vessel and cargo, at the discretion of the court, for the benefit of the recaptors, and in such proportions as the court shall direct, which payments of salvage shall be made without any deduction whatsoever.

"SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That, whenever the commanders and crew of any merchant vessel of the United States shall subdue and capture any piratical vessel, or boat, from which any assault, or other hostility, shall be first made or attempted, such piratical vessel, or boat, with her tackle, appurtenances, ammunition, and lading, (excepting such part as may have been piratically taken, which shall be

restored to its owners, subject to salvage as aforesaid) shall accrue the one-fourth to the owner or owners of such merchant vessel of the United States, and the other three-fourths to the captors; and, being brought into any port of the United States, shall and may be adjudged and condemned to their use, after due process and trial in any court of the United States, having admiralty jurisdiction, and which shall be holden for the district into which such captured vessel shall be brought; and the same court shall thereupon order a sale and distribution thereof accordingly, and at their discretion, saving any agreement which shall be between the owner or owners and the commander and crew of such merchant vessel.

“SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, after notice of this act at the several Custom Houses, no armed merchant vessel of the United States shall receive a clearance, or permit, or shall be suffered to depart therefrom, unless the owner or owners, and the master or commander of such vessel, for the intended voyage, shall give bond, to the use of the United States, in a sum equal to double the value of such vessel, with condition that such vessel shall not make or commit any depredation, outrage, unlawful assault, or unprovoked violence, upon the high seas, against the vessel of any nation in amity with the United States; and that the guns, arms, and ammunition, of such vessel, shall be returned within the United States, or otherwise accounted for; and shall not be sold or disposed of in any foreign port or place; and that such owner or owners, and the commander and crew of such merchant vessel shall, in all things, observe and perform such further instructions, in the premises, as the President of the United States shall establish and order, for the better government of the armed merchant vessels of the United States.

“SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish and order suitable instructions to and for the armed merchant vessels of the United States, for the better governing and restraining of them, and to prevent any outrage, or injury, which they might be liable to commit; a copy of which instructions shall be delivered by the Collectors of the Customs to the commander of such vessel, when he shall give bond as aforesaid. And it shall be the duty of the owner or owners, and commander and crew, for the time being, of such armed merchant vessel of the United States, at each return to any port thereof, to make report, upon oath, to the Collector of said port, of any rencounter which shall have happened with any piratical vessel, and of the state

of the company and crew of any vessel which they shall have subdued, captured, or retaken. And the persons of such crew or company, chargeable with any act or acts of piracy, or piratical depredation, shall be delivered to the marshal of the same district, for trial, before the court of the United States having competent jurisdiction.

“SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That five per centum on the nett amount, (after deducting all charges and expenditures) of the prize money arising from captured vessels or boats, and of their tackle, appurtenances, ammunition, and lading, and of the nett amount of the salvage on any vessels and cargoes recaptured by the armed merchant vessels of the United States, shall be secured and paid over to the Collector of the Customs at the port or place in the United States at which such captured or recaptured vessels may arrive, to be, by said Collectors, paid over to the Treasury, as other public money, and the same shall be held, and is hereby pledged, as a fund for the support of the widows and orphans of such persons as may be slain, and for the support and maintenance of such persons as may be wounded and disabled, on board the armed merchant vessels aforesaid, in any rencounter or engagement with any piratical vessel or crew, to be assigned and distributed as hereinafter provided.

“SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy be authorized and required to place on the pension list, under like regulations and restrictions as are used in relation to the Navy of the United States, any master, other officer, or seaman, or other person employed on board the armed merchant vessels of the United States, who shall have been wounded, or otherwise disabled, in any engagement with pirates, allowing to the master or commander a sum not exceeding            dollars per month; to mates not exceeding            dollars each per month; and to seamen, and other persons employed as aforesaid, the sum of            dollars per month, for the highest rate of disability, and so in proportion; which several pensions shall be paid by direction of the Secretary of the Navy, out of the fund above provided, and no other.

“SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any master, mate, or other officer, seaman, or other person, employed or serving on board any armed merchant vessel, as aforesaid, shall die by reason of a wound received in the line of his duty, in any rencounter, pursuit, or engagement, as aforesaid, leaving a widow, or, if no widow, a child, or children, under sixteen years of age, such widow, or, if no widow, such child or children shall be placed on the pension list by the Secre-

tary of the Navy, who shall allow, out of the fund aforesaid, and no other, to such widow, child, or children, half the monthly pension to which the rank or station of the deceased would have entitled him for the highest rate of disability under this act, which allowance shall continue for the term of five years; but, in case of the death or intermarriage of such widow, before the expiration of five years, the half pay for the remainder of the term shall go to the child or children of the deceased: *Provided*, That the half pay shall cease on the death of such child or children, or on their arriving to the age of sixteen years:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 21,  
Nays . . . . . 22.

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. Barton,	Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Noble,
Bell,	D'Wolf,	Ruggles,
Boulogny,	Dickerson,	Talbot,
Branch,	Findlay,	Taylor,
Brown,	Gaillard,	Tazewell,
Chandler,	Lowrie,	Thomas,
Clayton,	Macon,	Van Dyke.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Mills.
Benton,	King, of N. Y.	Palmer,
Eaton,	Knight,	Parrott,
Edwards,	Lloyd, of Md.	Seymour,
Hayne,	Lloyd, of Mass.	Smith,
Jackson,	McIlvaine,	Van Buren,
Johnson, of Ky.	McLean,	Williams,
Johnston, of Low.		

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

Further to amend the said bill, by striking out the second section, as follows:

" SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commanders and crews of the armed vessels of the United States shall be, and they are hereby, authorized, under such instructions as may be given them by the President of the United States, in the fresh pursuit of pirates on the Island of Cuba, or any other of the islands of Spain in the West Indies, to land whenever it may be necessary to secure the capture of the said pirates, and there to subdue, vanquish, and capture them, to

deliver them up to the authority of the island where captured, or to bring them to the United States for trial and adjudication, as the said instructions of the President of the United States may prescribe:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 16,  
Nays . . . . . 28.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bell,	Mr. D'Wolf,	Mr. Macon,
Branch,	Dickerson,	Ruggles,
Brown,	Findlay,	Talbot,
Chandler,	Gaillard,	Taylor,
Clayton,	Lowrie,	Van Dyke.
Cobb,		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Noble,
Barton,	King, of Ala.	Palmer,
Benton,	King, of N. Y.	Parrott,
Boulogny,	Knight,	Seymour,
Eaton,	Lloyd, of Md.	Smith,
Edwards,	Lloyd, of Mass.	Tazewell,
Hayne,	McIlvaine,	Thomas,
Jackson,	McLean,	Van Buren,
Johnson, of Ky.	Mills,	Williams.
Johnston, of Lou.		

And no further amendment having been proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate; and, the amendments being concurred in,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

Further to amend the bill, by inserting the following, as the third section, viz:

"And be it further enacted, That no armed vessel of the United States, authorized and employed for the suppression of the piracies aforesaid, shall be engaged or employed in the transportation of specie, or any other articles on freight, authorized by law, unless under instructions therefor by the President of the United States:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 23,  
Nays . . . . . 21.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,



Mr. Barton,	Mr. Findlay,	Mr. Ruggles,
Bell,	Gaillard,	Talbot,
Branch,	Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Tazewell,
Brown,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Thomas,
Chandler,	Lloyd, <i>of Md.</i>	Van Buren,
Clayton,	McLean,	Van Dyke,
Cobb,	Macon,	Williams.
Dickerson,	Noble,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Jackson,	Mr. M'Ilvaine,
Benton,	Johnson, <i>of Lou.</i>	Mills,
D'Wolf,	King, <i>Ala.</i>	Palmer,
Eaton,	Knight,	Parrott,
Edwards,	Lanman,	Seymour,
Elliott,	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>	Smith,
Hayne,	Lowrie,	Taylor.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Branch,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1825.

The President communicated a report from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, detailing the measures which have been authorized by the Board since the report of the 6th of February last; which was read.

The President also communicated a report from the Postmaster General, in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 28th ultimo, directing him to state "the amount which, in his opinion, it will be necessary to appropriate, to render the post road passing through the Indian country, between Columbus and Jackson, in the state of Mississippi, fit for the transportation of the mail from the city of Washington to Natchez and New Orleans, in covered carriages or stages;" which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams,

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

Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of William W. Montgomery, stating that he became surety for Michael Reynolds, deceased, as late marshal of the United States for the district of Louisiana, who died insolvent, and in arrears to several individuals in his official capacity, for which the said surety has been compelled to account; and that, by a settlement of the accounts of the deceased, in his character as marshal, a considerable balance appears at the Treasury in his favor, which the memorialist prays may be paid to him, to relieve him from the responsibilities so incurred; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Mills presented the petition of Amasa Stetson, praying payment of a balance due to him for services rendered, and advances made, by him, in the military service of the United States in the late war; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Bouigny presented the petition of Albin Michel, in behalf of the heirs of T. B. de Lusser, late of Mobile, deceased; and the petition of Joseph Nicolas, in behalf of the heirs of Pierre Dufresné, late of Louisiana, deceased, severally praying that their titles to certain tracts of land may be confirmed; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Elliott presented the petition of Burrell G. Whittington, of Georgia, praying a pension in consideration of Revolutionary services; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Bell presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Peterborough, in the county of Hillsborough, in New Hampshire, praying the establishment of a certain post route; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Knight reported, from the committee, that, on the 5th instant,

they laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed.

Mr. Van Buren presented the petition of Waters Smith, Marshal for East Florida, and John M. Hanson, Marshal for the middle district of Florida, praying that an act may be passed defining their official powers and duties; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to whom the subject was referred on the 26th ultimo, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Stephen Thatcher; which were read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred on the 6th ultimo, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs or devisees of John Ferrel, deceased; which was read; and,

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1825," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to change the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war," reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Bell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Abdiel McLure; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 4th instant, requesting the Secretary of the Navy to report the amount of specie, bullion, and jewels, transported in the public armed ships; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and the blanks filled.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies."

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others, together with the motion to strike out of the resolution accompanying it the word "not;" and, after debate,

The Senate adjourned.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1825.

Mr. Smith presented the memorial of John Prentis, representing that he has invented a plan for building walls under water, of great importance in the construction and repair of fortifications and dry-docks, and praying that the Government may be authorized to patronize the said invention, by purchase or otherwise; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Cobb presented the petition of William Dixon, of Liverpool, a subject of His Britannic Majesty, and James Dickson, of Savannah, a citizen of the United States, stating that they were the owners of a large amount of merchandise, imported in the American ship "Thomas Gibbons," at the time she was captured off Tybee Light-house, in the year 1812, by the private armed vessel "Atlas," and which merchandise was afterwards unjustly condemned and sequestered, and praying that so much of the proceeds of said merchandise as was paid into the Treasury may be restored to them; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That Chester Griswold have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, presented at the First Session of the Seventeenth Congress.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That John M. S. McKnight have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, presented at the last session.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the consideration of the petition of James Glentworth, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That Wilkins Tannehill have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

The bill for the relief of Stephen Thatcher, and the bill for the relief of the heirs or devisees of John Ferrell, deceased, were, severally, read the second time.

Mr. Tazewell, from the committee on the part of the Senate, appointed to join such committee as might be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and of notifying the persons elected of their election, reported, *in part*, the agreement of the joint committee to the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the two Houses shall assemble in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, on Wednesday, the 9th day of February, 1825, at 12 o'clock; that one person be appointed Teller, on the part of the Senate, and two persons be appointed Tellers, on the part of the House, to make a list of the votes as they shall be declared; that the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce to the two Houses assembled, as aforesaid, the state of the vote, and the person or persons elected, if it shall appear that a choice hath been made agreeably to the Constitution of the United States; which annunciation shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the person or persons elected, and, together with a list of the votes, shall be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

The said report was read and considered.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Senate concur therein.

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

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others; and,

On the question to strike out the word "not" from the resolution,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 21,  
Nays, . . . . . 20.



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 Ky.	Mr. McIlvaine,
Bell,	Johnston, of Lou.	Mills,
Benton,	Kelly,	Palmer,
Clayton,	King, of N. Y.	Parrott,
D'Wolf,	Knight,	Seymour,
Eaton,	Lanman,	Talbot,
Hayne,	Lloyd, of Mass.	Van Dyke.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Boulogny,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Noble,
Branch,	Holmes, of Me.	Smith,
Brown,	Jackson,	Taylor,
Chandler,	King, of Alab.	Tazewell,
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Thomas,
Edwards,	McLean,	Van Buren.
Findlay,	Macon,	

So it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

*Ordered*, That the said petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others, be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report a bill for the relief of the petitioners.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the select Committee on Roads and Canals on so much of the memorial of the Legislative Council of Michigan as relates to roads; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*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 concur in the report of the joint committee, appointed to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and have appointed Tellers on their part. And he withdrew.

The said report was read and considered; and,

*Resolved*, That the Senate concur therein.

Mr. Tazewell was appointed the Teller on the part of the Senate.

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

On motion, by Mr. Tazewell,

It was agreed, that, when the Senate adjourn, it be to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1825.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, detailing the manner in which the act of the 3d March, 1823, has been executed, authorizing him to appoint a suitable person "to ascertain whether there has been any failure, on the part of the United States, in the fulfilment of the contract for erecting fortifications on Dauphin Island; and, if so, to ascertain the amount of damages thus sustained by Richard Harris and Nimrod Farrow, the contractors, by such failure; and, also, to ascertain whether the said contractors, themselves, have failed in fulfilling the contract on their part, and the cause of such failure;" which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

Mr. Hayne presented the petition of John Robertson, of South Carolina, praying to be remunerated for losses sustained by him as Navy Agent at Charleston, in the year 1813, in consequence of the depreciation of Treasury notes; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the select Committee on Roads and Canals on the memorial of the Legislature of Louisiana, requesting an appropriation of money, for the purpose of cutting a navigable canal from Lake Pontchartrain to the river Mississippi; and,

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making compensation to the persons appointed by the Electors to deliver the votes for the President and Vice President."

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

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States, on the 5th instant, approved and signed "An act confirming certain claims to lands in the western district of Louisiana."

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 from the Senate, entitled "An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the Library of Congress."

They have also passed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act to authorize the sale of a section of land therein named;"

"An act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States, for the year 1825;"

"An act for the relief of Moses Plumer;" and

"An act making an appropriation for the purchase of books and furniture for the use of the Library of Congress;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives is now ready to receive the Senate, in pursuance of the resolution of the two Houses of yesterday, to the end that the President of the Senate, in the presence of the House of Representatives, may open the certificates of the votes of the Electors of the several states in the choice of a President and Vice President of the United States, and that the same may be counted. I am also directed to inform the Senate, that, when the members of the Senate appear in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate will be introduced, by the Speaker, to a seat in the Speaker's Chair; and the Senators will be invited to occupy the seats in front of the Chair.

I am also directed to communicate to the Senate an act of the Legislature of the state of Virginia, entitled "An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," agreeably to a request of the President of the United States, contained in his message to the House of Representatives of the 4th instant. And he withdrew.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The two Houses of Congress, agreeably to the joint resolution, assembled in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, and the certificates of the Electors of the several states were, by the President of the Senate, opened and delivered to the tellers appointed for the purpose, who, having examined and ascertained the number of votes, presented a list thereof to the President of the Senate; which was read, as follows:

Number of Electors appointed by each State.	STATES OF	FOR PRESIDENT.				FOR VICE PRESIDENT.					
		ANDREW JACKSON, of Tennessee.	JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, of Massachusetts.	WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD, of Georgia.	HENRY CLAY, of Kentucky.	JOHN C. CALHOUN, of South Carolina.	NATHAN SANFORD, of New York.	NATHANIEL MAON, of North Carolina.	ANDREW JACKSON, of Tennessee.	MARTIN VAN BUREN, of New York.	HENRY CLAY, of Kentucky.
8	New Hampshire,	0	8	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	0
15	Massachusetts,	0	15	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
4	Rhode Island,	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
8	Connecticut,	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
7	Vermont,	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
36	New York,	1	26	5	4	29	7	0	0	0	0
8	New Jersey,	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
28	Pennsylvania,	28	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0
3	Delaware,	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
11	Maryland,	7	3	1	0	10	0	0	1	0	0
24	Virginia,	0	0	24	0	0	0	24	0	0	0
15	North Carolina,	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
11	South Carolina,	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
9	Georgia,	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
14	Kentucky,	0	0	0	14	7	7	0	0	0	0
11	Tennessee,	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
16	Ohio,	0	0	0	16	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	Louisiana,	3	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
5	Indiana,	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
3	Mississippi,	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
3	Illinois,	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
5	Alabama,	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
9	Maine,	0	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
3	Missouri,	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
261	Whole No. of Electors.	99	84	41	37	182	30	24	13	9	2

131 Majority.

The whole number of the Electors appointed to vote for President and Vice President of the United States being 261, of which 131 make a majority.

The President of the Senate then stated the result of the votes, for President of the United States, as delivered by the Tellers, to be,

For Andrew Jackson, of Tennessee,	-	-	-	99,
For John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts,	-	-	-	84,
For William H. Crawford, of Georgia,	-	-	-	41,
For Henry Clay, of Kentucky,	-	-	-	37.

And the result of the votes for Vice President of the United States, as delivered by the Tellers, to be,

For John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina,	-	-	-	182,
For Nathan Sanford, of New York,	-	-	-	30,
For Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina,	-	-	-	24,
For Andrew Jackson, of Tennessee,	-	-	-	13,
For Martin Van Buren, of New York,	-	-	-	9,
For Henry Clay, of Kentucky,	-	-	-	2.

Whereupon,

The President of the Senate declared that no person had a majority of the votes of the whole number of Electors appointed to vote for President of the United States, for the term of four years commencing with the fourth day of March, 1825; that the three persons having the highest numbers are, Andrew Jackson, of Tennessee, John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts, and William H. Crawford, of Georgia; and that, consequently, the remaining duties devolve on the House of Representatives.

And he further declared, that JOHN C. CALHOUN, of South Carolina, had a majority of the votes of the whole number of Electors appointed, and was duly elected Vice President of the United States, for the term of four years, commencing with the fourth day of March, 1825.

The votes of the Electors were then delivered to the Secretary of the Senate, the two Houses separated, and the Senate returned to their Chamber.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1825.

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

Mr. Clayton presented the petition of Catharine Black, of Delaware, widow of Richard Black, who was killed at the battle of Brandywine, praying a pension; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Thomas communicated a preamble and resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, instructing their Senators, and



requesting their Representatives in Congress, to use their exertions to have Indian agencies established among the Camanchee and other neighboring tribes of Indians, and such other measures adopted, as may tend to open a trade with said tribes; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of John Donly, praying the payment of his claim against the Post Office Department, for carrying the mail from Nashville to Columbus, in the years 1821 and 1822; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire what relief should be granted to John Johnson, of Indiana, owing to two erroneous entries of two tracts of land, made by him, at the office of the Register of Public Lands at Brookville.

Mr. Noble presented sundry documents in relation to the foregoing resolution; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the Library of Congress."

The four bills yesterday brought from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were severally read.

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

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

*Mr. President*: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives did, on the 9th instant, choose JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, of Massachusetts, to be President of the United States for the Constitutional term of four years, commencing on the fourth day of March, 1825.

