

# KEOWEE COURIER.

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## Legislature of S. Carolina.

### SENATE.

TUESDAY, Dec. 11, 1849.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read. Mr. Moses, from the judiciary committee, made a report on the presentment of the Grand Jury of Lancaster district, and certain resolutions of inquiry, which were ordered for consideration to-morrow; also, a bill to divest the title of the State in the personal property of Daniel McGill, deceased, in Catharine McGill; and a bill to amend the act for the better regulation of slaves and persons of color: which were severally read and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

A message was received from the House proposing to Senate to go forth with into an election for Trustees of the South Carolina College; agreed to.

The reports of the Solicitors from the different circuits and districts were received and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Hanna, from the committee on military and pensions, made a report on the Butler Flying Artillery, and various other reports. Ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Witherspoon, from the committee on public buildings, made a report on the petition of William Ramsay, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Mazyck, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to alter, amend and reduce all acts into one act, regulating the hunting of deer in the parish of St. Andrews, which was ordered for further consideration to-morrow.

The Senate then proceeded to the Hall of the House to ballot for Trustees of the South Carolina College; and on returning to their chamber, the following additional reports were received:

Report of the committee on the Lunatic Asylum.

Report of the special committee on the petition of the Town Council of Columbia, to vest in them certain vacant lots in said town.

Report of the committee on finance and banks on the memorial of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad, accompanied by a bill to alter and amend the act for aiding and constructing said road; which was read and ordered to be printed.

The Senate then proceeded to the general order of the day.

Bill to protect the people of this State from incendiary publications, through the U. S. mails, and a resolution on the same subject; agreed to.

Report of the committee on the judiciary, on a petition of citizens in relation to the amendment of the Constitution, so as to change the name of the election district of Saxo Gotha, to that of Lexington; and a bill on the same subject; agreed to.

Report of the same committee on sundry presentments from the grand jury of Sumpter, fall term 1849; agreed to.

Unfavorable report on bill to increase the penalties for selling spirituous liquors to a slave; agreed to.

Bill to vest in Mary O'Neale the right and title of the State in and to the estate of John W. O'Neale; agreed to.

Favorable reports of the committee on claims and grievances, on the petition of Burrell Smith, agreed to.

Favorable report of the same committee on the account of W. W. Purse; agreed to.

Favorable report of the same committee on the claim of Campbell Cooper; agreed to.

Favorable report of the same committee, on the account of R. H. Spann, for blankets furnished the Edgefield jail; agreed to.

Favorable report of the same committee on the petition of W. R. Halford, jailer of Barnwell; agreed to.

Favorable report of the same committee on the petition of Eli Godbold, sheriff

of Marion, praying payment for guarding the jail of said district; agreed to.

Unfavorable report of the committee on the judiciary, on so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Sumpter, at spring term 1849, as relates to advertisement of sales by the sheriffs in the gazette of the district; agreed to.

Mr. Manning, from the committee on federal relations, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Wilmot Proviso, made a report recommending that the Governor be authorized to call together the Legislature in case any such measure, or kindred measure, be passed by Congress; ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Griffin, from the committee on incorporations and engrossed acts, reported a bill to incorporate the village of York; which received its first reading; ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. J. D. Johnston, and adopted.

Resolved, That the President of the Bank of the State be requested to present to the Senate the private reports of the indebtedness and liabilities of the officers and directors of the mother bank and its branches.

The Senate proceeded to the special order of the day which was the debate upon the bank question.

After Mr. M. had concluded his remarks, Mr. Hanna followed in opposition to the bill; and after addressing the Senate for some time.

On motion of Mr. Black, the debate was adjourned to to-morrow, and made the special order for 12 o'clock, M., Mr. Hanna holding the floor.

Before the adjournment of the debate, Mr. Manning offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the evidence of the information by the senator from Abbeville be laid on the table of the clerk for the information of senators; adopted.

The following resolution was offered by the same gentleman, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report upon the facts stated in the notes of the senator from Abbeville.

