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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COLUMBIA, Tuesday, Nov. 25.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings being read, a numerous quantity of petitions were presented as follows, all praying permission to introduce negroes into this state, and were referred to the committee appointed yesterday on that subject.

Petitions were presented as follows, viz.—by Mr. Poinset, from the inhabitants of Sullivan's island, praying for an act of incorporation; referred to the Charleston delegation, with leave to report by bill or otherwise—by M. Kennedy, from Robert Luncheon, praying for interest on a certain debt due him by the state; referred to the committee of ways and means—by Mr. Huger, from John Fabian, collector of Colleton, praying to be reimbursed for certain expenses incurred by him; referred to the committee on claims—by Mr. S. Lee, from John Watkins, praying for a ferry on Savannah river; referred to the committee on roads—by the same, from Benjamin Finney, praying for a road; referred to the same committee—by Mr. Witherspoon, from the trustees of the Mount Zion Society, praying for incorporation, and for a lottery—by Mr. M'Iver, from the Female Benevolent Society, of Society Hill, praying for incorporation; both referred to the committee on incorporations.

Presentments were submitted by Mr. Nesbit, from the grand jury of Lancaster, for the spring term, 1817, relative to the holding of the courts, referred to the committee on the judiciary; also presentments for the fall term, 1817; the first part of which respecting the preservation of the public records, was referred to the committee on public buildings; and the second part, relative to the poor, to the committee on grievances.

A petition was presented by Mr. Mitchell, from the Georgetown Female Benevolent Society, for incorporation; referred to the committee on incorporations.

Mr. Mitchell gave notice that he would, on Wednesday next, ask leave to introduce a bill to alter and regulate prosecutions for libels and actions of slander.

On motion, ordered, that the petition of Wm. Smith, jun. presented on yesterday, and referred to the committee on inland navigation, be withdrawn from the said committee, and that the same be referred to the Charleston delegation.

Mr. T. Lee presented two petitions, counter to the last, one for Robert Eason, and one for James Brown, both referred to the Charleston delegation—he also presented a petition from the President of the State Bank, praying an amendment of their charter; referred to the committee on incorporations.

Petitions were presented—by Mr. T. Lee, from the Second Independent Congregational Church in Charleston, praying for incorporation; referred to the Charleston delegation—by the same, from Simon Theus, collector of the port of Charleston, praying that the clerks in the custom-house may be

exempt from serving on Juries, referred to the committee on the judiciary—by the same, from the free school, St. George, praying an amendment of their act of incorporation; referred to the committee on incorporations—by Mr. Doyley, from James H. Ancrum, praying that Rantole's bridge and causeway may be vested in him; referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Pinckney gave notice that he would ask leave, on Thursday next, to introduce a bill to regulate and secure the compensation of clerks of the courts of Common Pleas, and masters, registers and commissioners in equity.

Presentments were made by Mr. O'Neal, from the grand jury of Newberry, for March term, 1817, the two first paragraphs of which, respecting the sitting of courts, were referred to the committee on the judiciary; and the last, respecting the court-house, to the committee on public buildings, also for October term, 1817, the first paragraph of which, respecting penitentiary, was referred to the committee on penitentiary, second and third, respecting the sitting of the courts, to the committee on the judiciary.

Presentments were submitted by Mr. Noble, from the grand jury of Abbeville, for March term, 1817, the first paragraph of which, relating to penitentiary, was referred to the committee on that subject, and the second, recommending an extra session of the courts, to the committee on the judiciary; also presentments for October term, 1817, the two first paragraphs, relating to magistrates, and the crowded court dockets, were referred to the committee on the judiciary; the third, respecting the gaol, to the committee on public buildings; and the fourth, concerning pedlars, to the committee of ways and means.

A report was presented by Mr. Noble, from the committee appointed by the board of commissioners of South Carolina and Georgia, for improving the navigation of Savannah river; referred to the committee on inland navigation, and 150 copies thereof ordered to be printed.

A message No. 1, was received from his excellency the governor, by the secretary of state; 500 copies of which were ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the senate, informing that they had formed a quorum and proceeded to business.

Reports were submitted from the commissioners of free schools, as follows, viz.—by Mr. Bradford from Greenville—by Mr. Bull, from All Saints, for the year 1816 and 17—by Mr. Butler, from Edgefield—by Mr. O'Neal, from Newberry—by Mr. Robertson, from York district; and by Mr. Bell, from Lexington district; all referred to the committee on schools.

Petitions were presented—by Mr. A. Miller, from sundry inhabitants of Pendleton, praying for a road—by the same, from sundry other inhabitants of the said district, praying for a road; both referred to the committee on roads—by Mr. Crochet, from sundry inhabitants of Lancaster, praying for a road; referred to the committee on roads—by Mr. Mills, from George Gill, executor of the estate of A. Gill, deceased, praying relief for a tract of land taken by the Catawba company; referred to the committee on claims—by Mr. T. Carr, from John Waldow, praying for

legislative aid in the publication of certain books by him composed; referred to the committee on schools—by Mr. Robertson, from the citizens of York district, praying to have an educator appointed; Mr. Robertson also submitted a presentment from York district, on the same subject, both which were referred to Messrs. Robertson, Playcer, Bradley, Noble, and Carrison.