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 signed, and it was delivered to the Committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to amend the judicial system of the United States, and to provide for three additional Circuit Courts, as amended; Mr. King, of Alabama, in the chair; and, the bill having been further amended,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with certain instructions; and,

A division of the question being demanded by Mr. Tazewell,

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

The Senate adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1825.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the memorial of Juan Quavre, praying compensation for property taken from him in the year 1814, and destroyed by the British forces at Cat Island, in consequence of his refusing to pilot their vessels into Lake Borgne, and the neighboring waters; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Dickerson presented the petition of Thomas Cooper, of South Carolina, praying that a fine imposed upon, and paid by him, for an alleged libel against John Adams, then President of the United States, under the act of Congress of the 14th July, 1798, commonly called the "sedition law," may be refunded; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon, by bill or otherwise: and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Tazewell, Mr. Mills, Mr. Van Buren, and Mr. Clayton, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, presented the memorial of the "The Bar Association of the state of Mississippi," praying that certain modifications and alterations may be made in the judicial system of the United States; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Finance, reported a resolution directing an inventory of the furniture in the President's House to be taken; which was read twice, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Benton gave notice that he would, on Monday next, ask leave to bring in a bill to procure an index to be made to the file of the National Intelligencer belonging to the Library of Congress.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Support of Government, for the year 1825," reported it with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Lanman, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department," reported it with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish the city of Hudson, and the city of Troy, in the state of New York; Bowdoinham, in the state of Maine, and Fairport, in the state of Ohio, ports of delivery; and to abolish Topsham, as a port of delivery," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1825;" reported it with amendments; which were read.

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

Mr. Ruggles submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving further time to the agent, appointed under the act of May 26, 1824, providing for the disposition of three several tracts of lands in Tuscarawas county, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes, to perform and complete the duties enjoined upon him by the said act.

On motion, by Mr. Tazewell,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be transmitted to John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, Vice

President elect of the United States, notification of his election to that office, and that the President of the Senate do make and sign a certificate, in the words following, viz:

“Be it known, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, being convened at the City of Washington, on the second Wednesday of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, the underwritten President of the Senate, pro tempore, did, in the presence of the said Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates, and count all the votes of the Electors for a President and Vice President of the United States: whereupon it appeared, that John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, had a majority of the votes of the Electors as Vice President; by all which it appears that John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, has been duly elected Vice President of the United States agreeably to the Constitution.

“In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this — day of February, 1825.”

And that the President of the Senate do cause the certificate aforesaid to be laid before the President of the United States, with this resolution.

The bill, entitled “An act to authorize the sale of a section of land therein mentioned,” and the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Moses Plumer,” were severally read the second time.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled “An act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States, for the year 1825,” was read the second time.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled “An act making an appropriation for the purchase of books and furniture, for the use of the Library of Congress,” was read the second time.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the joint Library Committee, to consider and report thereon.

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



*Mr. President:* The President of the United States, on the 5th instant, approved and signed "An act to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Adolphus G. Trott;" and "An act, in addition to an act, 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, on this day, "An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the Library of Congress;" and "An act making compensation to the persons appointed by the Electors to deliver the votes for President and Vice President."

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

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 1825," together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Finance.

Whereupon,

Mr. Smith communicated a letter from the Chief Engineer, accompanied by an estimate of the expense of examinations and surveys for roads and canals, for the present year; which were read; and,

On the question to agree to the said amendment, viz:

Strike out, from section 1, line 56, the words, "For making surveys and carrying on the operations of the Board of Engineers, in relation to internal improvements, and in addition to an unexpended balance on hand, twenty eight thousand five hundred and sixty-seven dollars:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 19,  
Nays . . . . . 21.

On motion, by Mr. Cobb,

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. McLean,
Bell,	Gaillard,	Macon,
Branch,	Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Mills,
Chandler,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Taylor,
Clayton,	Knight,	Tazewell,
Cobb,	Lowrie,	Van Buren.
D'Wolf,		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hayne,	Mr. King, <i>of Ala.</i>
Benton,	Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Lanman,
Boulogny,	Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>
Brown,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Noble,
Edwards,	Kelly,	Parrott,



Mr. Ruggles,  
Seymour,

Mr. Smith,  
Talbot,

Mr. Thomas,  
Williams.

And the bill having been amended, it was reported to the Senate; 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.

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 making further appropriations for the Military Service, for the year 1825;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bill was read twice, 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. Talbot,

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1825.

The President communicated a letter from Daniel D. Tompkins, Vice President of the United States, denying that any balance is due to Thomas Constantine, for supplying the Senate Chamber and committee rooms with furniture; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to whom has been referred the petition of the said Constantine, to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, shewing the state of the affairs of the incorporated banks in the District of Columbia at the close of the last year; which was read.

The President also communicated a report from the Secretary of War, with a statement of the expenditures at the National Armories,

and of the arms, &c. made therein, during the last year; which was read.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Rezin Rawlings and John Locke, Executors of Daniel Rawlings, deceased, praying that the expenses incurred by the deceased in the transportation of corn to various military posts, during the war with the Creek Indians, may be reimbursed; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith presented the memorial of John Owings, of Baltimore, stating that he has obtained a patent for the invention of a very useful and simple machine for removing earth in constructing roads and canals, which he prays may be purchased by the Government; and,

On motion,

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

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Benton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to procure an index to be made to the file of the National Intelligencer belonging to the Library of Congress; which was read.

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

Mr. Dickerson, from the joint Library Committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purchase of books and furniture, for the use of the Library of Congress," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, pursuant to instructions of the 8th instant, reported a bill for the relief of Ebenezer Oliver, and others, Directors of an association called "The New England Mississippi Land Company;" which was read.

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bills, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of a section of land therein mentioned," and an act for the relief of Moses Plumer," reported them, severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 11th instant, that the Committee on Public Lands inquire into the expediency of giving further time to the agent, appointed under the act providing for the disposition of three several tracts of land in Tuscarawas county, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes, to complete the duties imposed upon him by said act; and agreed thereto.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1825," together with the amendments reported thereto. The amendments were agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate as amended; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military Service of the United States, for the year 1825," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time, as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

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

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

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 1825," together with the amendments reported thereto; which were amended and agreed to. The bill was reported to the Senate amended, accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the completion of entries for the benefit of drawback, after the period of twenty days;"

"An act to provide an additional appropriation to complete the public road from Pensacola to St. Augustine, in the territory of Florida;" and,

"An act to authorize the laying out and opening of a public road from the St. Mary's River to the Bay of Tampa, in the territory of Florida;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were, severally, read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

The first mentioned of said bills was read the second time, by unanimous consent; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, 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:*

I herewith transmit a report from the Secretary of War, with a report to him by the Chief Engineer, of the examination which has been made by the Board of Engineers for Internal Improvement, in obedience to their instructions, of the country between the Potomac and Ohio rivers; between the latter and Lake Erie; between the Alleghany and Schuylkill rivers, the Delaware and the Raritan; between Buzzard's and Barnstable bays, and the Narragansett roads and Boston harbor, with explanatory observations on each route. From the view which I have taken of these reports, I contemplate results of incalculable advantage to our Union, because I see in them the most satisfactory proof that certain impediments, which had a tendency to embarrass the intercourse between some of its most important sections, may be removed, without serious difficulty, and that facilities may be afforded in other quarters, which will have the happiest effect. Of the right in Congress to promote these great results, by the appropriation of the public money, in harmony with the states to be affected by them, having already communicated my sentiments fully, and on mature consideration, I deem it unnecessary to enlarge at this time.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, February 14, 1825.*

The message was read.

Mr. Mills, from the select committee, to whom the subject was referred, on the 17th January last, reported a bill making an appropriation for the purchase of an allegorical ornament for a clock in the Senate Chamber; which was read.

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1825.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That one thousand copies of the message yesterday received from the President of the United States, shewing the progress made by the Board of Engineers in surveying certain canal routes, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President communicated the credentials of the Honorable John Gaillard, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of South Carolina, for the term of six years from and after the 3d day of March next; which were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

Mr. Noble presented the preamble and resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, instructing their Senators and requesting their Representatives in Congress, to use their exertions in obtaining an extension of the laws passed for the relief of purchasers of public lands, to all holders of certificates who failed to file their application for extended credit; so that they, or their legal representatives, be allowed to apply the instalments paid, in the same manner, and with the same privileges that they could now do, if they had filed their application for credit with the Register of their respective land districts; which were read.

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States, for the year 1825," reported it with amendments; which were read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes," reported the same with amendments; which were read; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be reprinted, for the use of the Senate, as it is proposed to amend it.

Mr. Benton gave notice that he would, to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a bill concerning hemp and flax.



Mr. Brown, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred on the 31st of January last, reported a bill, declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the state of Alabama; which was read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Richard W. Meade.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Resolved*, That the memorial of Richard W. Meade be referred to the Secretary of State, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Ebenezer Oliver, and others, directors of an association called "The New England Mississippi Land Company;"

The bill making an appropriation for the purchase of an allegorical ornament, for a clock in the Senate Chamber; and

The bill to procure an Index to be made to the file of the National Intelligencer, belonging to the Library of Congress; were, severally, read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned bill be referred to the joint Committee on the Library, to consider and report thereon.

The bills, entitled "An act to provide an additional appropriation to complete the public road from Pensacola to St. Augustine, in the territory of Florida;" and

"An act to authorize the laying out and opening of a public road, from the St. Mary's River to the Bay of Tampa, in the territory of Florida," were, severally, read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

The amendments to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year 1825," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time, as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

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

The amendments to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy

of the United States, for the year 1825," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time, as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to amend the judicial system of the United States, and to provide for three additional Circuit Courts, as amended; together with the motion to recommit the same with certain instructions; Mr King, of Alabama, in the chair; and,

On motion, by Mr. Tazewell,

That the said bill be postponed indefinitely;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 16,  
Nays, . . . . . 28.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Mills,
Barton,	Findlay,	Taylor,
Branch,	King, of <i>N. Y.</i>	Tazewell,
Clayton,	Lowrie,	Van Buren.
Cobb,	Macon,	Van Dyke.
Edwards,		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bell,	Mr. Jackson,	Mr. Noble,
Benton,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Palmer,
Bouligny,	Johnston, of <i>Lou.</i>	Parrott,
Brown,	Kelly,	Ruggles,
Chandler,	King, of <i>Alab.</i>	Seymour,
Dickerson,	Knight,	Smith,
Eaton,	Lanman,	Talbot,
Gaillard,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Thomas,
Holmes, of <i>Me.</i>	McLean,	Williams.
Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>		

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1825.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Jonathan Hudson of Baltimore, praying that certain tonnage duties paid by him in the year 1813 on the Spanish Brig St. Francisco, to the collector of the port of Norfolk, may be refunded; and

On motion,

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

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Benton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill concerning hemp and flax; which was read.

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

Mr. Parrott gave notice that he would, to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a bill to authorize the construction of a bridge from the Navy Yard Island in Portsmouth harbor to Kittery, in the state of Maine.

Mr. Eaton gave notice that he would, to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a bill respecting the adjournment of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Knight, from the Committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military Service of the United States for the year 1825."

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom the subject was referred by resolution of the 21st of December last, reported a bill to authorize the building of a dwelling house and a guard house for the boarding officer at the Balize in the state of Louisiana; which was read.

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to authorize the removal of certain land offices in Missouri; which was read.

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

After the consideration of Executive business,

Mr. Brown, from the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the following bills, viz

"An act to provide an additional appropriation to complete the Public Road from Pensacola to St Augustine, in the Territory of Florida;"

"An act to authorize the laying out and opening of a Public Road from the St. Mary's River, to the Bay of Tampa, in the Territory of Florida;"

“An act to authorize the surveying and making a road from Little Rock, to Cantonment Gibson, in the Territory of Arkansas;” and

The bill to authorize the laying out and opening of a passage through the raft in Red River; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Brown, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled “An act to authorize the surveying and opening of a road from Detroit to Chicago, in the state of Ohio,” reported it with amendments; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled “An act making an appropriation for the purchase of books and furniture, for the use of the Library of Congress;” and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The bill declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the state of Alabama, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Elliott,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the preservation and civilization of the Indian tribes within the United States; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled “An act to authorize the occupation of the Oregon River;” and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it 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 House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled “An act making appropriations for the Military Service of the United States, for the year 1825.”

They have passed a bill, entitled “An act for arming the militia of the District of Columbia;” in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

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 Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to amend the judicial system of the United States, and to provide for three additional Circuit Courts, together with the motion to re-commit the same with certain instructions,—Mr. King, of Alabama, in the chair. The said motion having been divided,

On the question to recommit the said bill to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 23,  
Nays . . . . . 23.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Mills,
Barton,	Elliott,	Parrott,
Benton,	Findlay,	Taylor,
Bouligny,	Hayne,	Tazewell,
Branch,	King, of <i>N. F.</i>	Van Buren,
Clayton,	Knight,	Van Dyke,
Cobb,	Lowrie,	Williams.
D'Wolf,	McIlvaine,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bell,	Mr. Jackson,	Mr. Noble,
Brown,	Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Palmer,
Chandler,	Kelly,	Ruggles,
Dickerson,	King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Seymour,
Eaton,	Lanman,	Smith,
Gaillard,	Lloyd, of <i>Mas.</i>	Talbot,
Holmes, of <i>Me.</i>	McLean,	Thomas.
Holmes, of <i>Mis.</i>	Macon,	

So the motion was rejected.

On motion, by Mr. Tazewell,

To amend the first section of the bill,

On motion, by Mr. Findlay,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1825.

The President communicated a letter from William Thornton, addressed to the Congress of the United States, requesting their atten-



tion to his demand for various important services rendered by him, particularly in the Patent Office; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

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

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Eaton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill respecting the adjournment of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia; which was twice read, by unanimous consent.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Parrott asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorize the construction of a bridge from the Navy Yard Island in Portsmouth harbor, to Kittery, in the state of Maine; which was read twice by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill entitled, "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the completion of entries, for the benefit of drawback after the period of twenty days," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1825."

The bill last brought from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read.

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

The bill to authorize the building of a dwelling house and guard house for the boarding officer at the Balize, in the state of Louisiana;

The bill to authorize the removal of certain land offices in Missouri; and,

The bill concerning hemp and flax; were severally read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

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

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purchase of books and furniture for the use of the Library of Congress," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.



Mr. M'Ilvaine,  
Macon,  
Mills,

Mr. Taylor,  
Tazewell,

Mr. Van Buren,  
Van Dyke.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bell,

Benton,

Bouligny,

Brown,

Chandler,

Dickerson,

Eaton,

Gaillard,

Holmes, *of Me.*

Mr. Holmes, *of Miss.*

Jackson,

Johnson, *of Ken.*

Johnston, *of Lou.*

Kelly,

King, *Ala.*

Knight,

Lloyd, *of Mass.*

McLean,

Mr. Noble,

Palmer,

Parrott,

Ruggles,

Seymour,

Smith,

Talbot,

Thomas,

Williams.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 21,  
Nays . . . . . 25.

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,

Barton,

Benton,

Bouligny,

Branch,

Clayton,

Cobb,

Mr. D'Wolf,

Edwards,

Elliott,

Findlay,

Hayne,

King, *of N. Y.*

Knight,

Mr. McIlvaine,

Mills,

Taylor,

Tazewell,

Van Buren,

Van Dyke,

Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bell,

Brown,

Chandler,

Dickerson,

Eaton,

Gaillard,

Holmes, *of Me.*

Holmes, *of Mis.*

Jackson,

Mr. Johnson, *of Ky.*

Johnston, *of Lou.*

Kelly,

King, *of Ala.*

Lanman,

Lloyd, *of Mass.*

McLean,

Macon,

Noble,

Mr. Palmer,

Parrott,

Ruggles,

Seymour,

Smith,

Talbot,

Thomas.

The question then recurring on the proposed amendment, viz:

To insert in the 16th line of the 1st section, before the words "a justice of the Supreme Court," the words *a Circuit Judge, who shall not be:*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 6,  
 { Nays . . . . . 40.

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. Branch,	Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Elliott,
Clayton,	D'Wolf,	Tazewell,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holmes, of Miss.	Mr. Noble,
Barton,	Jackson,	Palmer,
Bell,	Johnson, of Ky.	Parrott,
Benton,	Johnston, of Lou.	Ruggles,
Bouligny,	Kelly,	Seymour,
Brown,	King, of Ala.	Smith,
Chandler,	King, of N. Y.	Talbot,
Dickerson,	Knight,	Taylor,
Eaton,	Lanman,	Thomas,
Edwards,	Lloyd, of Mas.	Van Buren,
Findlay,	McIlvaine,	Van Dyke,
Gaillard,	McLean,	Williams,
Hayne,	Macon,	
Holmes, of Me.	Mills.	

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

To strike out the word "three," in the 4th line of the 3d section, and to insert the word *two*,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 27,  
 { Nays, . . . . . 17.

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. Barbour	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Mills,
Barton,	Findlay,	Parrott,
Bell,	Hayne,	Seymour,
Branch,	King, of Ala.	Smith,
Chandler,	King, of N. Y.	Taylor,
Clayton,	Knight,	Tazewell,
Cobb,	Lanman,	Van Buren,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of Mass.	Van Dyke,
Eaton,	McIlvaine,	
Edwards,	Macon,	



Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Benton,	Mr. Holmes, of Miss.	Mr. Noble,
Boulogny,	Jackson,	Ruggles,
Brown,	Johnson, of Ky.	Talbot,
Dickerson,	Johnston, of Lou.	Thomas,
Gaillard,	Kelly,	Williams.
Holmes, of Mc.	M'Lean,	

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, further to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the Commerce and Navigation of the United States, for the year ending on the 30th of September 1824, which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That one thousand copies thereof 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 bills of the following titles, viz.

“An act making an additional appropriation for defraying the expenses of bringing to the seat of Government the votes for President and Vice President of the United States;”

“An act to authorize the Collector of the Customs for the District of Passamaquoddy to keep his office either at Eastport, or Lubec, and for other purposes;”

“An act providing for the relinquishment of certain claims to lands sold by the United States in the State of Ohio;” and,

“An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, therein mentioned;” in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read.

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

On motion,

The last mentioned of said bills was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 18, 1825.

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

*Resolved, by the Senate of the United States of America, That, so soon as the portion of the existing funded debt of the United States, for the payment of which, the public land of the United States is pledged, shall have been paid off; then, and thenceforth, the whole of the public land of the United States, with the nett proceeds of all future sales thereof, shall constitute and form a fund, which is hereby appropriated, and the faith of the United States is pledged that the said fund shall be inviolably applied, to aid the emancipation of such slaves, within any of the United States, and to aid the removal of such slaves, and the removal of such free persons of color, in any of the said states, as by the laws of the states respectively, may be allowed to be emancipated, or removed to any territory, or country, without the limits of the United States of America.*

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

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

Mr. Eaton submitted the following motion for consideration.

*Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the Judiciary bill of the Senate has been referred, inquire into the expediency of dividing the United States into four divisions; each division to be arranged into three circuits, so that each circuit shall contain not less than one, nor more than three states; and to appoint — additional associate justices.*

That they inquire into the expediency of authorizing the judges in their respective divisions once in — year, to appoint one of their number, who, when appointed, shall, with the Chief Justice, be, for the time being, Justices of the Supreme Court; providing that this provision shall not take effect during the continuance in office of the present associate justices; and providing that, where the constitutionality of any state law shall be pending in the Supreme Court; or any question affecting the rights of any state, that the Chief Justice shall certify the same to the President of the United States, who, thereupon, on proclamation, shall convene the whole number of associate justices, at Washington, to hear and determine said cases.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled “An act making further appropriations for the Military Service, for the year 1825,” reported it with an amendment; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Finance, to whom the subject was referred on the 16th instant, reported a bill for the relief of Jonathan Hudson, of Baltimore; which was read.

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

Mr. Van Dyke, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Elihu Hall Bay, and others, reported a bill confirming grants to lands in the district west of Pearl river, derived from the British Government of West Florida, not subsequently granted by Spain, or the United States; which was read.

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

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States, for the southern district of New York," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred on the 10th instant, reported a bill for the relief of John Johnson of Indiana; which was read.

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred on the 7th instant, reported a bill confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresné to a tract of land; which was read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William W. Montgomery:

On motion, by Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana,

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

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purchase of books and furniture for the use of the Library of Congress."