Mr. Porter, from the committee to count the votes for Trustees of the South Carolina College, reported the result of the election.

After the transaction of some other business the Senate adjourned.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the Senate, concurring in the message from the House yesterday, proposing to go forth with into an election of Trustees of the College. Laid on the table. Another message sent to the Senate for the same purpose, and a message returned from Senate concurring therein. Sundry bills and papers from the Senate were read and referred: among which were the following:

Report of committee on federal relations on losses sustained in the Florida war.

Report of same committee on that part of the message relative to the retrocession of Castle Pinckney.

Bill to incorporate the town of Chester.

Mr. Huger offered a resolution, requiring the bill and resolutions relative to the annexation of Charleston Neck to the city, to be forthwith printed and laid on the table.

The Senate and House then proceeded to ballot for Trustees of South Carolina College.

Bills from Senate were read and referred:

Bill apportioning representation of State;

Bill incorporating Spartanburg Railroad Company.

The House then proceeded to the special order of the day, when

Mr. A. W. Thompson concluded his remarks in opposition to the bill before the House.

Mr. Keitt next addressed the House, at some length on the same subject, in favor of the bill.

After some discussion, the debate, on motion of Mr. Yancey was adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. W. D. De Saussure from the committee on military, reported favorably on the petition of the Butler Flying Artillery, and reported a resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$1500, for the purchase of four field pieces, to be expended under the direction of the Governor.

Mr. Preston, from the committee on the Lunatic Asylum, reported favorably upon the management of that institution,

and recommended it to the fostering care of the Legislature.

Mr. Memminger from the committee of ways and means, and Mr. Ashmore from the committee on claims, made reports.

Mr. Simmons from the committee on education, made a report on the free school system.

Mr. Yancey from the committee on internal improvements, to whom was referred the memorial of James Gadsden and others to be allowed to construct a railroad tract from South Carolina Railroad to Charleston Harbor, reported a bill for that purpose.

Also, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill authorizing the construction of a plank road from Camden to the North Carolina line, recommend the bill do pass with some amendments.

Mr. Adams from the military committee made reports.

Mr. J. P. Reid offered a resolution appointing Alexander Evans agent of the State to execute titles on certain conditions, to some lots in Anderson district.

Mr. Carew offered a resolution requiring superintendent of Lunatic Asylum to lay before the House information on certain points.

Mr. McAlilly offered a resolution to make the bill and resolutions on the annexation of Charleston neck to the city, the special order of the day to-morrow evening at half past six o'clock.

The committee employed to count the votes for Trustees of South Carolina College, reported the result of the election.

A resolution was introduced requiring the Clerks of the Courts to subscribe for a copy of the Gazette published in their respective districts.

The House proceeded to the general orders, and shortly afterwards adjourned.

### SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read. Mr. Witherspoon presented a petition from sundry citizens of York; ordered for consideration to-morrow.

A bill to amend the act to prevent the obstruction of fish up Lynch's Creek received its first reading, and was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Moses offered a resolution directing the printer to publish, with the reports of 1849, the report of the Comptroller General for 1848; adopted.

The report of the solicitor of the Southern Circuit was laid before the Senate by the President, and by order of the Senate referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Black presented the account of P. M. Johnson, for binding, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Ashe presented to the Senate a memorial from the President of the Bank of the State, Mr. F. H. Elmore, in behalf of himself and the board of Directors, asking leave to be heard on the charge of the honorable Senator from Abbeville, Mr. Marshall, contained in his report to the Senate—said charges involving the integrity and conduct of the board. The memorialist prayed that Mr. Marshall reduce to writing, for the use of the Senate, said accusations; denied the truth of the statements made by him, and asked that the whole matter be referred to a special committee on the part of the Senate, with full powers to examine witnesses and call for any papers that may be necessary; and, further, that he might be heard before the bar of the Senate.