Mr. Speaker read from the chair, a letter addressed to him by the honorable Judge De Saussure, respecting a certain number of copies of his equity reports presented to the legislature; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Mills, submitted a report from the commissioners appointed to examine into the affairs of the Catawba company, 150 copies of which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bradley, submitted the presentment of the grand jury of Chester district, spring term, 1817, complaining of the frequent delinquencies of the Judges; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. T. Lee presented a memorial from the city council of Charleston, praying that they may be authorised to lay out and widen streets, lanes and alleys; fill up vacant lots and cellars, &c. for the purpose of promoting the health of the city of Charleston; referred to the Charleston delegation.

Mr. Farrow submitted a resolution, suggesting the propriety of establishing a female academy; ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Thomas Lee submitted a resolution, expressive of the regret of the house for the death of certain members thereof during the late recess; ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Petitions were presented—by Mr. Huger, from sundry inhabitants of Charleston and its vicinity, praying that the act of 1812, providing a remedy for Landlords and lessors against tenants holding over after the determination of their leases, may be amended; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion, ordered that Mr. T. Lee be added to the committee on penitentiary, and to the committee of ways and means—that Messrs. Daniel, Noble and O'Neal, be added to the committee on roads—that Mr. M'Iver be added to the military committee; and Mr. T. Carr, to the committee on the several petitions respecting the introduction of negroes into this state. Adjourned.

SENATE.

Tuesday, November 25.

There being a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum, the journal of the 28th of March last was read—when a message was sent to his excellency the governor, to inform him that the senate had formed a quorum, and were ready to receive any communication which he might think proper to make—also a message to the house of representatives, informing that the senate had formed a quorum, and were ready to proceed to business.

Isham Walker, Esq. returned a member for the election district of St. Bartholomews, in the place of the honorable James Rutledge, deceased, attended, was qualified and took his seat.

Reports of the commissioners of free schools were submitted as follows, viz—by Mr. Geddes, from St. Philip and St. Michael—and by Mr. Ravenel, from St. Johns, Berkeley; both referred to the committee on schools.

Various petitions were presented

and referred to respective committees.

A letter was read from the honorable Chancellor De Saussure, addressed to the president of the senate, with copies of the reports of cases decided in the courts of equity, 1st and 2d volumes, and offering for the acceptance of the legislature, sixty copies of the 3d and 4th volumes, when the same may have been completed; referred to Messrs. Felder, Geddes, Maner, Overstreet and Screven.

Petitions were presented, praying permission, under a variety of circumstances, to bring slaves into this state.

Presentments were submitted by Mr. Black, from the grand jury of Abbeville, the first of which, respecting the want of a penitentiary, was referred to the committee on that subject; and the 3d, respecting the accumulated docket of the courts of said district, to the committee on the judiciary.

A petition was presented by Mr. Black, from the commissioners for improving the navigation of Savannah river, praying an additional appropriation for that purpose; referred to Messrs. Huger, Black, Hon, Porcher and Benson.

A message was sent to the house of representatives, informing that the senate had appointed Messrs. Huger, Black, Hon, Porcher and Benson, a committee on the petition of the commissioners for improving the navigation of Savannah river, and requesting them to appoint a committee to join their committee for that purpose.

A message No. 1, was received from his excellency the governor, by the Secretary of state, transmitting resolutions of the legislatures of Connecticut, New Jersey, N. Carolina and Kentucky; 300 copies of which message, were ordered to be printed.

A report was submitted by Mr. Montgomery, from the commissioners of free schools for Lancaster, referred to the committee on schools.

Petitions were presented, praying permission, under various circumstances, to bring slaves into this state, and were all referred to the committee appointed on that subject.

Presentments were submitted by Mr. M'Creary, from the grand jury of Chester district, spring term, 1817; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Petitions were presented—by Mr. Black, from Robert H. Walker, and James Oliver, execs. of the estate of John Oliver, praying for a ferry on the Savannah river; referred to the committee on roads—by Mr. Cannon, from the Female Benevolent Society, of Society Hill, praying for an act of incorporation—by the same, from the Baptist church of Mechanickville, with the like prayer; both referred to the committee on incorporations.

A memorial was presented by Mr. Geddes, from the City Council of Charleston, praying permission to establish an insurance office against fire, and for other purposes, in aid of the city funds, under such regulations as the legislature may direct; referred to Messrs. Keith, P'Op, Alston, Washington, Black and Thomas.—Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, November 26.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings being read, a number of petitions were presented, and referred to their respective committees.