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress, to An act of the General Assembly of Virginia, therein mentioned," be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

The bill entitled, "An act providing for the relinquishment of certain claims to lands sold by the United States, in the state of Ohio," was read the second time.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act for arming the militia of the District of Columbia," was read the second time.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Collector of the Customs for the District of Passamaquoddy to keep his office either at Eastport or Lubeck, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act making an additional appropriation for defraying the expenses of bringing to the seat of Government, the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, 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 Senate of the United States:*

I invite the attention of Congress to the peculiar situation of this District, in regard to the exposure of its inhabitants to contagious diseases from abroad, against which it is thought that adequate provision should now be made. The exposure being common to the whole District, the regulation should apply to the whole, to make which, Congress alone possesses the adequate power. That the regulation should be made by Congress is the more necessary, from the consideration that this, being the seat of the Government, its protection against such diseases, must form one of its principal objects.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 17th February, 1825.*

The message was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the resolution authorizing the purchase of a certain number of copies of the Journals of Congress, from 1774 to 1788; and, no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 13.  
Nays, . . . . . 29.

On motion, by Mr. Cobb,

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

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Knight,	Mr. Seymour,
Edwards,	Lanman,	Talbot,
Findlay,	Noble,	Van Buren.
Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Parrott,	
Kelly,	Ruggles,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. McLean,
Barton,	Hayne,	Macon
Benton,	Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Mills,
Bouligny,	Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Smith,
Chandler,	Jackson,	Taylor,
Clayton,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Tazewell,
Cobb,	King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Thomas,
D'Wolf,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Van Dyke,
Dickerson,	Lowrie,	Williams.
Elliott,	McIlvaine,	

So the resolution was rejected.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the purchase of the Equestrian Portrait of Washington, by Rembrandt Peale; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

To strike out the word "six" in the third line, and to insert the word *four*,

A division of the question was demanded; and, on the question to agree to the first member thereof, viz: to strike out the word "six."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Hayne,

To fill the blank with the word *five*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 20,  
Nays, . . . . . 22.

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. Hayne,	Mr. Mills,
Benton,	Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Parrott,
Bouligny,	Jackson	Seymour,
Cobb,	Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Smith,
Eaton,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Talbot,
Findlay,	Kelly,	Van Buren.
Gaillard,	Lowrie,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Mr. Ruggles,
Branch,	King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Taylor,
Brown,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Tazewell,
Chandler,	Knight,	Thomas,
Clayton,	Lanman,	Van Dyke,
D'Wolf,	McIlvaine,	Williams.
Dickerson,	McLean,	
Edwards,	Macon,	

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill authorizing the establishment of a Navy Yard and Depot, at or near Pensacola; and,

On motion, by Mr. Parrott,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the companies of mounted rangers, commanded by Captains Boyle and M<sup>r</sup> Girth; and the same having been amended, it was reported to the Senate; and the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

It was agreed that, when the Senate adjourn, it be to 11 o'clock on Monday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1825.

The President communicated a report from the Postmaster General, of the contracts made by that Department during the last year; which was read.

The President also communicated a letter from J. L. M<sup>c</sup>Donald, one of the delegates from the Choctaw nation of Indians, with an address from the delegation on the subject of the present condition of their tribe. The letter and address were read.

On motion, by Mr. Williams,

*Ordered*, That they lie on the table, and that they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, presented the petition of Nathaniel Harmon, of that state, praying compensation for services rendered as a soldier in the Revolutionary war; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Benton presented the petition of the citizens of the city of Jefferson, and the adjoining counties, in the state of Missouri, praying the establishment of a Land Office in said city; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Benton presented the memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, praying that the titles to lands in that state, derived from certain certificates issued by the recorder of land titles, under the act of the 17th February, 1815, "for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes," may be confirmed; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table, and that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

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

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested, forthwith, to furnish the members of the Senate with a copy of the Navy Register which should have been furnished on the first of January last.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be requested to furnish, forthwith, to the members of the Senate, a copy of the Army Register, which should have been furnished on the first of January last.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled, "An act to authorize the collector of the customs for the district of Passamaquoddy to keep his office either at Eastport or Lubec, and for other purposes," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the construction of a bridge from the Navy Yard Island, in Portsmouth harbor, to Kittery, in the state of Maine, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bell, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the subject was referred on the 15th December last, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the inhabitants of Calvert county in the state of Maryland; which were read.

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

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that, on the 19th instant, they laid before the President of the United States, the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed; and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Support of Government for the year 1825."

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States, for the year 1825," together with the amendments reported thereto; Mr. Mills in the chair; and,

On the question to agree to the first amendment, viz: To insert at the end of the 16th line, the words, *for a fort at Beaufort, in North Carolina, thirty thousand dollars. For forts at Cape Fear, fifty thousand dollars:*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 29,  
Nays . . . . . 11.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present; those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Knight,
Barton,	Hayne,	Lloyd, of Mass.
Benton,	Jackson,	McLean,
Bouligny,	Johnson, of Ky.	Macon,
Branch,	Johnston, of Lou.	Mills,
Brown,	King, of Ala.	Noble,
Cobb,	King, of N. Y.	Palmer,

Mr. Parrott,  
Ruggles,  
Smith,

Mr. Taylor,  
Tazewell,  
Thomas,

Mr. Van Buren,  
Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bell,  
Chandler,  
Clayton,  
D'Wolf,

Mr. Dickerson,  
Edwards,  
Findlay,  
Holmes, of *Maine*,

Mr. Lanman,  
Lowrie,  
Seymour.

And, the other amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate amended accordingly; and, the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill for the relief of the companies of mounted Rangers, commanded by Captains Boyle and McGirth, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of the companies of mounted Rangers, commanded by Captains Boyle and McGirth."

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

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on the Militia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for arming the militia of the District of Columbia," reported it with amendments, which were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 18th instant, to constitute a fund from the nett proceeds of the sales of the public lands, after the funded debt shall be paid, to aid the emancipation of slaves; and,

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

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 18th inst. that the Judiciary Committee, inquire into the expediency of dividing the United States into four judicial divisions; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered* That it lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of Jonathan Hudson, of Baltimore;

The bill for the relief of John Johnson, of Indiana;

The bill confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne, to a tract of land; and,

The bill confirming grants to lands, in the District west of Pearl river, derived from the British Government of West Florida, not subsequently granted by Spain or the United States; were severally read the second time.

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

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives have receded from their disagreement to the *fourth* and *fifth* amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Support of Government, for the year 1825."

They have passed the bill from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Cain and Isaac Baldwin, of Ohio."

They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the District Court of the United States, in the Western District of Virginia;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

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 bill last brought up for concurrence, was read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the Support of the Military Service for the year 1825," together with the amendment reported thereto; which, having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, amended accordingly; and, the amendment being concurred in

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Talbot, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill to amend the Judicial system of the United States, and to provide for three additional Circuit Courts, reported it with amendments; which were read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

*Ordered,* That Benjamin Bridges have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,



It was agreed, until otherwise ordered, that the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1825.

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

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act providing for the relinquishment of certain claims to lands sold by the United States in the state of Ohio," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles presented sundry documents relating to the subject-matter of the last mentioned bill; and,

On motion,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, requesting the Secretary of War to furnish the members of the Senate with a copy of the Army Register; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, requesting the Secretary of the Navy to furnish the members of the Senate with a copy of the Navy Register; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of the inhabitants of Calvert county, in the state of Maryland, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled, "An act to alter the terms of the District Courts of the United States in the Western District of Virginia," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act enabling the claimants to lands within the limits of the state of Missouri and territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims, approved the 26th day of May, 1824,



and to repeal a part thereof; Mr. King, of Alabama, in the chair; and, the bill having been amended, and the first and third sections transposed, it was reported to the Senate; and, the amendments being concurred in,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

Further to amend the bill by striking out the first section, as follows:

“That the fifteenth section of the act to which this is supplementary, be, and the same is hereby, repealed,”

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 19,  
Nays . . . . . 19.

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bell,	Mr. Findlay,	Mr. Macon,
Chandler,	King, of <i>N.Y.</i>	Palmer,
Clayton,	Lanman,	Parrott,
Cobb,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Seymour,
D'Wolf,	Lowrie,	Smith,
Dickerson,	M'Ilvaine,	Van Buren.
Edwards,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Mr. M'Lean,
Benton,	Jackson,	Mills,
Bouligny,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Noble,
Brown,	Johnston, of <i>Lou.</i>	Ruggles,
Eaton,	Kelly,	Thomas,
Elliott,	King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Williams.
Hayne,		

So the question was negatived.

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

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 20,  
Nays . . . . . 22,

On motion of Mr. Lowrie,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Eaton,	Mr. Jackson,
Benton,	Elliott,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>
Bouligny,	Hayne,	Johnston, of <i>Lou.</i>
Brown.	Holmes, of <i>Miss.</i>	Kelly,

Mr. King, *of Ala.*  
M'Lean,  
Mills,

Mr. Noble,  
Ruggles,  
Taylor,

Thomas,  
Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bell,  
Branch,  
Chandler,  
Clayton,  
Cobb,  
D'Wolf,  
Dickerson,  
Edwards,

Mr. Findlay,  
Holmes, *of Me.*  
King, *of N. Y.*  
Lanman,  
Lloyd, *of Mass.*  
Lowrie,  
M'Ilvaine,

Mr. Macon,  
Palmer,  
Parrott,  
Seymour,  
Smith,  
Tazewell,  
Van Buren.

So the bill was rejected.

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

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States did, on the 21st instant, approve and sign "An act making appropriations for the Military Service of the United States, for the year 1825;" and "An act making appropriations for the Support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1825."

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 for the relief of Elisha Snow, Jr. and a bill, entitled "An act directing a discrimination between importations by citizens of the United States, and those on foreign account;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two last mentioned bills were severally read.

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

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States, for the year 1825," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass with amendments.

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

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the Military Service for the year 1825," having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

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

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

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the purchase of the equestrian portrait of Washington, by Rembrandt Peale, and the same having been amended by filling the blank with the words "4500," it was reported to the Senate, 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, . . . . . 21.  
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. Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Mr. Lowrie,
Benton,	Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i>	Mills,
Clayton,	Jackson,	Parrott,
Eaton,	Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Ruggles,
Elliott,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Seymour,
Findlay,	Kelly,	Smith,
Hayne,	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>	Van Buren.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bell,	Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Noble,
Bouligny,	King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Palmer,
Branch,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Taylor,
Chandler,	Lanman,	Tazewell,
Cobb,	McIlvaine,	Thomas,
D'Wolf,	McLean,	Williams.
Dickerson,	Macon,	

The President communicated the memorial of the Legislature of Ohio, requesting a grant of land, to aid the operations of that state in connecting Lake Erie with the Ohio river, by means of Canal navigation; accompanied by resolutions, requesting their Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best exertions to carry into effect the objects of the memorial.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the memorial and resolutions lie on the table, and that they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of State accompanied by a statement of the returns made to that Department, by the collectors, of American seamen, the last year;

And a report from the same officer, made in pursuance of the fifth section of the act of the second of March, 1819, regulating passenger ships and vessels. The reports were read.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by a copy of a report of the Commissioners of Land Claims in East Florida, and copies of reports of the Commissioners of Land Claims in West Florida. The report was read.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

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

The President communicated the credentials of the honorable William Marks, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Pennsylvania, for the term of six years from and after the 3d day of March next; which were read; and,

*Ordered*, To lie on file.

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 report from the Secretary of War, with a report to him from the Third Auditor, of the settlement, in the amount stated, of the claims of the state of Massachusetts, for services rendered by the Militia of that state, in the late war, the payment of which has hitherto been prevented by causes which are well known to Congress. Having communicated my sentiments on this subject fully, in a message bearing date on the 23d of February, 1824, it is unnecessary to repeat in detail here, what I there advanced.

By recurring to that message, and to the documents referred to in it, it will be seen that the conduct of the Executive of that state, in refusing to place the Militia thereof, at that difficult conjuncture, under the direction of the Executive of the United States, as it was bound to do by a fair construction of the Constitution, and as the other States did, is the great cause to which the difficulty adverted to, is to be ascribed. It will also be seen, on a view of those documents, that the Executive of the state was warned at the time, if it persevered in the refusal, that the consequences which have followed would be inevitable: that the attitude assumed by the state formed a case which was not contemplated by the existing laws of the United States relating to militia



services; that the payment of the claims of the state, for such services, could be provided for by Congress only, and by a special law for the purpose. Having made this communication, while acting in the Department of War, to the Governor of Massachusetts, with the sanction and under the direction of my enlightened and virtuous predecessor, it would be improper, in any view which may be taken of the subject, for me to change the ground then assumed, to withdraw this great question from the consideration of Congress, and to act on it myself.

Had the Executive been in error, it is entitled to censure, making a just allowance for the motive which guided it. If its conduct was correct, the ground then assumed ought to be maintained by it. It belongs to Congress alone, to terminate this distressing incident, on just principles, with a view to the highest interests of our Union.

From the view which I have taken of the subject, I am confirmed in the opinion that Congress should now decide on the claim, and allow to the state such portions thereof as are founded on the principles laid down in the former message. If those principles are correct, as on great consideration I am satisfied they are, it appears to me to be just in itself, and of high importance, that the sums which may be due, in conformity therewith, should no longer be withheld from the state.

JAMES MONROE.

*February 21, 1825.*

The message was read.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the preservation and civilization of the Indian tribes within the United States; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of Executive business.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1825.

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



The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, accompanied by an abstract of the rules and regulations for the field exercise and manœuvres of the infantry, and the general regulations for the Army, which are observed and practised upon by the Army; the report was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

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

Mr. Van Buren presented the memorial of sundry aliens, residing in the City of Washington, praying certain alterations in the law respecting naturalization; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Thomas D. Morrison, Daniel Palmer, Burrell G. Whittington, and Andrew S. M'Girk.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the petition and accompanying documents of Thomas D. Morrison, be referred to the Secretary of War, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the District Courts of the United States in the Western District of Virginia," reported it without amendment,

Mr. Dickerson, from the Joint Library Committee, to whom was referred the bill to procure an Index to be made to the file of the National Intelligencer, belonging to the Library of Congress, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, by resolution of the 12th ultimo, reported a bill concerning the levying and collecting of taxes in the territories of the United States; which was read.

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

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Post Route from Indianapolis to Crawfordsville, in the state of Indiana.

The bill to authorize the purchase of the equestrian portrait of

Washington, by Rembrandt Peale, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 23,  
Nays, . . . . . 18.

On motion, by Mr. King of Alabama,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hayne,	Mr. Mills,
Barton,	Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i>	Parrott,
Benton,	Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i>	Ruggles,
Bouligny,	Jackson,	Seymour,
Clayton,	Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Smith,
Eaton,	Kelly,	Talbot,
Elliott,	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>	Van Buren.
Findlay,	Lowrie,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Branch,	Mr. King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Mr. Macon,
Brown,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Noble,
Chandler,	Knight,	Palmer,
Cobb,	Lanman,	Taylor,
D. Wolf,	M. Ilvaine,	Tazewell,
Edwards,	M. Lean,	Williams.

So it was,

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to authorize the purchase of the equestrian portrait of Washington, by Rembrandt Peale."

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

The bill for the preservation and civilization of the Indian tribes within the United States, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the preservation and civilization of the Indian tribes within the United States."

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elisha Snow, Jr. and the bill, entitled "An act directing a discrimination between impor-

tations by citizens of the United States, and those on foreign account," were severally read the second time.

On motion,

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

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned bill be referred to the committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Burt;" Mr. Barbour in the chair: and, no amendment having been proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

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

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the relief of Stephen, Arnold, David, and George Jenks, second;

"An act for the relief of Herman Fisher;"

"An act for the relief of James Lenox, and William Maitland, G. B. Abeel, Gulian Ludlow, and Hector Scott;"

"An act for the relief of William Townsend;"

"An act for the relief Malachi Burns;"

"An act for the relief of Mary Miller, administratrix of Amos Miller, deceased;"

"An act for the relief of William Hambley;"

"An act for the relief of Ebenezer Averill;"

"An act for the relief of Samuel Baylies;"

"An act making an appropriation for the benefit of Joseph Smith, of Alexandria;"

"An act for the relief of William Pemberton;"

"An act discharging a judgment against the representatives of Elijah Wadsworth, deceased;" and,

"An act for the relief of Edmund Doyle;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Cobb,

That the said bill be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 19,  
Nays, . . . . . 25.

On motion, by Mr. Cobb,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Macon,
Bell,	Hayne,	Mills,
Branch,	Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Tazewell,
Chandler,	Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Van Buren,
Clayton,	King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Williams,
Cobb,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	
Dickerson,	Knight,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Mr. Palmer,
Benton,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Parrott,
Bouligny,	Kelly,	Ruggles,
Brown,	Lanman,	Seymour,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>	Smith,
Eaton,	Lowrie,	Talbot,
Edwards,	McIlvaine,	Thomas,
Findlay,	McLean,	
Jackson,	Noble,	

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,  
The Senate adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1825.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act directing a discrimination between importations by citizens of the United States, and those on foreign account," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred the memorial of William Brandt and Co. 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.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,



*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Otway Burns, Henry Rice, and the additional documents relating thereto, Richard Thurston, and Benjamin Garland, and Monroe, and Grosvenor, and others.

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, therein mentioned," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dickerson, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Cooper, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought to be granted.

The report and resolution were read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Cain, and Isaac Baldwin, of Ohio."

The thirteen bills yesterday brought from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were severally read twice, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Stephen, Arnold, David, and George Jenks, second;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Townsend;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Mary Miller, administratrix of Amos Miller, deceased;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Averill;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Baylies;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Pemberton;" be severally referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Herman Fisher," be referred to the Committee on Pensions, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Lenox and William Maitland, G. B. Abeel, Gulian Ludlow, and Hector Scott," be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,



*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Malachi Burns;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Hambley;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edmund Doyle;" be, severally, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the benefit of Joseph Smith, of Alexandria," be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act discharging a judgment against the representatives of Elijah Wadsworth, deceased, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The bill concerning the levying and collecting of taxes in the territories of the United States, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The President communicated a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting the general account, for the year ending on the 31st of March, 1824. The letter was read.

The President also communicated a letter from the Washington Canal Company, with a statement of their receipts and expenditures, for the year ending on the 31st day of December last; which was read.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of the inhabitants of the county of Crawford, in the territory of Michigan, praying that the said territory may be divided into two separate Governments; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the select committee appointed on the 5th ultimo, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Noble communicated the resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, disapproving the amendment proposed by the state of Georgia to the Constitution of the United States, on the subject of the ingress of people of color into the several states of the Union; which was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Burt," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland Road;" Mr. King, of Alabama, in the chair:

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

To strike out the words "Illinois and Missouri," in the 12th and 13th lines of the first section,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 12,  
Nays, . . . . . 33.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bell,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. King, of N. F.
Branch,	Findlay,	Knight,
Chandler,	Holmes, of Me.	Macon,
Clayton,	Holmes, of Mis.	Tazewell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Johnson, of Ky.	Mr. Palmer,
Barton,	Johnston, of Lou.	Parrott,
Benton,	Kelly,	Ruggles,
Bouligny,	King, of Ala.	Seymour,
Brown,	Lanman,	Smith,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, of Mass.	Talbot,
Eaton,	Lowrie,	Taylor,
Edwards,	M'Ilvaine,	Thomas,
Elliott,	M'Lean,	Van Buren,
Hayne,	Mills,	Van Dyke,
Jackson,	Noble,	Williams.

And, no amendment having been made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On the question "Shall this bill pass to a third reading?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 28,  
Nays, . . . . . 16.