Mr. Marshall said, from what he had heard the evening previous, he expected such a memorial would come before Hon. Senators this morning. He denied the charge of secrecy set forth in the memorial; he said that he had access to the books of the bank through one of its officers; that he was responsible for his assertions and the reports drawn from an inspection of the books. He was ready at any moment to prove the truth of all his charges against the bank. He was willing that the memorialist should be heard; he was ready to confront them face to face, and desired the Senate to grant the prayer of the petitioner asking for a committee, &c. He hoped, however, the Senate would extend the same kindness to himself as well as to the bank; that he be allowed also to send for papers and books: He said he wanted office copies, records, and from the records he would be able to make out a worse case for the bank than he had done in his argument.

The debate was further participated in by Messrs. Moses, Porter, Gist, and others, after which the whole matter was committed to a special committee of three; consisting of Messrs. J. D. Wilson, R. F. W. Allston, and P. P. Palmer,

who were empowered to send for persons and papers.

The President laid before the Senate the annual statement of the indebtedness of the President and Directors to the mother bank; which was laid on the clerk's table for the inspection of the Senate.

Senate then proceeded to the special order, being the bank question.

Mr. Hanna having the floor, concluded his remarks yesterday.

Mr. Gist briefly addressed the Senate in defence of the report of the special joint committee of the last session on the Columbia Branch. In entering upon the investigation of the subject, as ordered by the Senate, his intention was to state the whole truth; and this he supposed he had done. True, there were some matters he had not embodied in his report, because he understood they were such as were not regarded proper to be made public.

Since, however, a challenge had come from a gentleman on the committee in the other House [Mr. Preston] he would do so now; feeling at liberty to follow a lead in this matter.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The 74th rule having been suspended on motion of Mr. J. B. Perry, sundry private petitions, memorials, &c., were presented.

Mr. J. P. Reid, from the committee on internal improvements, reported a bill to alter and amend the charter of the Keowee Company.

Mr. Pringle, from committee on incorporations, reported a bill to extend the corporate limits of the town of Winnsboro.

Mr. B. Y. Martin, from the committee on incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the bank of Newberry.

The committee on public buildings, recommended an appropriation of \$2000 for jail of Edgefield district.

Mr. Carew, on State House and ground reported favorably on sundry bills from the committee on claims.

Mr. J. H. Reed, from the committee on agriculture; to whom was referred that portion of the message relating to such matters, recommended that the Governor be requested to furnish a plan for an agricultural bureau.

Mr. Tupper having the floor on the special order of the day, addressed the House in opposition to the bill providing for the approaching expiration of the charter of the Bank of the State.

### From the South Carolinian.

#### STATE REPRESENTATION.

A bill to apportion the representation of the State of South Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That each and every of the Election Districts throughout this State, at the next and all future elections, until a new apportionment of the representation be made by a future Legislature, respectively elect the following number of Representatives, to wit:

Abbeville, five representatives; All Saints, one representative; Barnwell, four representatives; Chester, three representatives; Chesterfield, two representatives; Christ Church, one representative; Claremont, three representatives; Edgefield, six representatives; Fairfield, three representatives; Greenville, four representatives; Horry, (Parish of Kingstons,) one representative; Kershaw, two representatives; Lancaster, two representatives; Laurens, four representatives; Lexington, two representatives; Marion, three representatives; Marlborough, two representatives; Newberry, three representatives; Orange, two representatives; Pendleton, seven representatives; Prince Williams, two representatives; Prince George, (Winyaw,) three representatives; Richland, four representatives; Spartanburg, five representatives; St. Andrew's, one representative; St. Bartholomew's, three representatives; St. George, (Dorchester,) one representative; St. James, (Santee,) one representative; St. John's (Berkley,) one representative; St. John's, (Colleton) two representatives; St. Helena, one representative; St. Luke's, one representative; St. Matthew's, one representative; St. Paul's, one representative; St. Peter's, two representatives; St. Thomas and St. Dennis, one representative; Union, three representatives; Williamsburg, two representatives; York, four representatives; St. Philip's, and St. Michael's, eighteen representatives; St. Stephens, one representative.