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. Barton,	Mr. Bouligny,	Mr. D'Wolf,
Benton,	Brown,	Eaton,

Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Lanman,	Mr. Parrott,
Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Lloyd, <i>of Mas.</i>	Ruggles,
Jackson,	Lowrie,	Smith,
Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	M·Ilvaine,	Talbot,
Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	M·Lean,	Taylor,
Kelly,	Noble,	Thomas,
King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Palmer,	Van Dyke.
Knight, =		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Macon,
Bell,	Findlay,	Mills,
Branch,	Hayne,	Tazewell,
Chandler,	Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i>	Van Buren,
Clayton,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Williams.
Dickerson,		

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 concurred in the *first* and *second* of the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States, for the year 1825," and have disagreed to the *third*.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of interest due to the state of Virginia;" and a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the legal representatives of the Marquis de Maison Rouge, and those claiming under him, to institute a suit against the United States, and for other purposes;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the subscription of stock in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company," together with the amendment reported thereto; which having been agreed to,

On motion, by Mr. Tazewell,

Further to amend the bill by adding thereto the following:

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is authorized and directed to subscribe, in the name, and for the use of, the United States, for four hundred shares of the capi-

tal stock of the Dismal Swamp Canal Company, and to pay for the same at such times, and in such proportions, as may be required by the rules and regulations of the said Company.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall vote for the President and Directors of said Company, according to such number of shares, and shall receive, upon the said stock, the proportion of tolls and emoluments which shall, from time to time, be due to the United States for the shares aforesaid.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 10,  
Nays . . . . . 31.

On motion, by Mr. Tazewell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hayne,	Mr. Tazewell,
Benton,	Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i>	Williams.
Branch,	Jackson,	
Elliott,	Taylor,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Mr. Noble,
Bell,	Kelly,	Parrott,
Bouligny,	King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Ruggles,
Brown,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Seymour,
Chandler,	Knight,	Smith,
Clayton,	Lanman,	Talbot,
Dickerson,	Lloyd, <i>of Mas.</i>	Thomas.
Edwards,	Lowrie,	Van Buren,
Findlay,	McIlvaine,	Van Dyke.
Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	McLean,	
Johnson, <i>of Ken.</i>	Macon,	

And, no further amendment having been made, the bill was reported to the Senate as amended, 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, { Yeas, . . . . . 24,  
Nays, . . . . . 18.

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. Jackson,	Mr. Noble,
Bouligny,	Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Parrott,
Brown,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Ruggles,
D'Wolf,	Kelly,	Smith,
Dickerson,	Lanman,	Talbot,
Eaton,	Lloyd, <i>of Mas.</i>	Thomas,
Edwards,	Lowrie,	Van Dyke,
Findlay,	McIlvaine,	Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Knight,
Bell,	Hayne,	McLean,
Benton,	Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Macon,
Branch,	Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i>	Seymour,
Chandler,	King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Tazewell,
Clayton,	King, <i>of N. Y.</i>	Van Buren.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1825.

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

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the Second Auditor, relative to the accounts for disbursements in the Indian Department, for the year ending on the 1st September last; which was read.

The President also communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of New York, with a report from the Collector of the Port of New York, shewing the difficulties that arise in the discharge of his duties in relation to drawbacks; the report was read.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of David Thomas, praying that he may be authorized to complete the payments on the purchase of a quarter section of land, made by him at the Land Office at Cincinnati, in Ohio; and,

On motion,

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



Mr. Seymour presented the petition of Daniel M. Duffie, stating that, in consequence of an advertisement from the Engineer Department, offering a premium of 1,000 dollars for the best plan of a machine calculated to remove the Sawyers, Planters, and Snags, in the Mississippi River, he was induced to project and deposite in that department, agreeably to the terms of said advertisement, the plan and model of a machine, which he avers would have entitled him to the premium, if the principles of justice had governed the decision that awarded it to another; and praying relief; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of War, of the 20th December last, with instructions to report upon the expediency of printing said report and documents, or any part of them, made a report; which was read; and,

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Henry Langdon, Charles Delhault Delassus, Reuben Colburn, David Tate, John Donly, W. K. Armistead, Jesse F. Royston, Thomas F. Quin, John Robertson, William Stedman, Israel T. Canby, executor of Ann Sprigg, Sarah Shillito, Juan Quavre, Rezin Rawlings, and John Locke, executors of Daniel Rawlings, deceased, William Smith, attorney of the heirs of Francis Cazeau, deceased, Thomas Constantine, and the statement of Daniel D. Tompkins, relative to the claim of Thomas Constantine, and that Thomas Constantine have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on the Militia, to whom was referred the reports of the Secretary of War, of the 31st ultimo, and 23d instant, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to advertise, for three months, in the National Intelligencer, that he will receive, at any time before the first day of December next, sealed proposals for printing forty thousand copies of the Abstract of Infantry Tactics, which was reported to the Senate, by the Secretary of War, on the 26d day of February instant, to be delivered at the War Department,

bound in boards; and that he, the Secretary, will state in his advertisement, as near as may be, the size of the work, the number of pages and plates which it will contain, and report such proposals as he may receive, to the Senate, in the first week of the next session of Congress.

The resolution was read, considered, and agreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Copeland Parker and Thomas Gatewood.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Finance, on the memorial of William Brandt and Co; and in concurrence therewith,

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

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of interest due to the state of Virginia," was read twice by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the legal representatives of the Marquis de Maison Rouge, and those claiming under him, to institute a suit against the United States, and for other purposes," was read twice, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the subscription of stock in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended, and the title amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the occupation of the Oregon river;" Mr. Lowrie, in the chair: and, the bill having been amended,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,  
That it be postponed indefinitely.

On motion, by Mr. Hayne,  
*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill authorizing the establishment of a Navy Yard and Depot, at or near Pensacola; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill concerning the copper mines on the south side of Lake Superior; and, no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of John S. Stiles; and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Francis Larche, of New Orleans; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Thomas Taylor, Jr. and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud; and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider their *third* amendment to the bill,

entitled "An act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States for the year 1825," *disagreed to* by the House of Representatives; and,

*Resolved*, That they *insist* thereon.

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

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elisha Snow, Jr." reported it without amendment.

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 Francis Wright, son, and other heirs of Francis Wright, deceased;" and a bill, entitled "An act confirming the act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled 'An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company,' and An act of the state of Maryland, confirming the same;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read twice by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned bill be referred to the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1825.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, on the petition of Thomas D. Morrison, referred to him on the 23d instant; which was read.

The President also communicated a letter from Joseph Watson, requesting permission to use and withdraw from the Library of Congress, from time to time, such books, pamphlets, and maps, as may tend to aid him in perfecting an intended publication of a history of the early settlements and grants of land in the several states, and that the Commissioner of the General Land Office may be authorized to frank all communications on the subject of the proposed work; which was read.



On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William and James Dixon.

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That Jacob Greer have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Lenox, and William Maitland, G. B. Abeel, Gulian Ludlow, and Hector Scott," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the benefit of Joseph Smith, of Alexandria," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the select committee on the petition of Thomas Cooper; and,

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson,

*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 amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the subscription of stock in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company."

They *insist* on their disagreement to the third amendment proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States, for the year 1825," and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, thereon; and have appointed managers at the same on their part. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

The Senate again took into consideration their third amendment to the last mentioned bill, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

*Resolved*, That the Senate do *recede* therefrom.

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

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the occupation of the Oregon river," as amend-



ed, together with the motion to postpone the same indefinitely: Mr. Mills in the chair; and,

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business,

Mr. Brown, from the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act confirming the act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled 'An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company,' and an act of the state of Maryland, confirming the same," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Herman Fisher," reported it without amendment.

The bill authorizing the establishment of a Navy Yard and Depot at or near Pensacola, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and the blank filled.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing the establishment of a Navy Yard and Depot at or near Pensacola."

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

The bill concerning the copper mines on the south side of Lake Superior, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act concerning the Copper Mines on the south side of Lake Superior."

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

The bill for the relief of Thomas Taylor, Jr. having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

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

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

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

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

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

The bill for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud."

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Malachi Burns," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Stephen, Arnold, David and George Jenks, second;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Mary Miller, administratrix of Amos Miller, deceased;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Averill;" reported them, respectively, without amendment.

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Hambley;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edmund Doyle;" reported them, severally, without amendment.

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to establish certain post roads, and to discontinue others;"

"An act for the relief of Colonel William Duane;"

"An act authorizing Noah Webster to import into the United States his work on Languages, at a rate of duty herein specified;"

"An act for the relief of Joel Abbott Jr.;"

"An act for the relief of Sarah Shillito;"

"An act for the relief of Paul Chase;"

"An act concerning invalid pensions;"

"An act for the relief of Captain Daniel T. Patterson, of the Navy of the United States;"

"An act for the relief of Lemuel Wooten;"

"An act for the relief of the representatives of Noel Soileau, deceased;"

"An act for the relief of Peter Yandes;"

"An act for the relief of Priscilla Adams;"

"An act for the relief of Joseph Decrits;"

"An act for the relief of Jacob A. Blackwell;"

"An act for the relief of Jarvis Jackson;"

“An act for the relief of Walter Story Chandler;”

“An act to authorize the register or enrolment and license to be issued in the name of the President or Secretary of any incorporated company owning a steam boat or vessel;”

“An act to amend an act, entitled “An act to alter the time of holding the Circuit Court of South Carolina, at Columbia;”

“An act giving the consent of Congress to a certain act of the Legislative Council of Florida;” and

“An act authorizing the legal representatives of De Bastrop to institute a suit in certain cases against the United States, and for other purposes;” in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read.

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

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.*

Just before the termination of the last session, an act, entitled “An act concerning wrecks on the coast of Florida,” which then passed, was presented to me with many others, and approved, and, as I thought, signed; a report to that effect was then made to Congress. It appeared, however, after the adjournment, that the evidence of such approbation, had not been attached to it. Whether the act may be considered in force under such circumstances, is a point on which it belongs not to me to decide. To remove all doubt on the subject, I submit to the consideration of Congress the propriety of passing a declaratory act to that effect.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington Feb. 26, 1825.*

The message was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the territory of Florida to open a canal through the public land, to unite the river St. John's with the Bay of St. Augustine; and,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the state of Alabama; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,  
The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1825.

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 communicate, herewith, to both Houses of Congress, copies of the Treaties between the United States and the Quapaw nation of Indians, concluded at Harrington's, in the Territory of Arkansas, on the 15th day of November last; and between the United States and the Choctaw nation of Indians, concluded at the City of Washington, on the 20th day of January last; which have been duly ratified.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 25th Feb. 1825.*

The message was read.

Mr. Knight presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Bristol, in Rhode Island, praying the establishment of a certain post route; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Knight, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the following bills, viz:

“An act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States, for the year 1825;”

“An act for the relief of Peter Burt;”

“An act for the continuation of the Cumberland Road;” and

“An act authorizing the subscription of stock in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company.”

Mr. Bell, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of William Townsend;” the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of William Pemberton;” and the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Samuel Baylies;” reported them, severally, without amendment.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the subject was referred on the 27th ultimo, reported a bill



to incorporate a Medical College in the City of Washington; which was read.

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

Mr. King, of Alabama, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the legal representatives of the Marquis de Maison Rouge, and those claiming under him, to institute a suit against the United States, and for other purposes," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of interest due to the State of Virginia," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hayne submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved by the Senate of the United States of America*, That Congress possesses no power to appropriate the Public Land of the United States "to constitute and form a fund to aid the emancipation of slaves," within any of the United States, or "to aid the removal of such slaves;" and, that, to constitute such a fund, or to pledge the faith of the United States for the appropriation thereof towards these objects, would be a departure from the conditions and spirit of the compact between the several States; and that such measures would be dangerous to the safety of the States holding slaves, and be calculated to disturb the peace and harmony of the Union.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joel Abbott, Jun.," the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sarah Shillito;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Colonel William Duane;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lemuel Wootten;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Decrits;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Yandes;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Daniel T. Patterson, of the Navy of the United States;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Priscilla Adams;" were severally read the second time.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing Noah Webster to import into the United States his work on Languages, at a rate of duty herein specified;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the register or enrolment and license to be issued in the name of the President or



Secretary of any incorporated Company, owning a steam boat or vessel;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob A. Blackwell;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Walter Story Chandler;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Paul Chase;" were severally read the second time.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jarvis Jackson;" and the bill, entitled "An act to establish certain Post Roads, and to discontinue others;" were severally read the second time.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act giving the consent of Congress to a certain act of the Legislative Council of Florida;" the bill, entitled "An act confirming certain land claims, and authorizing the legal representatives of De Bastrop to institute a suit in certain cases against the United States, and for other purposes;" and the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to alter the time of holding the Federal Circuit Court at Columbia, South Carolina,' approved 25th May, 1824;" were severally read the second time.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Noel Soil-eau, deceased," was read the second time.

On motion,

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

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

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Thomas R. Broome; and, no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

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

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

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the State of Alabama; and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution from the House of Representatives "Authorizing the public documents, printed by order of Congress, to be furnished to the Gardiner Lyceum, in the State of Maine;" and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill supplementary to "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;" and the same having been amended, it was reported to the Senate; and, the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act supplementary to 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same.'"

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

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Francis Larche, of New Orleans; and the blank having been filled,

On motion, by Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

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

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States, on the 25th instant, approved and signed "An act making appropriations for the Support of Government for the year 1825;" and "An act making an appropriation for the purchase of books and furniture for the use of the Library of Congress."

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 bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the relief of John Heck;"

"An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for the continuation of the Cumberland Road;'"

"An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George S. Wise, deceased;"

"An act for the relief of John M. Moody and Samuel Moody, and Elijah Bailey, and others;"

"An act granting a pension to James Barker;"

"An act for the relief of William Little, administrator of Minor Reeves;"

"An act for the relief of Luther Chapin, of Ohio;"

"An act for the relief of William P. Yonge;"

"An act for the relief of David Gilmore;"

"An act for the relief of James Cooke;"

"An act for the relief of Moses Shepherd;"

"An act for the relief of John Crain;"

"An act for the relief of James Porter and Tunstall Quarles;"

"An act concerning wrecks, on the coast of Florida;"

"An act for the relief of Gilbert C. Russell;"

"An act for the relief of Elias Glen;"

"An act further to amend the Charter of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia;"

"An act for the relief of George Love;"

"An act further to amend the Charter of the Town of Alexandria;"

"An act concerning Charles D. Brodie;"

"An act to make Castine a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from beyond the Cape of Good Hope;"

"An act to exempt the President, Faculty, and Students, of Co-

lumbian College, Georgetown College, and all other Seminaries, of Learning, in the District of Columbia, from the performance of militia duty within the said District;"

"An act granting certain rights to David Tate, Josiah Fletcher, and John Weatherford;"

"An act for the relief of Rachael McLure;" and

"An act for the relief of Craven P. Luckett, and William Reynolds;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read.

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

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Holden W. Prout, administrator on the estate of Joshua W. Prout, deceased; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Holden W. Prout, administrator on the estate of Joshua W. Prout, deceased."

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the act authorizing payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the Military Service of the United States, and for other purposes; passed 9th April 1816;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That, in considering the orders of the day, the bills which originated in the Senate shall have precedence.

Mr. Eaton submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That, on Wednesday, at 12 o'clock, the Senate shall proceed, by ballot, to elect Printers for the two years next ensuing.



The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to permit Anna Dubord to bring certain slaves into the State of Louisiana; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to permit Anna Dubord to bring certain slaves into the State of Louisiana."

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to provide for the seizure and sale of property, brought into the United States in violation of the revenue laws, in certain cases; and the same having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, 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 said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

The blanks were filled, and the bill was further amended, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide for the seizure and sale of property brought into the United States in violation of the revenue laws, in certain cases."

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the further relief of the purchasers of Public Land, prior to the first of July, 1820; and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Stephen Thatcher; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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



It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Stephen Thatcher,"

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

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of State, on the memorial of Richard W. Meade; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the heirs or devisees of John Ferrell, deceased; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of the heirs or devisees of John Ferrell, deceased."

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolution directing an inventory of the furniture in the President's House to be taken; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said resolution having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be a "Resolution directing an inventory of the furniture in the President's House to be taken."

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill making an appropriation for the purchase of an allegorical ornament for a clock in the Senate Chamber: Mr. King, of Alabama, in the chair; and

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Oliver, and others, directors of an association called the New England Mississippi Land Company; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lowrie,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the laying out and opening of a passage through the raft, in the Red river; and,

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill respecting the adjournment of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act respecting the adjournment of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia,"

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the building of a dwelling house and guard house, for the boarding officer at the Balize, in the state of Louisiana; and the blank having been filled, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the building of a dwelling house and guard house for the boarding officer at the Balize, in the state of Louisiana?"

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

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act for the relief of Samuel Dale, of Alabama;”

“An act for the relief of Reuben Ewing, and others;”

“An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow a sum, not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or to exchange a stock of four and a half per cent. for a certain stock bearing an interest of six per cent.”

“An act for the relief of the representatives of Frederick Goetz, and Charles W. Westfall;”

“An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower;”

“An act for the relief of Otis Pendleton, Harris Pendleton, John F. Delaplaine, Elijah P. Delaplaine, and others;” and a

“Resolution to provide for the care and preservation of the Capitol and the public ground in the City of Washington;” in which bills and resolution, they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were read.

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

Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled “An act amendatory of the act, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the Civil Department of the Government of the United States, in the District of Columbia,’ reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the removal of certain Land Offices in Missouri; and the same having been amended,

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of Jonathan Hudson, of Baltimore, was considered by the Senate, as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be “An act for the relief of Jonathan Hudson, of Baltimore.”

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of John Johnson, of Indiana; and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

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

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

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of the Army Register, for each member of the Senate; which was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land; the President resumed the chair; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, it was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land."

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill confirming grants to lands in the District west of Pearl river, derived from the British Government of West Florida, not subsequently granted by Spain, or the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Williams,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the construction of a Bridge, from the Navy Yard Island, in Portsmouth harbour, to Kittery, in the state of Maine; and,

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to amend the judicial system of the United States, and to provide



for three additional Circuit Courts, together with the amendments reported thereto; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the inhabitants of Calvert county, in the state of Maryland; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill to procure an Index to be made to the file of the National Intelligencer, belonging to the Library of Congress; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

It was agreed that, when the Senate adjourn, it be to 6 o'clock this evening.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

#### SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Francis Wright, son, and other heirs of Francis Wright, deceased," reported it without amendment.

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the relief of William Kellogg;"

"An act for the relief of the securities of Joseph Crockett, of Kentucky, late acting supervisor of the old internal revenue and direct tax; and David Shriver, Junior;"

"An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris;"

"An act making appropriation to satisfy certain balances due to the commissioners and secretaries of land claims in Florida;"

"An act for the relief of Christian Jacob Burckle;"

"An act making compensation to John Miller and Benjamin Wyman, for the examination of certain claims in West Florida;" and



"An act for the relief of Michael McKewan;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The said bills were read.

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

The following bills from the House of Representatives were severally read the second time, by unanimous consent, viz:

"An act for the relief of Samuel Dale, of Alabama;"

"An act for the relief of the representatives of Frederick Goetz and Charles W. Westfall;"

"An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower;"

"An act for the relief of George Love;"

"An act for the relief of Gilbert C. Russell;" and

"An act for the relief of Moses Shepherd."

On motion,

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

The following bills from the House of Representatives were severally read the second time, by unanimous consent, viz:

"An act making appropriation to satisfy certain balances due to the Commissioners and Secretaries of land claims in Florida;"

"An act for the relief of William Kellogg;"

"An act for the relief of Otis Pendleton, Harris Pendleton, John F. Delaplaine, Elijah P. Delaplaine, and others;"

"An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow a sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or to exchange a stock of four and one half per cent. for a certain stock bearing an interest of six per cent."

"An act for the relief of Craven P. Luckett, and William Reynolds;"

"An act concerning wrecks on the coast of Florida;"

"An act for the relief of John Crain;" and

"An act for the relief of William P. Yonge."

On motion,

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

The following bills from the House of Representatives were severally read the second time, by unanimous consent, viz:

"An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris;"

"An act for the relief of the securities of Joseph Crockett, of Kentucky, late acting supervisor of the old internal revenue and direct tax; and David Shriver, Junior;"

“An act for the relief of Michael McKewan;”

“An act for the relief of Reuben Ewing and others;”

“An act for the relief of David Gilmore;” and

“An act for the relief of John Heck.”

On motion,

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

The following bills from the House of Representatives were severally read the second time, by unanimous consent; viz.

“An act for the relief of Christian Jacob Burckle;”

“An act to authorize the building of lighthouses and light vessels and beacons and monuments therein mentioned, and for other purposes;”

“An act to make Castine a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from beyond the Cape of Good Hope;” and

“An act for the relief of John M. Moody and Samuel Moody, and Elijah Bayley and others.”

On motion,

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

The following bills and resolution from the House of Representatives were severally read the second time, by unanimous consent, viz.

“An act further to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria;”

“An act further to amend the charter of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia;”

“An act to exempt the President, faculty, and students, of the Columbian College, Georgetown College, and all other Seminaries of Learning in the District of Columbia, from the performance of militia duty within said District;” and the

Resolution to provide for the care and preservation of the Capitol and the public ground in the City of Washington.”

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled “An act for the relief of James Cooke;” the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Luther Chapin, of Ohio;” and the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of William Little, administrator of Minor Reeves;” were severally read the second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act concerning Charles D. Brodie;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Glen;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George S. Wise, deceased;" were severally read the second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Rachael McClure;" and the bill entitled "An act granting a pension to James Barker;" were severally read the second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Porter and Tunstall Quarles," was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act making compensation to John Miller and Benjamin Wyman, for the examination of certain claims in West Florida;" and the bill, entitled "An act granting certain rights to David Tate, Josiah Fletcher, and John Weatherford;" were severally read the second time.

On motion,

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

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road,'" was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

It was agreed that, when the Senate adjourn, it be to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1825.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow a sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or to exchange a stock of four and one half per cent. for a certain stock bearing an interest of six per cent.," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred the following acts from the House of Representatives, viz:

"An act authorizing Noah Webster to import into the United States his work on languages, at a rate of duty herein specified;"

"An act for the relief of Jacob A. Blackwell;"

"An act for the relief of Walter Story Chandler;"

"An act to authorize the register or enrolment and license to be issued in the name of the President or Secretary of any incorporated company owning a steam boat or vessel;"

"An act for the relief of William P. Yonge;"

"An act for the relief of Craven P. Luckett and William Reynolds;"

"An act for the relief of John Crain;"

"An act for the relief of Otis Pendleton, Harris Pendleton, John F. Delaplaine, Elijah P. Delaplaine, and others;"

"An act making appropriation to satisfy certain balances due to the Commissioners and Secretaries of land claims in Florida;"

"An act for the relief of William Kellogg;" and

"An act concerning wrecks on the coast of Florida;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the following bills, viz:

"An act for the relief of Joel Abbott, Jr.;"

"An act for the relief of Joseph Decrits;"

"An act for the relief of Peter Yandes;"

"An act for the relief of Priscilla Adams;"

"An act for the relief of Moses Shepherd;"

An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower," and

"An act for the relief of Gilbert C. Russell;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the following bills, viz:



"An act for the relief of the securities of Joseph Crockett, of Kentucky, late acting supervisor of the old internal revenue, and direct tax; and David Shriver, Junior;"

"An act for the relief of Michael McKewan;"

"An act for the relief of Reuben Ewing, and others;"

"An act for the relief of David Gilmore;"

"An act for the relief of John Heck;"

"An act confirming certain land claims, and authorizing the legal representatives of De Bastrop to institute a suit in certain cases against the United States, and for other purposes;" and

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to alter the time of holding the Federal Circuit Court at Columbia, South Carolina,' approved 25th May, 1824," reported them, severally, without amendment.

Mr. King, of Alabama, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act granting certain rights to David Tate, Josiah Fletcher, and John Weatherford," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Lanman, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Porter and Tunstall Quarles," reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the inhabitants of Huntsville, in Alabama.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Paul Chase," reported it without amendment.

On motion, of Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That Oliver Blake have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Bell, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Love;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Colonel William Duane;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sarah Shillito;" reported them, severally without amendment.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Cooke;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Luther Chapin, of Ohio;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Little, ad-



ministrator of Minor Reeves;" reported them, severally, without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Noble.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Anthony Shane.

Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Noel Soileau, deceased," and the bill, entitled "An act making compensation to John Miller, and Benjamin Wyman, for the examination of certain claims in West Florida," reported them, severally, without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Jackson,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the Assistant Quarter Masters of the Army, and the resolution of the 14th December last, relative to a Fort between Missouri and the Mexican States.

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Glen;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George S. Wise, deceased;" reported them, severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, on the power of Congress to appropriate the public land, to constitute a fund to aid the emancipation of slaves; and,

On motion, by Mr. Hayne,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, respecting the election of Printers; and agreed thereto.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the act authorizing payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes; passed 9th April, 1816;" and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate; and

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of unserviceable ordnance, arms, and military stores;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and



Mr. Parrott,  
Seymour,  
Smith,

Mr. Tazewell,  
Van Buren,

Mr. Van Dyke,  
Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,  
Benton,  
Bouligny,  
Cobb,  
Hayne,

Mr. Jackson,  
Johnson, of Ky.  
Johnston, of Lou.  
Lloyd, of Mass.  
Mills,

Mr. Noble,  
Ruggles,  
Talbot,  
Thomas.

So it was

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

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Rachel McClure;" and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated the following letter from the President elect, of the United States; which was read.

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

SIR: I ask the favor of you to inform the Honorable Senate of the United States, that I propose to take the oath prescribed by the Constitution to the President of the United States, before he enters on the execution of his office, on Friday, the fourth instant, at twelve o'clock, in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to be,

With the highest respect, Sir,

Your very humble and obedient servant,

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

*City of Washington, 1st March, 1825.*

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

It was agreed, that, when the Senate adjourn, it be to six o'clock this evening.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the memorial of Isabel Osorno de Valverde; which was read.

The President also communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, with an abstract of the official emoluments and expend-

itures for the year 1824, of the officers of the Customs; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Mills,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the reception of the President of the United States, on the occasion of his inauguration.

Mr. Mills, Mr. Van Buren, and Mr. Eaton, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Seymour submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That Robert Tweedy, George Hicks, and Simeon Bassett, assistants to the Sergeant-at-arms and Doorkeeper to 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 James Tims be allowed one dollar and fifty cents a day, for his attendance during the present session.

*Resolved*, That there be paid, out of the contingent fund, to Robert Tweedy, George Hicks, and Simeon Bassett, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars each, for extra services.

The said resolutions were read.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to establish the City of Hudson and the City of Troy, in the State of New York, Bowdoinham, in the State of Maine, and Fairport, in the State of Ohio, ports of delivery, and to abolish Topsham as a port of delivery;" and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of a section of land therein mentioned;" and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; 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 Moses Plumer;" and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; 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 more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported thereto; and the



amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended, it was reported to the Senate amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in,

On motion, by Mr. Dickerson, to strike out the third section as follows:

“*And be it further enacted, That if any offence shall be committed, in any of the places aforesaid, the punishment of which offence is not specially provided for by any law of the United States, such offence shall, upon a conviction in any Court of the United States having cognizance thereof, be liable to, and receive, the same punishment as the laws of the State in which such fort, dock-yard, navy-yard, arsenal, armory, or magazine, or other place ceded as aforesaid, is situated, provide for the like offence, when committed within the body of any county of such State:—*”

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ..... 7,  
Nays, ..... 30.

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. Brown,	Mr. Findlay,	Mr. Macon,
Chandler,	Lanman,	Ruggles.
Dickerson,		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. McLean,
Barton,	Hayne,	Mills,
Bell,	Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Noble,
Benton,	Jackson,	Parrott,
Branch,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Seymour,
Clayton,	Johnston, of <i>Lou.</i>	Smith,
Cobb,	Kelly,	Tazewell,
D'Wolf,	King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Thomas,
Eaton,	Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Van Buren,
Elliot,	Lowrie,	Williams.

And no farther amendment was proposed.

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

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ..... 31,  
Nays, ..... 6

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. Gaillard,	Mr. Lowrie,
Barton,	Hayne,	Mills,
Bell,	Holmes, <i>of Maine,</i>	Noble,
Benton,	Jackson,	Parrott,
Branch,	Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Seymour,
Clayton,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Smith,
Cobb,	Kelly,	Tazewell,
D'Wolf,	King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Thomas,
Eaton,	Lanman,	Van Buren,
Elliott,	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>	Williams.
Findlay,		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Ruggles,
Chandler,	Macon,	Talbot.

Mr. Lanman, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish certain Post Roads, and to abolish others," reported it with amendments, which were read.

Mr. Brown, from the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for the continuation of the Cumberland Road,'" reported it without amendment.

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

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives have passed the bills from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs or devisees of John Ferrell, deceased," and "An act respecting the adjournment of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia;" also, the "Resolution directing an inventory of the furniture in the President's House to be taken."

They have also passed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the suppression of piracy in the West Indies," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the last mentioned bill; and,

*Resolved,* That they concur therein.

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

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

the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and opening of a road from Detroit to Chicago in the state of Illinois," together with the amendments reported thereto; which were agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to provide an additional appropriation to complete the public road from Pensacola to St. Augustine, in the territory of Florida;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and opening of a public road from the St. Mary's river, to the Bay of Tampa, in the territory of Florida;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported, to the Senate; and,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and making a road from Little Rock to Cantonment Gibson, in the territory of Arkansas;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; 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 authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the completion of the entries, for the benefit of drawback after the period of twenty days;" and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate; 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 an additional appropriation for defraying the expenses of bringing to the seat of Government the votes for President and Vice President of the United States;" and no amendment having been proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate; 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 arming the militia of the District of Columbia;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the southern district of New-York;" together with the amendment reported thereto, which was agreed to, and the bill reported to the Senate amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Collector of the Customs for the District of Passamaquoddy to keep his office either at Eastport or Lubeck, and for other purposes;" together with the amendment reported thereto, which was agreed to, and the bill reported to the Senate amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to establish certain post roads, and to discontinue others," together with the amendments reported thereto, which were, in part, agreed to, and the bill having been further amended, it was reported to the Senate amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of interest due to the State of Virginia," and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass to a third reading?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 20  
Nays, . . . . . 7

On motion, by Mr. Branch,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Findlay,	Mr. McLean,
Barton,	Gaillard,	Parrott,
Benton,	Holmes, of <i>Maine</i> ,	Ruggles,
Brown,	Johnson, of <i>Ken.</i>	Tazewell,
Cobb,	Johnston, of <i>Lou.</i>	Van Buren,
Dickerson,	Kelly,	Williams.
Elliott,	Lowrie,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Branch,	Mr. King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Mr. Mills,
Chandler,	Macon,	Smith.
Hayne,		

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Gilbert C. Russell," and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Moses Shepherd;" and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow a sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or to exchange a stock of four and one half per cent. for a certain stock bearing an interest of six per cent." together with the amendment reported thereto, which was agreed to, and the bill reported to the Senate amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob A. Blackwell;" and, no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass a third reading.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,



It was agreed, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 1825.

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Resolved*, That a Committee for Enrolled bills be appointed, in place of Mr. Knight, absent.

Mr. Brown was appointed.

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That the select committee on Roads and Canals, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Daniel McDuffie, and John Owings.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*. That Catharine Black have leave to withdraw her petition, and that the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of all subjects which have not been reported upon by said committee.

On motion, by Mr. Ruggles,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from all petitions upon which they have not reported.

On motion, by Mr. Van Buren,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of all subjects referred to them, upon which no report has been made.

On motion, by Mr. Barton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from all subjects referred to them and not reported upon.

The President communicated the credentials of the Hon. Edward Lloyd, appointed a Senator of the United States by the Legislature of the state of Maryland, for the term of six years, from and after the 3d inst. which were read; and,

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

Mr. Noble communicated the following resolutions of the General



Assembly of Indiana, viz: Resolutions respecting the gradual emancipation of slaves, and colonization of people of color, within the United States.

A resolution of the same State, relative to certain post routes; and,  
A resolution of the said State, respecting Major John Allison.

The said resolutions were severally read.

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Johnston, of Louisiana, from the select committee, appointed on the 4th of January last, on several resolutions relative to the establishment of a permanent fund for the purpose of education and internal improvements, made a report in part, which was read; and,

On motion,

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

Mr. Bell, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Daniel T. Patterson, of the Navy of the United States;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Dale, of Alabama;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lemuel Wootten;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris," reported it without amendment,

Whereupon,

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

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act giving the consent of Congress to a certain act of the Legislative Council of Florida;" and the bill, entitled "An act discharging a judgment against the representatives of Elijah Wadsworth, deceased," reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Lloyd, of Maryland, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act further to

amend the Charter of the town of Alexandria;" and the bill, entitled "An act to exempt the President, Faculty, and Students of the Columbian College, and George Town College, and all other seminaries of learning in the District of Columbia, from the performance of militia duty within said District," reported them without amendment: he also reported the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia; and the "Resolution to provide for the care and preservation of the Capitol, and the public ground in the City of Washington," with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Dickerson, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John M. Moody, and Samuel Moody, and Elijah Bailey, and others;" the bill, entitled "An act making Castine a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from beyond the Cape of Good Hope;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Christian Jacob Burckle;" without amendment; he also reported the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of Light-houses, and Light-vessels, and Beacons and Monuments, therein mentioned; and for other purposes," with amendments, which were read.

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Levy Court of Calvert County, in Maryland, have leave to withdraw their petition and papers,

Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning Charles D. Brodie," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Rachel McClure," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Lanman, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jarvis Jackson," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ruggles, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the representatives of Frederick Goetz and Charles W. Westfall," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Noble, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was refer-

red the bill, entitled "An act granting a pension to James Barker," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lanman,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from all subjects referred to them, upon which no report has been made.

The resolutions to compensate the messengers to the Senate were read the second time.

Mr. Brown, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, "An act respecting the adjournment of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia;" "An act for the relief of the heirs or devisees of John Ferrell, deceased;" "An act to authorize the building of ten sloops of war, and for other purposes;" and, a "Resolution directing an inventory of the furniture of the President's House to be taken."

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the District Courts of the United States in the Western District of Virginia;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to alter the time of holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States, for the District of South Carolina;' and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden, and others;"

"An act for the relief of Joseph Forrest;"

“An act for the relief of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox;”

“An act for the relief of Thomas Hewes;”

“An act for the relief of Holden W. Prout, administrator on the estate of Joshua W. Prout, deceased;”

“An act for the relief of Stephen Thatcher;”

“An act for the relief of Jonathan Hudson, of Baltimore;”

“An act for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud;”

“An act for the relief of John S. Stiles;”

“An act for the relief of John McLure;”

“An act for the relief of the Companies of Mounted Rangers, commanded by Captains Boyle and McGirth;”

“An act for the relief of Thomas Taylor, junior.”

They have also passed the bills from the Senate, entitled “An act for the relief of Samuel Russell;” and the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Thomas R. Broome;” with an amendment to each; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the two last mentioned bills; and,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

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

Agreeably to order, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Printer or Printers for the ensuing two years, pursuant to the joint resolution of the 3d March, 1819; and,

Messrs. Gales and Seaton were elected.

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

The amendments to the bill, entitled “An act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes,” having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

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

The amendments to the bill, entitled “An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department,” having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.



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

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and opening of a road from Detroit to Chicago, in the state of Illinois," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third as amended,

*Resolved,* That this bill pass with amendments.

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

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

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

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

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Collector of the Customs for the District of Passamaquoddy to keep his Office either at Eastport or Lubeck, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

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

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

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow a sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or to exchange a stock of four and one half per cent, for a certain stock bearing an interest of six per cent," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

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

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

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to establish certain post roads and to discontinue others," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass with amendments.

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



The joint resolution from the House of Representatives, "authorizing the Public Documents, printed by order of Congress, to be furnished to the Gardiner Lyceum, in the state of Maine," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

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

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of unserviceable ordnance, arms, and military stores;"

The bill, entitled "An act to establish the City of Hudson and the City of Troy, in the State of New York, Bowdoinham, in the State of Maine, and Fairport, in the State of Ohio, ports of delivery; and, to abolish Topsham as a port of delivery;"

The bill, entitled "An act further to amend the act authorizing payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, passed 9th April, 1816;"

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the completion of entries for the benefit of drawback, after the period of twenty days;"

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of interest due to the State of Virginia;"

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of a section of land therein mentioned;"

The bill, entitled "An act to provide an additional appropriation to complete the public road from Pensacola to St. Augustine, in the territory of Florida;"

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and opening of a public road from the St. Mary's River to the Bay of Tampa, in the territory of Florida;"

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and making a road from Little Rock to Cantonment Gibson, in the territory of Arkansas;"

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob A. Blackwell;"

The bill, entitled "An act to change the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana;"

The bill, entitled "An act, to extend the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;"

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Moses Plumer;"

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Gilbert C. Russell;"

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Moses Shepherd;" and,

The bill, entitled "An act making an additional appropriation for defraying the expenses of bringing to the seat of Government the votes for President and Vice President of the United States;" were severally read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bills do pass.

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

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate, to the following bills, viz:

"An act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes;"

"An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department;"

"An act to establish certain post roads, and to discontinue others;"

"An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow a sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or to exchange a stock of four and one half per cent. for a certain stock bearing an interest of six per cent.;"

"An act fixing the place of holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York;" and,

"An act to authorize the surveying and opening of a road from Detroit to Chicago, in the State of Illinois;"

They have passed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Jonathan Hudson, of Baltimore;"

They have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the Military Service, for the year 1825;" with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

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

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

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

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

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

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn, it be to six o'clock this evening.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

*Six o'clock in the evening.*

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

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed the bills from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out from the western frontier of Missouri, to the confines of New Mexico;" and, "An act for the relief of John Johnson, of Indiana;" with an amendment to the latter, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives *disagree* to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Collector of the Customs for the District of Passamaquoddy to keep his office either at Eastport or Lubeck, and for other purposes." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment to the last mentioned bill; and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Johnson of Indiana;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

That the Senate *disagree* to said amendment,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, . . . . . 11,  
Nays, . . . . . 25.

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. Barton,	Mr. Lloyd, of <i>Mass.</i>	Mr. Taylor,
Chandler,	Lowrie,	Van Buren,
Clayton,	Macon,	Van Dyke.
D'Wolf,	Noble,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hayne,	Mr. Mills,
Bell,	Holmes, of <i>Me.</i>	Parrott,
Benton,	Johnson, of <i>Ky.</i>	Ruggles,
Cobb,	Johnston, of <i>Lou.</i>	Seymour,
Dickerson,	Kelly,	Smith,
Eaton,	King, of <i>Ala.</i>	Talbot,
Elliott,	Lanman,	Tazewell.
Findlay,	Lloyd, of <i>Md.</i>	Thomas.
Gaillard,		

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Resolved*, That the Senate *concur* in the said amendment.

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

Mr. Mills, from the select committee appointed yesterday to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the reception of the President of the United States on the occasion of his inauguration, reported, *in part*, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives, that the President elect of the United States will, on Friday next, at 12 o'clock, take the oath of office required by the Constitution, in the Chamber of the House of Representatives; and that he also inform the President elect that the Senate will be in session at that time.