NEVER DESPAIR.—Naomi, the daughter of Enoch, was five hundred and eighty years old when she married.

Extreme Caution.—The London correspondent of the National Intelligencer says:

"The apprehension of such an influx of gold from California and elsewhere as shall lead to a great depreciation in the value of that metal, has led the cautious government of Holland to avoid all risk of being left in the lurch with chests full of worthless gold. A law has been passed abolishing for all future time the use of gold coins in Holland. In future a Dutchman's faith is to be confined to silver and copper. Belgium has also caught the alarm; and the chamber of commerce at Antwerp has taken the preliminary step to avoid the ruinous consequences of a torrent of gold. King Leopold and his ministers have been petitioned not to coin any more twenty franc pieces, and to use the utmost caution in permitting any longer the circulation of gold coins, we suppose foreign as well as Belgian. Perhaps our Dutch and Belgian friends ought to place as little faith in silver as in gold; for it is said that the large (by some person termed) inexhaustible quantities of quicksilver discovered in California will double if not quadruple the production of silver in Mexico in two or three years. In what then are Holland and Belgium to find a metallic circulating medium secure against depreciation?"

A VIRGINIA DAWYER IN THE FIELD.—

John K. Coxson, a lawyer, tenders his professional services to the citizens of Jefferson county, Va., in a published card, of which the following is an extract:

"He will counsel on all matters touching the laws of God or man, taking no fees for the former, for its fruits of peace yield a sufficient reward; its summary is—love thy neighbor as thyself, and owe no man anything. By strict obedience to this first code, most likely you never will call on him for counsel on the second; but if you desire to leave the quiet waters of peace, and to tempt the troubled seas of discord and commotion, he will stand your pilot through hells of strife, and waft you so gently over yawning elements of hunger, ruin, howling to swallow wrecked estates that when you have once more set your foot on terra firma, like Moses and Aaron, you will rejoice over Korah, Nathan an Abiram, or like Miriam over the host of Pharaoh, that horses, chariots, and every thing pertaining unto them, except what the law allows them, are engulfed in the Red Sea."

### THE WISE EMBASSADOR.

We remember reading in an old French Magazine, accounts of an ambassador from the court of the emperor Charlemagne, to that of an eastern monarch. Dying one day in company with the barbarian king and the great men of the court, and not knowing the regulations and etiquette of the east, the ambassador, without dreaming of harm, moved with his hand a dish which had been placed near him on the table. Now the laws of the tyrant required that if any guest touched a dish that was brought forward, before the king himself was served, he should suffer the penalty of death. Consequently, all eyes were turned upon the ambassador of Charlemagne, and there was an immediate outcry against him; for the courtiers of the tyrant thot' to gain his favor by upholding him in his tyranny. The barbarian king feared to displease so great an emperor as Charlemagne, but he feared to transgress his own laws more, and told the ambassador that he must suffer death for what he had done.

"Great king," said the Frank, "I submit to my fate. The laws of so powerful a monarch should not be broken with impunity. I die without a murmur, but in the name of the great emperor whose humble servant I am, I beg of your majesty one favor before I die."

"Thou speakest well," replied the barbarian king. "It is not my will that thou shouldst suffer death, but since the laws require it, I give thee the promise of a king whose word is fate, that whatever thou askest shall be granted. I have spoken."

"Then I am satisfied!" replied the ambassador, proudly; and he glanced contemptuously at the obsequious courtiers: "All I ask is this! Give me the eyes of every man who saw me commit the crime against your majesty."

The tyrant seemed confounded, and his flatterers turned pale. For his word had gone forth. The Frank's request must be granted!

"It is well!" said the king. "Thy eyes shall be plucked out for thee."

But when it was asked who had seen the ambassador move the dish, every courtier was eager to deny that he had seen the act. The servants also exclaimed that they had not witnessed it, and