The said resolution was read, considered, and agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, therein mentioned;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate;

On the question, "Shall this bill pass to a third reading?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, . . . . . 22,  
Nays, . . . . . 11.

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. Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i>	Mr. Noble,
Benton,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Smith,
Clayton,	Kelly,	Talbot,
Cobb,	King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Taylor,
Dickerson,	Lloyd, <i>of Md.</i>	Tazewell,
Findlay,	Lowrie,	Van Buren.
Gaillard,	Macon,	
Hayne,	Mills,	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Mr. Ruggles,
Bell,	Lanman,	Seymour,
Chandler,	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>	Van Dyke.
D'Wolf,	Parrott,	

So it was,

*Ordered*, That the said bill pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the transfer of a part of the appropriation of the last year, for compensation to the Members of Congress, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the two Houses; which was read.

Mr. Brown, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the following bills, viz:

"An act for the relief of Stephen Thatcher;"

"An act for the relief of Joseph Forrest;"

"An act for the relief of Holden W. Prout, administrator on the estate of Joshua W. Prout, deceased;"

"An act for the relief of Jonathan Hudson, of Baltimore;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas R. Broome;"

"An act for the relief of Samuel Russell;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas Hewes;"

"An act for the relief of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox;"

"An act for the relief of the Companies of Mounted Rangers, commanded by Captains Boyle and McGirth;"

"An act for the relief of John McLure;"

"An act for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas Taylor, Junior;"



“An act for the relief of John S. Stiles;” and,

“An act to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out from the western frontier of Missouri, to the confines of New Mexico.”

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled “An act confirming the act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled ‘An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company; and, an act of the State of Maryland, confirming the same;” together with the amendment reported thereto, which was rejected, and no further amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

A message from the 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 House of Representatives have passed a resolution “to suspend the eighteenth joint rule, so far as the same relates to bills and resolutions which this day shall have passed the two Houses of Congress,” in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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

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

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill directing a discrimination between importations by citizens of the United States, and those on foreign account; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed indefinitely.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elisha Snow, Jun.;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Herman Fisher;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Noble,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed indefinitely.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Malachi Burns;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Hambly; and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Averill;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edmund Doyle;" and,

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Lenox, and William

Maitland, G. B. Abeel, Gulian Ludlow, and Hector Scott," together with the amendment reported thereto, which was rejected; and no other amendment having been proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the benefit of Joseph Smith, of Alexandria;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Stephen, Arnold, David, and George Jenks, 2d.;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Mary Miller, administratrix of Amos Miller, deceased;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act amendatory of the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the civil Department of the United States, in the District of Columbia;'" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Townsend;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Baylies;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for arming the militia of the District of Columbia;" and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said amendment having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended by unanimous consent.

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

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Pemberton;" and no amendment having been proposed it was reported to the Senate; and,



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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the legal representatives of the Marquis de Maison Rouge, and those claiming under him, to institute a suit against the United States and for other purposes," and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

On motion,

That the said bill be *now* read the third time.

It was objected to, as against the rule.

Mr. Brown, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills, and resolution, viz:

"An act to authorize the surveying and making a road from Little Rock to Cantonment Gibson, in the Territory of Arkansas;"

"An act making further appropriations for the Military Service of the United States for the year 1825;"

"An act to establish certain Post Roads, and discontinue others;"

"An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris;"

"An act to authorize the surveying and opening of a road from Detroit to Chicago, in the State of Illinois;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States, for the District of South Carolina;'"

"An act to establish the City of Hudson and the City of Troy, in the State of New York, Bowdoinham, in the State of Maine, and Fairport, in the State of Ohio, ports of delivery; and to abolish Tops-ham as a port of delivery;"

"An act to change the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana;"

"An act to authorize the sale of unserviceable ordnance, arms, and military stores;"

"An act to extend the time for issuing and locating military land warrants, to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war;"

"An act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes;"

"An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow a



sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or to exchange a stock of four and one half per cent. for a certain stock bearing an interest of six per cent.;"

"An act for the relief of Gilbert C. Russell;"

"An act fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States, for the Southern District of New York;"

"An act for the relief of Jacob A. Blackwell;"

"An act to provide an additional appropriation to complete the public road from Pensacola to St. Augustine, in the Territory of Florida;"

"An act to authorize the laying out and opening of a public road from the St. Mary's river to the Bay of Tampa, in the Territory of Florida;"

"An act to alter the terms of the District Courts of the United States in the Western District of Virginia;"

"An act authorizing the payment of interest due to the State of Virginia;"

"An act for the relief of Moses Shepherd;"

"An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the completion of entries for the benefit of drawback after the period of twenty days;"

"An act further to amend the act authorizing payment for property lost, captured or destroyed by the enemy, while in the Military service of the United States, and for other purposes;" passed, 9th April, 1816;"

"An act making an additional appropriation for defraying the expenses of bringing to the Seat of Government, the votes for President and Vice President of the United States;"

"An act for the relief of Moses Plumer;"

"An act authorizing the sale of a section of land therein mentioned;"

"An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department;" and a

"Resolution authorizing the Public Documents printed by order of Congress, to be furnished to the Gardiner Lyceum, in the State of Maine."

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, and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the establishment of a Navy Yard and Depot, at or near Pensacola," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

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

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

*Resolved*, That they do concur therein.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Francis Wright, Son, and other heirs of Francis Wright, deceased," and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Colonel William Duane," and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing Noah Webster to import into the United States his work on Languages, at a rate of duty herein specified," and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

On motion, by Mr. Talbot,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole the bill, entitled "An act providing for the relinquishment of certain claims to lands sold by the United States in the state of Ohio," and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

On motion,

That it be now read the third time.

It was objected to as against the rule.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act confirming certain land claims and authorizing the legal representatives of De Bastrop, to institute a suit in certain cases against the United States and for other purposes;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joel Abbott, Jr.;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sarah Shillito;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Paul Chase;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Noel Soileau, deceased;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Yandes;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Priscilla Adams;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Decrits;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Walter Story Chandler;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Cooke;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Chandler,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed indefinitely.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William P. Yonge;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act granting certain rights to David Tate, Josiah Fletcher, and John Weatherford;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of David Gilmore;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Luther Chapin, of Ohio;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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



The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Little, administrator of Minor Reeves;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act granting a pension to James Barker;" together with the amendment reported thereto, which was agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in,

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said amendment having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended by unanimous consent.

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

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Craven P. Luckett and William Reynolds;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Crain;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Heck;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John M. Moody, and Samuel Moody, and Elijah Bailey and others;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Glen;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Love;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the representatives of George S. Wise, deceased;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,  
*Ordered*, That it be postponed indefinitely.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Otis Pendleton, Harris Pendleton, John F. Delaplaine, Elijah P. Delaplaine, and others;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Reuben Ewing, and others;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Porter and Tunstall Quarles;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the sureties of Joseph Crockett, of Kentucky, late acting supervisor of the old internal revenue and direct tax, and David Shriver;" and the same having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, 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 having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended by unanimous consent.

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

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making compensation to John Miller and Benjamin Wyman, for the examination of certain claims in West Florida;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation to satisfy certain balances due to the commissioners and secretaries of land claims in Florida;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the register or enrolment and license to be issued in the name of the President or Secretary of any incorporated company owning a steam boat or vessel;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

Mr. Brown, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled,

“An act authorizing the establishment of a Navy Yard and Depot on the Coast of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico;”

“An act to extend the time for the settlement of private land claims, in the territory of Florida; to provide for the preservation of the public archives in said territory; and for the relief of John Johnson, of Indiana;” and,

“An act for the arming the militia of the District of Columbia.”

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

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

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled “An act for arming the militia of the District of Columbia.” And he withdrew.

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

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled “An act to authorize the building of light houses and light vessels, and beacons and monuments, therein mentioned, and for other purposes;” together with the amendments reported thereto: Mr Mills in the chair; the said amendments were disagreed to, and no other amendment having been proposed, the bill was reported to Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of William Kellogg;” and,

On motion,

*Ordered,* That it be postponed indefinitely.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Michael McKewan;” and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and



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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

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

*Mr. President*; The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act granting a pension to James Barker." The House of Representatives have rejected the following bills from the Senate, viz:

"An act for the relief of the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia;"

"An act supplementary to 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels, to be employed in the fisheries and for regulating the same;"

"An act concerning the copper mines on the south side of Lake Superior." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act concerning wrecks on the Coast of Florida;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for the continuation of the Cumberland Road;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*. That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the resolutions to compensate the messengers to the Senate; and the same having been amended, were reported to the Senate.

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

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the "Resolution to provide for the care and preservation of the Capitol and the public ground in the City of Washington;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Macon,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the Charter of the Town of Alexandria;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act concerning Invalid Pensions;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Cobb,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act discharging a judgment against the representatives of Elijah Wadsworth, deceased;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Daniel T. Patterson, of the Navy of the United States;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lemuel Wootten;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jarvis Jackson;" and no amendment having been proposed it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to exempt the President, Faculty, and Students, of the Columbian College, Georgetown College, and all other Seminaries of Learning in the District of Columbia, from the service of Militia duty within said District;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

On motion,

That the said bill be *now* read the third time.

It was objected to, as against the rule.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Rachael McLure;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate;" and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the Charter of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

*Ordered*, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act concerning Charles D. Brodie;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Dale, of Alabama;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the representatives of Frederick Goetz and Charles W. Westfall;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Christian Jacob Burckle;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act giving the consent of Congress to a certain act of the Legislative Council of Florida;" and,

On motion,

*Ordered,* That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to make Castine a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from beyond the Cape of Good Hope;" and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the Senate; and,

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

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass.

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

Mr. Brown, from the committee, reported that they this day laid before the President of the United States the fifty-one enrolled bills and two enrolled resolutions last reported to have been examined and signed.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

It was agreed, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY MARCH 3, 1825.

Mr. Brown, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled

“An act for the relief of Captain Daniel T. Patterson of the Navy of the United States;”

“An act for the relief of George Love;”

“An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower;”

“An act for the relief of William P. Yonge;”

“An act for the relief of William Townsend;”

“An act for the relief of Elias Glen;”

“An act for the relief of Francis Wright, son, and other heirs of Francis Wright, deceased;”

“An act amendatory of the act, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Provident Association of clerks in the Civil Department of the Government of the United States, in the District of Columbia;’”

“An act for the relief of William Little, administrator of Minor Reeves;”

“An act for the relief of Samuel Dale of Alabama;”

“An act for the relief of John M. Moody and Samuel Moody and Elijah Bailey and others;”

“An act declaring the assent of Congress to An act of the General Assembly of Virginia therein mentioned;”

“An act for the relief of Paul Chase;”

“An act for the relief of John Crain;”

“An act for the relief of Malachi Burns;”

“An act for the relief of Mary Miller, administratrix of Amos Miller, deceased;”

“An act making appropriation to satisfy certain balances due to the commissioners and secretaries of land claims in Florida;”

“An act for the relief of Joseph Decrits;”

“An act for the relief of Reuben Ewing and others;”

“An act for the relief of Christian Jacob Burckle;”

“An act for the relief of Sarah Shillito;”



"An act for the relief of the Representatives of Frederick Goetz and Charles W. Westfall;"

"An act for the relief of Michael M. Kewan;"

"An act authorizing Noah Webster to import into the United States his work on languages at a rate of duty herein specified;"

"An act concerning wrecks on the coast of Florida;"

"An act to authorize the register or enrolment and license to be issued in the name of the President or Secretary of any incorporated company owning a steam boat or vessel;"

"An act for the relief of David Gilmore;"

"An act for the relief of Luther Chapin of Ohio;"

"An act for the relief of James Porter and Tunstall Quarles;"

"An act granting certain rights to David Tate, Josiah Fletcher, and John Weatherford;"

"An act for the relief of Lemuel Wootten;"

"An act for the relief of Elisha Snow Jr.;"

"An act for the relief of Peter Yandes;"

"An act discharging a judgment against the representatives of Elijah Wadsworth, deceased;"

"An act for the relief of Walter Story Chandler;"

"An act for the relief of the representatives of Noel Soileau, deceased;"

"An act for the relief of Stephen, Arnold, David, and George Jenks 2nd;"

"An act for the relief of Craven P. Luckett and William Reynolds;"

"An act for the relief of Otis Pendleton, Harris Pendleton, John F. Delaplaine, Elijah P. Delaplaine, and others;"

"An act for the relief of James Lenox, and William Maitland, G. B. Abeel, Gulian Ludlow; and Hector Scott;"

"An act for the relief of Colonel William Duane;"

"An act for the relief of Samuel Baylies;"

"An act concerning Charles D. Brodie;"

"An act confirming the act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled 'An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and An act of the state of Maryland confirming the same;"

"An act for the relief of William Pemberton;"

"An act granting a pension to James Barker and Zebulon Pike;"

"An act for the relief of Priscilla Adams;"

"An act for the relief of Joel Abbott, Jr.;"

“An act making an appropriation for the benefit of Joseph Smith of Alexandria;”

“An act to authorize the building of Light Houses and Light Vessels and Beacons and Monuments therein mentioned, and for other purposes;”

“An act to make Castine a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from beyond the Cape of Good Hope;”

“An act for the relief of Rachael M. Lure;”

“An act for the relief of John Heck;” and

“An act for the relief of Ebenezer Averill.”

The resolutions to compensate the messengers to the Senate having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were read the third time and passed as follows:

*Resolved*, That Robert Tweedy, George Hicks, and Simeon Bassett, assistants to the Sergeant-at-Arms and Doorkeeper to 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 James Tims be allowed one dollar and fifty cents a day for his attendance during the present session; and that Thomas Toms be allowed out of said fund one dollar a day during the present session.

*Resolved*. That there be paid out of the contingent fund to Robert Tweedy, George Hicks, and Simeon Bassett, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars each for extra services.

On motion, by Mr. Cobb,

*Ordered*, That the letter and documents received from the Treasurer of the United States on the 24th ultimo, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Cobb,

*Ordered*, That William and James Dixon have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

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

*Mr. President*, The Speaker of the House of Representative having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

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

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

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

*Mr. President:* the President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts, viz.

“An act to authorize the register or emolment and license to be issued in the name of the President or Secretary of any incorporated company owning a steam boat or vessel;”

“An act concerning wrecks on the coast of Florida;”

“An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, therein mentioned;”

“An act for the relief of Walter Story Chandler;”

“An act for the relief of Malachi Burns;”

“An act for the relief of Otis Pendleton, Harris Pendleton, John F. Delaplaine, Elijah P. Delaplaine, and others;”

“An act for the relief of Reuben Ewing and others;”

“An act for the relief of Ebenezer Averill;”

“An act for the relief of the representatives of Noel Soileau deceased;”

“An act for the relief of Samuel Baylies;”

“An act for the relief of David Gilmore;”

“An act for the relief of Craven P. Lockett and William Reynolds;”

“An act for arming the Militia of the District of Columbia;”

“An act concerning Charles D. Brodie;”

“An act for the relief Lemuel Wootten;”

“An act for the relief of William Little, administrator of Minor Reeves;”

“An act for the relief of Michael M'Kewan;”

“An act for the relief of Capt. Daniel T. Patterson, of the Navy of the United States;”

“An act for the relief of William Townsend;”

“An act for the relief of John M. Moody and Samuel Moody, and Elijah Bailey, and others;”

“An act granting certain rights to David Tate, Josiah Fletcher, and John Weatherford;”

“An act authorizing Noah Webster to import into the United States his work on languages at a rate of duty herein specified;”

“An act authorizing the subscription of stock in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company;”

“An act for the relief of Peter Burt;”

“An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year 1825;”

“An act for the continuation of the Cumberland Road;”

“An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow a sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or to exchange a stock of four and one half per cent, for a certain stock bearing an interest of six per cent;”

“An act for the relief of Moses Shepherd;”

“An act authorizing the payment of interest due to the State of Virginia;”

“An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department;”

“An act to establish the city of Hudson and the city of Troy in the state of New York, Bowdoinham in the state of Maine, and Fairport in the state of Ohio, ports of delivery; and to abolish Topsham as a port of delivery;”

“An act to provide an additional appropriation to complete the public road from Pensacola to St. Augustine, in the Territory of Florida;”

“An act making an additional appropriation for defraying the expenses of bringing to the seat of Government the votes for President and Vice President of the United States;”

“An act to authorize the laying out and opening of a public road from St. Marys river, to the Bay of Tampa, in the Territory of Florida;”

“An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris;”

“An act to amend an act, entitled ‘An act to alter the time of holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the district of South Carolina;’”

“An act for the relief of Gilbert C. Russell;”

“An act for the relief Jacob A. Blackwell;”

“An act to alter the terms of the District Court of the United States, in the Western District of Virginia;”

“An act to authorize the surveying and opening of a road from Detroit to Chicago, in the state of Illinois;”

“An act to authorize the surveying and making a road from Little Rock to Cantonment Gibson, in the Territory of Arkansas;”

“An act fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York;”

“An act to authorize the sale of unserviceable ordnance, arms, and military stores;”

“An act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain



crimes against the United States, and for other purposes;"

"An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the completion of entries, for the benefit of drawback, after the period of twenty days;"

"An act further to amend the act 'authorizing payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States,' and for other purposes;"

"An act to establish certain post roads, and to discontinue others;"

"An act for the relief of Moses Plumer;"

"An act to authorize the sale of a section of land, therein mentioned;"

"An act to extend the time of issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;"

"An act to change the time of holding the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of Louisiana;"

"An act making further appropriations for the Military Service, for the year 1825;"

"An act for the relief of John Crain;"

"An act for the relief of Elisha Snow, Jr."

"An act for the relief of Priscilla Adams;"

"An act for the relief of Joel Abbott, Jun.;"

"An act for the relief of Capt. Richard Hightower;"

"An act making an appropriation for the benefit of Joseph Smith of Alexandria;"

"An act amendatory of the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks, in the civil department of the Government of the United States, in the District of Columbia;"

"An act for the relief of Sarah Shillito;"

"An act for the relief of Stephen, Arnold, David, and George Jenks, second;"

"An act confirming the act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled 'An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company;' and an act of the state of Maryland confirming the same;"

"An act for the relief of James Lenox, and William Maitland, G. B. Abeel, Gulian Ludlow, and Hector Scott;"

"An act for the relief of the representatives of Frederick Goetz and Charles W. Westfall;"

"An act discharging a judgment against the representatives of Elijah Wadsworth, deceased;"

"An act for the relief of Paul Chase;"

"An act granting pensions to James Barker, and Zebulon Pike;"



“An act for the relief of Samuel Dale, of Alabama;”

“An act for the relief of James Porter and Tunstall Quarles;”

“An act to make Castine a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from beyond the Cape of Good Hope;”

“An act for the relief of William Pemberton;”

“An act for the relief of George Love;”

“An act for the relief of William P. Yonge;”

“An act for the relief of Christian Jacob Burckle;”

“An act to authorize the building of light houses, and light vessels, and beacons, and monuments, therein mentioned, and for other purposes;”

“An act for the relief of Peter Yandez;”

“An act for the relief of Francis Wright, son, and other heirs of Francis Wright, deceased;”

“An act for the relief of Luther Chapin, of Ohio;”

“An act for the relief of John Heck;”

“An act for the relief of Mary Miller, administratrix of Amos Miller, deceased;”

“An act for the relief of Joseph Decrits;”

“An act for the relief of Elias Glen;”

“An act for the relief of Rachael McLure;”

“An act making appropriation to satisfy certain balances due to the Commissioners and Secretaries of Land Claims in Florida;”

“An act for the relief of Col. William Duane;” and, also,

“A resolution authorizing the public documents printed by order of Congress to be furnished to the Gardiner Lyceum, in the State of Maine.”

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; and have appointed a committee on their part; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the last mentioned resolution; and, *Resolved*, That they concur therein.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Macon were appointed of the said committee on the part of the Senate.

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

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

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States this day approved and signed,

“An act to authorize the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out from the western frontier of Missouri to the confines of New Mexico;”

“An act for the relief of Samuel Russell;”

“An act for the relief of the companies of mounted Rangers, commanded by Captains Boyle and McGirth;”

“An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others;”

“An act for the relief of Joseph Forrest;”

“An act for the relief of Holden W. Prout, administrator on the estate of Joshua W. Prout, deceased;”

“An act for the relief of Thomas Taylor, Jr.;”

“An act for the relief of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox;”

“An act for the relief of John McLure;”

“An act for the relief of Thomas R. Broome;”

“An act for the relief of Stephen Thatcher;”

“An act for the relief of Thomas Hewes;”

“An act for the relief of Jonathan Hudson, of Baltimore;”

“An act for the relief of John S. Stiles;”

“An act for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud;”

“An act for the relief of Richard Cain and Isaac Baldwin, of Ohio;”

“An act to extend the time for the settlement of private land claims in the territory of Florida; to provide for the preservation of the public archives in said territory; and for the relief of John Johnson, of Indiana;”

“An act to authorize the establishment of a navy yard and depot on the Coast of Florida, in the Gulf of Mexico;”

“An act to authorize the building of ten sloops of war, and for other purposes;”

“An act for the relief of the heirs or devisees of John Ferrell, deceased;”

An act respecting the adjournment of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia;” and

“A resolution directing an inventory of the furniture in the President’s House to be taken.”

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

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives having completed

the business before it, is now ready, by an adjournment, to close the present session of Congress.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 6 o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

After the consideration of Executive business, Mr. Smith, from the joint committee, reported that they had waited on the President of the United States, and that he informed the committee that he had no further communications to make to the two Houses of Congress.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that the Senate, having finished the Legislative business before them, are about to adjourn.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to the Honorable John Gaillard, President of the Senate pro tempore, for the ability, impartiality, and integrity, he has evinced in discharging the arduous and important duties of his station.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned *sine die*.

## APPENDIX.

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Proceedings of a session specially called on

FRIDAY, MARCH 4th, 1825.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

To ——— Senator for the State of ———.

Certain matters touching the public good, requiring that the Senate of the United States should be convened on Friday the fourth day of March next, you are desired to attend at the Senate Chamber, in the City of Washington, on that day, then and there to receive and deliberate on such communications as shall be made to you.

JAMES MONROE.

WASHINGTON, 19th January, 1825.

In conformity with the summons from the President of the United States, above recited, the Senate assembled in their Chamber in the City of Washington.

PRESENT,

John C. Calhoun, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

From the State of NEW HAMPSHIRE,

The Honorable Samuel Bell.

From the State of MASSACHUSETTS,

The Honorable { James Lloyd,  
Elijah H. Mills.

From the State of RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,

The Honorable { James D'Wolf,  
Nehemiah R. Knight.

From the State of CONNECTICUT,

The Honorable { Henry W. Edwards,  
James Lanman.

From the State of VERMONT,

The Honorable { Dudley Chase,  
Horatio Seymour.

From the State of NEW YORK,

The Honorable Martin Van Buren.

From the State of NEW JERSEY,

The Honorable { Mahlon Dickerson,  
Joseph McIlvaine.

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From the State of PENNSYLVANIA,

The Honorable { William Findlay,  
William Marks.

From the State of DELAWARE,

The Honorable { Thomas Clayton,  
Nicholas Van Dyke.

From the State of MARYLAND,

The Honorable { Edward Lloyd,  
Samuel Smith.

From the State of VIRGINIA,

The Honorable { James Barbour,  
Littleton W. Tazewell.

From the State of NORTH CAROLINA,

The Honorable { John Branch,  
Nathaniel Macon.

From the State of SOUTH CAROLINA,

The Honorable { John Gaillard,  
Robert Y. Hayne.

From the State of GEORGIA,

The Honorable { Joseph Macpherson Berrien,  
Thomas W. Cobb.

From the State of KENTUCKY,

The Honorable { Richard M. Johnson,  
John Rowan.

From the State of TENNESSEE,

The Honorable { John H. Eaton,  
Andrew Jackson.

From the State of OHIO,

The Honorable { William Henry Harrison,  
Benjamin Ruggles.

From the State of LOUISIANA,

The Honorable { Dominique Bouligny,  
Josiah S. Johnston.

From the State of INDIANA,

The Honorable { William Hendricks,  
James Noble.

From the State of MISSISSIPPI,

The Honorable { David Holmes.  
Thomas H. Williams.

From the State of ILLINOIS,

The Honorable { Elias P. Kane,  
Jesse B. Thomas.

From the State of ALABAMA,

The Honorable William R. King.



From the State of MAINE,

The Honorable { John Chandler,  
                    { John Holmes.

From the State of MISSOURI,

The Honorable { David Barton,  
                    { Thomas H. Benton.

Mr. Jackson administered the oath of office to the Vice President, and he took the chair.

The oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Gaillard, Mr. Lloyd of Maryland, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Macon; their credentials having been read and filed during the last session.

The Honorable Dudley Chase, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Vermont; the Honorable John Macpherson Berrien, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Georgia; the Honorable John Rowan, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Kentucky; the Honorable William Henry Harrison, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Ohio; the Honorable William Hendricks, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Indiana; and the Honorable Elias P. Kane, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Illinois; respectively, for the term of six years, commencing this day, produced their credentials, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to them; and they took their seats in the Senate.

The President laid before the Senate a letter from the Honorable David Barton, communicating a letter addressed to him from the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the state of Missouri, informing him of his re-election as a Senator of the United States for the term of six years, commencing this day.

The letter was read; and,

On motion,

The oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Barton, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Benton submitted a letter addressed to the Hon. Josiah S. Johnston, by H. Johnson, whom he stated to be the Governor of Louisiana, informing him of his re-election as a Senator of the United States.

The letter was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Benton,

The oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Johnston, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The President laid before the Senate a letter from the Hon. James Lanman, enclosing the credentials of his appointment, by the Governor of Connecticut, as a Senator of the United States, "To take effect immediately after the third day of March, 1825. and to continue until the next meeting of the Legislature," and expressing his readiness to receive the usual qualifications.

The letter and credentials were read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Maine,

That Mr. Lanman, be admitted to take the oath required by the Constitution.

A debate ensued; and,

On motion,

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

The Vice President then addressed the Senate as follows:

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

I feel deeply the responsibility of the station, to which, as the presiding officer of this body, I have been called by the voice of my fellow-citizens.

To no other branch of the Government has the constitution assigned powers more various or important than to the Senate. Without intending to examine either their extent or character, I may be permitted to remark, that, while the other branches are confined, with few exceptions, to what may be considered their appropriate powers, to this body, only, is granted a participation in all the different powers of the Government—Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary.

In its Legislative character, it partakes, with the House of Representatives, in all of the powers vested in Congress, excepting that of originating revenue bills; in its Executive, it holds an important control over the powers of appointing to office and forming treaties; and, in its Judiciary, it constitutes the court before which all officers of the Government may be held accountable for an honest discharge of duty; while, from its peculiar character, as the Representative of the States, it is emphatically the guardian of their rights and sovereignty.

It must be apparent that, on a wise and virtuous exercise of these important powers, the success of our free and happy system of Government, in no small degree, depends. We, accordingly, find that the framers of our Constitution have bestowed the greatest attention on the organization of this body; and with such happy success, that it is as admirably adapted to the discharge of each of its various and

dissimilar functions, as if any particular one only, instead of all, had been the sole object of its creation. So fortunate, indeed, is its structure, in every respect, that even time, instead of impairing, has had the opposite effect, of remedying what might, at first, be considered the only defect in the body. At the formation of the Government, the members of the Senate were, probably, too few to attract the full confidence of the people, and thereby give to it that weight in the system which the Constitution intended. This defect has, however, been happily removed by an extraordinary growth. In the short space of thirty-six years, eleven new States have been added to the Union, and twice that number of Senators to the body; and before the termination of the next four years, the original number of States and Senators will be more than doubled.

I feel, gentlemen, that I owe an apology for touching on subjects which must be so familiar to this enlightened body, and also for adding, what must be known to all, that a successful discharge of the duties assigned by the Constitution to the Senate must depend, notwithstanding the skill of its organization, almost wholly on the patriotism and wisdom of the members. These high attributes, I however feel assured, from past and present experience, will never be wanting in the members of this body.

In fulfilling your important functions, something will depend on the skill and impartiality of the presiding officer. In regard to the former, I can promise nothing. I am without experience, which only can give the requisite skill in presiding, and feel that I must often throw myself on your indulgence. I shall, however, endeavour to compensate for the want of skill by the most rigid impartiality. In this office, I shall regard only the Senate and its duties, and I shall strive with a feeling of pride (in the station, I trust not reprehensible,) to preserve the high character already attained by the Senate for dignity and wisdom, and to elevate it, if possible, still higher in the public esteem.

The President of the United States, the Ex-President, and the Judges of the Supreme Court, having entered the Senate Chamber,

On motion,

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

The President of the United States, being attended by the Ex-President of the United States, the Vice President, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Senators, and the Marshals of the day, then proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, where he addressed the audience as follows:

“In compliance with an usage coeval with the existence of our Federal Constitution, and sanctioned by the example of my predecessors in the career upon which I am about to enter, I appear, my fellow citizens, in your presence, and in that of Heaven, to bind myself by the solemnities of religious obligation, to the faithful performance of the duties allotted to me in the station to which I have been called.

“In unfolding to my countrymen the principles by which I shall be governed, in the fulfilment of those duties, my first resort will be to that Constitution, which I shall swear, to the best of my ability, to preserve, protect, and defend. That revered instrument enumerates the powers, and prescribes the duties, of the Executive Magistrate; and, in its first words, declares the purposes to which these, and the whole action of the Government, instituted by it, should be invariably and sacredly devoted:—to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to the people of this Union, in their successive generations. Since the adoption of this social compact, one of these generations has passed away. It is the work of our forefathers. Administered by some of the most eminent men who contributed to its formation, through a most eventful period in the annals of the world, and through all the vicissitudes of peace and war, incidental to the condition of associated man, it has not disappointed the hopes and aspirations of those illustrious benefactors of their age and nation. It has promoted the lasting welfare of that country so dear to us all; it has, to an extent, far beyond the ordinary lot of humanity, secured the freedom and happiness of this people. We now receive it as a precious inheritance from those to whom we are indebted for its establishment, doubly bound by the examples which they have left us, and by the blessings which we have enjoyed, as the fruits of their labors, to transmit the same, unimpaired, to the succeeding generation.

“In the compass of thirty-six years since this great national covenant was instituted, a body of laws, enacted under its authority, and in conformity with its provisions, has unfolded its powers, and carried into practical operation its effective energies. Subordinate departments have distributed the Executive functions in their various relations to foreign affairs to the revenue and expenditures, and to the military force of the Union, by land and sea. A co-ordinate department of the Judiciary has expounded the Constitution and the laws; settling, in harmonious coincidence with the Legislative will, numer-



ous weighty questions of construction, which the imperfection of human language had rendered unavoidable. The year of Jubilee since the first formation of our Union, has just elapsed; that of the Declaration of our Independence, is at hand. The consummation of both was effected by this Constitution.

“Since that period, a population of four millions has multiplied to twelve; a territory bounded by the Mississippi, has been extended from sea to sea; new states have been admitted to the Union, in numbers nearly equal to those of the first Confederation; treaties of peace, amity, and commerce, have been concluded with the principal dominions of the earth; the people of other nations, inhabitants of regions acquired, not by conquest, but by compact, have been united with us in the participation of our rights and duties, of our burdens and blessings; the forest has fallen by the axe of our woodsmen; the soil has been made to teem by the tillage of our farmers; our commerce has whitened every ocean; the dominion of man over physical nature has been extended by the invention of our artists; Liberty and Law have marched hand in hand; all the purposes of human association have been accomplished as effectively, as under any other Government on the globe; and at a cost little exceeding, in a whole generation, the expenditure of other nations in a single year.

“Such is the unexaggerated picture of our condition, under a constitution founded upon the republican principle of equal rights. To admit that this picture has its shades, is but to say that it is still the condition of men upon earth. From evil, physical, moral, and political, it is not our claim to be exempt. We have suffered, sometimes by the visitation of Heaven, through disease; often, by the wrongs and injustice of other nations, even to the extremities of war; and, lastly, by dissensions among ourselves—dissensions, perhaps, inseparable from the enjoyment of freedom, but which have, more than once, appeared to threaten the dissolution of the Union, and, with it, the overthrow of all the enjoyments of our present lot, and all our earthly hopes of the future. The causes of these dissensions have been various: founded upon differences of speculation in the theory of Republican Government; upon conflicting views of policy, in our relations with foreign nations; upon jealousies of partial and sectional interests, aggravated by prejudices and prepossessions which strangers to each other are ever apt to entertain.

“It is a source of gratification and of encouragement to me, to observe that the great result of this experiment, upon the theory of hu-



man rights, has, at the close of that generation by which it was formed, been crowned with success, equal to the most sanguine expectations of its founders. Union, justice, tranquility, the common defence, the general welfare, and the blessings of liberty,—all have been promoted by the Government under which we have lived. Standing at this point of time; looking back to that generation which has gone by, and forward to that which is advancing, we may, at once, indulge in grateful exultation, and in cheering hope. From the experience of the past, we derive instructive lessons for the future. Of the two great political parties which have divided the opinions and feelings of our country, the candid and the just will now admit, that both have contributed splendid talents, spotless integrity, ardent patriotism, and disinterested sacrifices, to the formation and administration of this Government; and that both have required a liberal indulgence for a portion of human infirmity and error. The revolutionary wars of Europe, commencing precisely at the moment when the Government of the United States first went into operation under this Constitution, excited a collision of sentiments and of sympathies, which kindled all the passions, and embittered the conflict of parties, till the nation was involved in war, and the Union was shaken to its centre. This time of trial embraced a period of five and twenty years, during which, the policy of the Union, in its relations with Europe, constituted the principal basis of our political divisions, and the most arduous part of the action of our Federal Government. With the catastrophe in which the wars of the French Revolution terminated, and our own subsequent peace with Great Britain, this baneful weed of party strife was uprooted. From that time, no difference of principle, connected either with the theory of Government, or with our intercourse with foreign nations, has existed, or been called forth, in force sufficient to sustain a continued combination of parties, or to give more than wholesome animation to public sentiment, or legislative debate. Our political creed is without a dissenting voice that can be heard. That the will of the people is the source, and the happiness of the people the end, of all legitimate Government upon earth—That the best security for the beneficence, and the best guaranty against the abuse, of power, consists in the freedom, the purity, and the frequency of popular elections—That the General Government of the Union, and the separate governments of the States, are all sovereignties of limited powers; fellow servants of the same masters; uncontrolled within their respective spheres; uncontrollable by encroach-

ments upon each other—That the firmest security of peace is the preparation, during peace, of the defences of war—That a rigorous economy, and accountability of public expenditures, should guard against the aggravation, and alleviate, when possible, the burden, of taxation—That the military should be kept in strict subordination to the civil power—That the freedom of the press and of religious opinion should be inviolate—That the policy of our country is peace, and the ark of our salvation union, are articles of faith upon which we are all now agreed. If there have been those who doubted whether a confederated representative democracy were a government competent to the wise and orderly management of the common concerns of a mighty nation, those doubts have been dispelled. If there have been projects of partial confederacies to be erected upon the ruins of the Union, they have been scattered to the winds—If there have been dangerous attachments to one foreign nation and antipathies against another, they have been extinguished. Ten years of peace, at home and abroad, have assuaged the animosities of political contention, and blended into harmony the most discordant elements of public opinion. There still remains one effort of magnanimity, one sacrifice of prejudice and passion, to be made by the individuals throughout the nation, who have heretofore followed the standards of political party—It is that of discarding every remnant of rancor against each other; of embracing, as countrymen and friends, and of yielding to talents and virtue alone, that confidence which, in times of contention for principle, was bestowed only upon those who bore the badge of party communion.

“The collisions of party spirit, which originate in speculative opinions, or in different views of administrative policy, are, in their nature, transitory. Those which are founded on geographical divisions, adverse interests of soil, climate, and modes of domestic life, are more permanent, and therefore perhaps more dangerous. It is this which gives inestimable value to the character of our Government, at once federal and national. It holds out to us a perpetual admonition to preserve alike, and with equal anxiety, the rights of each individual State in its own government, and the rights of the whole nation in that of the Union. Whatsoever is of domestic concernment, unconnected with the other members of the Union, or with foreign lands, belongs exclusively to the administration of the State Governments. Whatsoever directly involves the rights and interests of the federative fraternity, or of Foreign Powers, is of the resort of this General Government. The duties of both are obvious in the general princi-

ple, though sometimes perplexed with difficulties in the detail. To respect the rights of the State Governments, is the inviolable duty of that of the Union; the Government of every state will feel its own obligation to respect and preserve the rights of the whole. The prejudices, every where too commonly entertained against distant strangers, are worn away, and the jealousies of jarring interests are allayed, by the composition and functions of the great National Councils, annually assembled from all quarters of the Union, at this place. Here the distinguished men from every section of our country, while meeting to deliberate upon the great interests of those by whom they are deputed, learn to estimate the talents, and do justice to the virtues of each other, The harmony of the nation is promoted, and the whole Union is knit together, by the sentiments of mutual respect, the habits of social intercourse, and the ties of personal friendship, formed between the Representatives of its several parts, in the performance of their service at this metropolis.

“Passing from this general review of the purposes and injunctions of the Federal Constitution, and their results, as indicating the first traces of the path of duty, in the discharge of my public trust, I turn to the administration of my immediate predecessor, as the second. It has passed away in a period of profound peace; how much to the satisfaction of our country, and to the honor of our country’s name, is known to you all. The great features of its policy, in general concurrence with the will of the Legislature, have been—To cherish peace while preparing for defensive war—To yield exact justice to other nations; and maintain the rights of our own—To cherish the principles of freedom and of equal rights, wherever they were proclaimed. To discharge, with all possible promptitude, the National Debt—To reduce, within the narrowest limits of efficiency, the military force—To improve the organization and discipline of the Army—To provide and sustain a school of military science—To extend equal protection to all the great interest of the Nation—To promote the civilization of the Indian Tribes—and to proceed in the great system of internal improvements, within the limits of the constitutional power of the Union. Under the pledge of these promises, made by that eminent citizen, at the time of his first induction to this office, in his career of eight years, the internal taxes have been repealed; sixty millions of the public debt have been discharged; provision has been made for the comfort and relief of the aged and indigent, among the surviving warriors of the Revolution; the regular armed force has been reduced, and its consti-

tution revised and perfected; the accountability for the expenditure of public moneys has been made more effective; the Floridas have been peaceably acquired, and our boundary has been extended to the Pacific Ocean; the independence of the southern nations of this hemisphere has been recognized and recommended by example and by counsel, to the potentates of Europe; progress has been made in the defence of the country, by fortifications, and the increase of the navy; towards the effectual suppression of the African traffic in slaves; in alluring the aboriginal hunters of our land to the cultivation of the soil and of the mind; in exploring the interior regions of the Union; and in preparing, by scientific researches and surveys, for the further application of our national resources to the internal improvement of our country.

“In this brief outline of the promise and performance of my immediate predecessor, the line of duty, for his successor, is clearly delineated. To pursue, to their consummation, those purposes of improvement in our common condition, instituted or recommended by him, will embrace the whole sphere of my obligations. To the topic of internal improvement, emphatically urged by him at his inauguration, I recur with peculiar satisfaction. It is that from which I am convinced that the unborn millions of our posterity, who are, in future ages, to people this continent, will derive their most fervent gratitude to the founders of the Union; that, in which the beneficent action of its Government will be most deeply felt and acknowledged. The magnificence and splendor of their public works are among the imperishable glories of the ancient Republics. The roads and aqueducts of Rome have been the admiration of all after ages, and have survived, thousands of years, after all her conquests have been swallowed up in despotism, or become the spoil of Barbarians. Some diversity of opinion has prevailed with regard to the powers of Congress for Legislation upon objects of this nature. The most respectful deference is due to doubts, originating in pure patriotism, and sustained by venerated authority. But nearly twenty years have passed since the construction of the first National Road was commenced. The authority for its construction was then unquestioned. To how many thousands of our countrymen has it proved a benefit! To what single individual has it ever proved an injury? Repeated liberal and candid discussions in the Legislature have conciliated the sentiments, and approximated the opinions of enlightened minds, upon the question of Constitutional power. I cannot but hope that, by the same process of friendly, patient, and persevering deliberation, all Constitutional objections will ultimately be



removed. The extent and limitation of the powers of the General Government, in relation to this transcendently important interest, will be settled and acknowledged, to the common satisfaction of all; and every speculative scruple will be solved by a practical public blessing.

"Fellow citizens, you are acquainted with the peculiar circumstances of the recent election, which have resulted in affording me the opportunity of addressing you, at this time. You have heard the exposition of the principles which will direct me in the fulfilment of the high and solemn trust imposed upon me in this station. Less possessed of your confidence, in advance, than any of my predecessors, I am deeply conscious of the prospect that I shall stand, more and oftener, in need of your indulgence. Intentions, upright and pure; a heart devoted to the welfare of our country, and the unceasing application of all the faculties allotted to me, to her service, are all the pledges that I can give, for the faithful performance of the arduous duties I am to undertake. To the guidance of the Legislative councils; to the assistance of the Executive and subordinate Departments; to the friendly co-operation of the respective State Governments; to the candid and liberal support of the people, so far as it may be deserved by honest industry and zeal, I shall look for whatever success may attend my public service: and knowing, that, except the Lord keep the City, the watchman waketh but in vain, with fervent supplications for his favor, to his overruling Providence I commit, with humble but fearless confidence, my own fate, and the future destinies of my country."

After which the Oath of Office was administered to the President of the United States, by the Chief Justice.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1825.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts,

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him, that the Senate is assembled and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them.

Mr. Lloyd, of Mass. and Mr. Macon, were appointed the committee.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in pursuance of a resolution of the Senate of the 13th December, 1815, sixty copies of the Naval Register, for the use of the Members; which was read.



The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of yesterday, "That Mr. Lanman be admitted to take the oath required by the Constitution;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Eaton,

*Ordered*, That the said motion, together with the credentials of Mr. Lanman, be referred to a select committee, to consist of three members to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eaton, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Tazewell, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Van Buren submitted the following motion for consideration.

*Resolved*, That the Hon. James Lanman have leave to be heard at the bar of the Senate, on the question as to his right to a seat therein, under an appointment made by the Executive of Connecticut.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, submitted the following motion for consideration; which was read:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to purchase fifty copies of the Journals of the old Congress, published by Way and Gideon, and that one copy be delivered each member of the Senate, and the residue be deposited in the Library of Congress; the same to be paid for out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1825.

Mr. Eaton, from the select committee to whom was referred, on the fifth inst. the motion "that Mr. Lanman be admitted to take the oath required by the Constitution," together with the credentials of Mr. Lanman, submitted the following report:

"That Mr. Lanman's term of service in the Senate expired on the 3d March. On the fourth, he presented to the Senate a certificate, regularly and properly authenticated, from Oliver Wolcott, Governor of the state of Connecticut, setting forth that the President of the United States had desired the Senate to convene on the fourth day of March, and had caused official notice of that fact to be communicated to him.

The certificate of appointment is dated the 8th of February, 1825, subsequent to the time of notification to him by the President. The certificate further recites that, at the time of its execution, the Legislature of the State was not in Session, and would not be until the month of May.

The committee have looked into the Journals of the Senate to discover if they could find any authority or decision by them on this question; and the following have been found recorded:

On the 27th day of April, 1797, William Cocke was appointed a Senator from that State by the Governor of Tennessee; his term of service having expired on the 3d of the preceding March, and on the 15th of May, took his seat, and was qualified.

On the 3d of March, 1801, the seat of Uriah Tracy became vacant, the time for which he had been elected having expired. On the 20th of February preceding the Governor of Connecticut re-appointed him a Senator, and, in pursuance thereof, he was qualified and took his seat.

Joseph Anderson, a Senator from Tennessee, was appointed by the Governor a member of the Senate on the 6th of February, 1809, and and on the fourth of March after took his seat: the period for which he had been elected having on the preceding day expired.

John Williams, of Tennessee, on the 20th of January 1817, was appointed a Senator in Congress, to take his seat on the fourth of March, when the term for which he had been elected would expire. Mr. Williams appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

In none of those cases does it appear that there was any objection made, or question raised, except in 1801, in the case of Mr. Tracy, when the vote was 13 for, and 10 against the right of the member to take his seat. Those are the only analogous cases the committee has been able to find.

By reference to the statute laws of Connecticut the committee find that in that State there is a law upon this subject which is in the following words: "Whenever any vacancy shall happen in the representation of this State, in the Senate of the United States, by the expiration of the term of service of a Senator, or by resignation or otherwise, the General Assembly, if then in session, shall, by a concurrent vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, proceed to to fill said vacancy by a new election; and in case such vacancy shall happen in the recess of the General Assembly, the Governor shall appoint some person to fill the same until the next meeting of the General Assembly."

The report was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 5th inst. that the Hon. James Lanman have leave to be heard at the bar of the Senate, on the question as to his right to a seat therein: and agreed thereto.

Mr Edwards submitted the following motion, which was read.

*Resolved*, That the Hon. James Lanman, appointed a Senator by the Governor of the state of Connecticut, be now admitted to the oath required by the Constitution: and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 18,  
Nays . . . . . 23.

The Yeas and Nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bell,	Mr. Harrison,	Mr. M'Ilvaine,
Bouligny,	Hendricks,	Mills,
Chase,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Noble,
Clayton,	Kane,	Rowan,
D'Wolf,	Knight,	Seymour,
Edwards,	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>	Thomas.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gaillard,	Mr. Marks,
Benton,	Hayne,	Ruggles,
Berrien,	Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Smith,
Branch,	Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i>	Tazewell,
Chandler,	Jackson,	Van Buren,
Dickerson,	King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Van Dyke,
Eaton,	Lloyd, <i>of Md.</i>	Williams.
Findlay,	Macon,	

## TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1825.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution for the purchase of fifty copies of the Journal of the old Congress, which was amended to read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to purchase sixty copies of the Journals of the Congress of the Confederation, published by Way and Gideon, one copy to be delivered to the Vice President, and to each member of the Senate, and one copy to each Senator whose term of service expired on the 3d of March instant, and who is not re-elected, and the residue to be deposited in the office of the Secretary, for the use of the Senate, and that the same be paid for out of the contingent fund of the Senate, provided the expense for each copy, bound and lettered, shall not exceed nine dollars:

And

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ..... 18,  
 { Nays, ..... 22.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Berrien,	Mr. Edwards,	Mr. McIlvaine,
Bouligny,	Gaillard,	Mills,
Branch,	Harrison,	Noble,
Chandler,	Holmes, <i>of Me.</i>	Ruggles,
Chase,	Knight,	Seymour,
D'Wolf,	Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i>	Van Buren.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hendricks,	Mr. Macon,
Bell,	Holmes, <i>of Miss.</i>	Marks,
Clayton,	Jackson,	Rowan,
Cobb,	Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i>	Smith,
Dickerson,	Kane,	Thomas,
Eaton,	King, <i>of Ala.</i>	Van Dyke,
Findlay,	Lloyd, <i>of Md.</i>	Williams.
Hayne,		

So the resolution was rejected.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1825.

The Vice President having retired from the chair,

On motion,

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. Van Dyke,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that the Senate have, in the absence of the Vice President, elected the Honorable John Gaillard, President of the Senate, pro tempore.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that, unless he may have any further communications to make to them, the Senate are ready to adjourn.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Macon were appointed the committee.

On motion,

The 25th rule, requiring one day's notice to be given of an intended motion to bring in a resolution to grant money out of the contingent fund, being unanimously dispensed with,



Mr. Seymour submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to allow and pay, out of the contingent fund, to Tobias Simpson, one hundred and twenty dollars for the use of a horse, furnished by him, in the performance of his duties as messenger.

The said resolution was read, and, by unanimous consent, considered as in committee of the whole, and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in, the resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent, and passed as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to allow, and pay out of the contingent fund, to Tobias Simpson, eighty-eight dollars for the use of a horse, furnished by him, in the performance of his duties as messenger.

Mr. Smith reported from the committee that they had waited on the President of the United States, who informed them he had no further communications to make to the Senate.

Whereupon,

The President adjourned the Senate *sine die*.





*Senators of the United States whose Seats will become vacant in*

1827.	1829.	1831.
<b>Mr. Benton,</b> Clayton, D'Wolf, Eaton, Edwards, Findlay, Holmes, <i>of Me.</i> Holmes, <i>of Mis.</i> McIlvaine, Mills, Noble, Ruggles, Seymour, Smith, Van Buren, Virginia, one vacancy.	<b>Mr. Bell,</b> Bouligny, Branch, Chandler, Cobb, Dickerson, Hayne, Jackson, Johnson, <i>of Ky.</i> King, Knight, Lloyd, <i>of Mass.</i> Tazewell, Thomas, Van Dyke, Williams.	<b>Mr. Barton,</b> Berrien, Chambers, Chase, Gaillard, Harrison, Hendricks, Johnston, <i>of Lou.</i> Kane, Lloyd, <i>of Md.</i> Macon, Marks, Rowan, New Hampshire, one vacancy. Connecticut, one do New York, do



## LIST OF ACTS

*Passed at the Second Session of the Eighteenth Congress.*

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- An act making a partial appropriation for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.
- An act concerning General Lafayette.
- An act to authorize the Legislature of the State of Ohio to sell and convey certain tracts of land granted to the said State for the use of the People thereof.
- An act authorizing repayment for lands erroneously sold by the United States.
- An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adopt a new Hydrometer, for ascertaining the proof of liquors.
- An act authorizing the issuing of letters patent to Adolphus G. Trott.
- An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the Territory of Michigan," and for other purposes.
- An act confirming certain claims to lands in the Western District of Louisiana.
- An act making compensation to persons appointed by the Electors, to deliver the votes for President and Vice President.
- An act to remit the duties on Books, Maps, and Charts, imported for the use of the Library of Congress.
- An act making appropriations for the Military Service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.
- An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.
- An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.
- An act making an appropriation for the purchase of Books and Furniture for the use of the Library of Congress.
- An act concerning Charles D. Brodie.
- An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post Office Department.

- An act for the relief of Samuel Russell.
- An act for the relief of Paul Chase.
- An act for the relief of Moses Shepherd.
- An act for the relief of William Little, administrator of Minor Reeves.
- An act making appropriation to satisfy certain balances due to the Commissioners and Secretaries of Land Claims in Florida.
- An act for the relief of Captain Daniel T. Patterson, of the Navy of the United States.
- An act for the relief of Priscilla Adams.
- An act for the relief of Thomas Hewes.
- An act granting certain rights to David Tate, Josiah Fletcher, and John Weatherford.
- An act for the relief of John S. Stiles.
- An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others.
- An act for the relief of William Townsend.
- An act for the relief of Elijah Snow, Jun.
- An act for the relief of Joseph Decrits.
- An act for the relief of Samuel Baylies.
- An act for the relief of Joel Abbott, Jun.
- An act for the relief of Samuel Dale, of Alabama.
- An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the completion of entries for the benefit of drawback after the period of twenty days.
- An act authorizing the subscription of stock in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company.
- An act to amend an act, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States, for the District of South Carolina."
- An act for the relief of the heirs or devisees of John Ferrell, deceased.
- An act for the relief of Mary Miller, administratrix of Amos Miller, deceased.
- An act for the relief of Thomas R. Broome.
- An act for the relief of Ebenezer Averill.
- An act for the relief of Elias Glen.
- An act to establish certain post roads and to discontinue others.
- An act to provide an additional appropriation to complete the public road from Pensacola to St. Augustine, in the Territory of Florida.
- An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, therein mentioned.



- An act making further appropriations for the Military Service for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.
- An act confirming the act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled "An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," and "An act of the state of Maryland, confirming the same."
- An act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.
- An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause a road to be marked out from the Western frontier of Missouri, to the confines of New Mexico.
- An act fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York.
- An act further to amend the act authorizing payment of property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, passed ninth April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.
- An act authorizing the sale of unserviceable ordnance, arms, and military stores.
- An act making an additional appropriation for defraying the expenses of bringing to the seat of Government the votes of President and Vice President of the United States.
- An act for the relief of Peter Yandes.
- An act for the relief of Craven P. Luckett and William Reynolds.
- An act for the relief of the representatives of Noel Soileau, deceased.
- An act for the arming the Militia of the District of Columbia.
- An act for the relief of Joseph Forrest.
- An act for the relief of Colonel William Duane.
- An act for the relief of William Pemberton.
- An act making an appropriation for the benefit of Joseph Smith, of Alexandria.
- An act authorizing Noah Webster to import into the United States his work on languages, at a rate of duty herein specified.
- An act to alter the terms of the District Court of the United States in the Western District of Virginia.
- An act to authorize the laying out and opening of a public road from St. Mary's river to the bay of Tampa, in the Territory of Florida.
- An act for the relief of Peter Burt.
- An act for the relief of Stephen Thatcher.
- An act respecting the adjournment of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia.
- An act for the relief of Sarah Shillito.

- An act for the relief of Lemuel Wootten.
- An act for the relief of Moses Plumer.
- An act for the relief of Francis Wright, son, and other heirs of Francis Wright, deceased.
- An act to change the time of holding the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana.
- An act to make Castine a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from beyond the Cape of Good Hope.
- An act to extend the time of issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army.
- An act to authorize the sale of a section of land therein mentioned.
- An act granting pensions to James Baker and Zebulon Pike.
- An act for the relief of David Gilmore.
- An act for the relief of Jacob A. Blackwell.
- An act for the relief of Malachi Burns.
- An act for the continuation of the Cumberland road.
- An act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes.
- An act for the relief of Stephen, Arnold, David, and George Hicks, second.
- An act for the relief of Walter Story Chandler.
- An act concerning wrecks on the coast of Florida.
- An act to authorize the surveying and opening of a road from Detroit to Chicago, in the State of Illinois.
- An act for the relief of Michael McKewan.
- An act for the relief of Reuben Ewing and others.
- An act for the relief of Rachael McClure.
- An act for the relief of William P. Yonge.
- An act for the relief of John Heck.
- An act for the relief of John Crain.
- An act for the relief of the representatives of Frederick Goetz and Charles W. Westfall.
- An act for the relief of the companies of Mounted Rangers, commanded by Captains Boyle and McGirth.
- An act for the relief of James Lenox, William Maitland, G. A. Abeel, Gulian Ludlow, and Hector Scott.
- An act for the relief of John M. Moody and Samuel Moody, and Elijah Bailey and others.
- An act for the relief of John McClure.
- An act for the relief of Captain Richard Hightower.
- An act for the relief of Gregory Ennis and William R. Maddox.

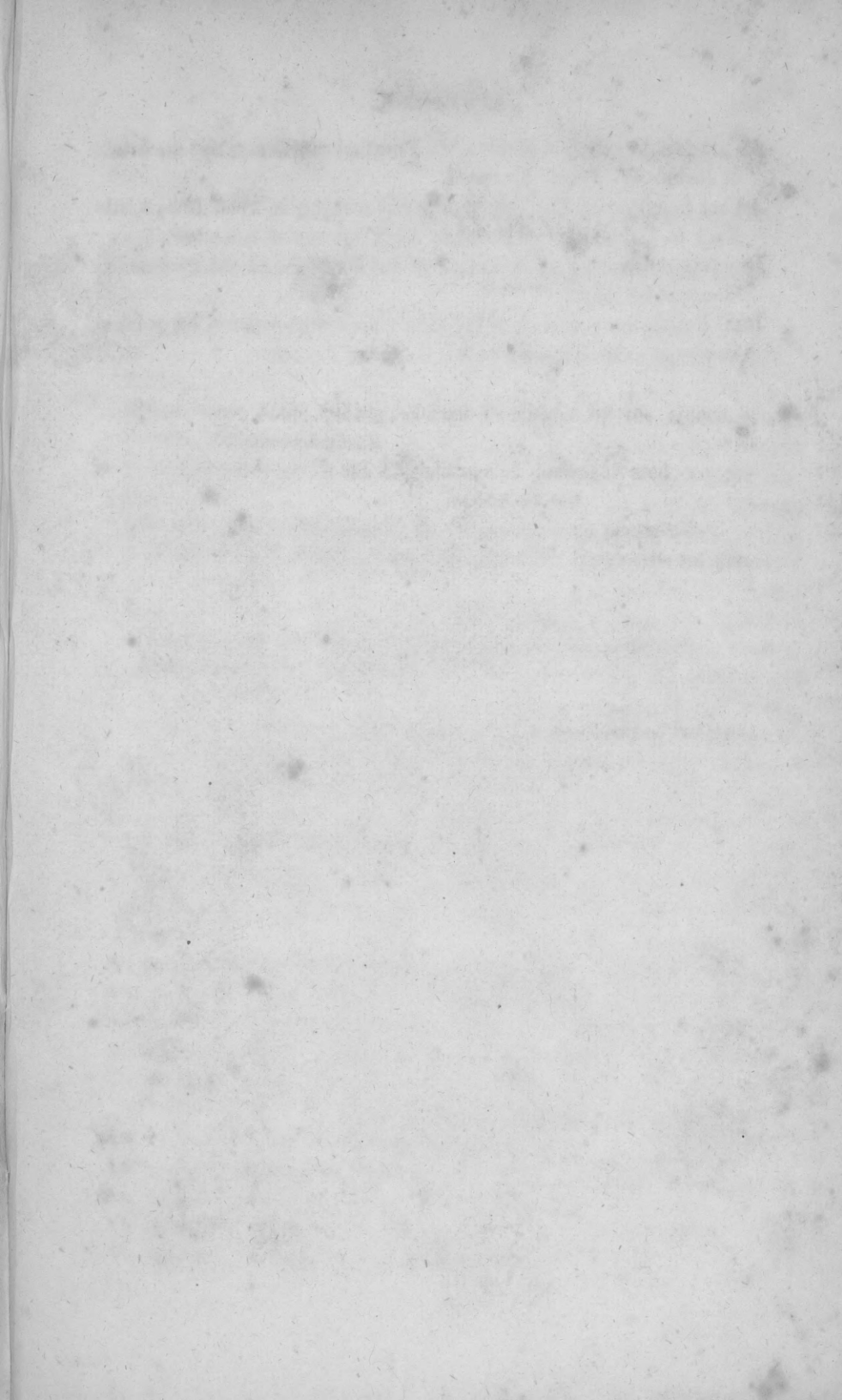
- An act to authorize the building of ten sloops of war, and for other purposes.
- An act authorizing the payment of interest due to the State of Virginia.
- An act for the relief of Jonathan Hudson, of Baltimore.
- An act discharging a judgment against the representatives of Elijah Wadsworth, deceased.
- An act for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud.
- An act for the relief of Otis Pendleton, Harris Pendleton, John F. Delaplaine, Elijah P. Delaplaine, and others.
- An act to extend the time for the settlement of private land claims in the Territory of Florida, to provide for the preservation of the public archives in said Territory, and for the relief of John Johnson.
- An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow a sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or to exchange a stock of four and one half per cent, for a certain stock, bearing an interest of six per cent.
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