

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SKETCH OF DEBATE.

In the House of Representatives... Thursday, Dec. 14...

The Bill was read, put to vote, and the Speaker declared it had passed.

Col. HAYNE objected strongly to the course which gentlemen opposed to the Bill had thought proper to pursue.

If the present opportunity for improving the condition of our Militia is suffered to pass by, another never may offer.

In this stage of the business, Col. H. said, he did not intend to go into details to defend the principles of the Bill.

Perhaps, said Col. H. the bill has defects—One member may have objections to one clause, and another to another.

Mr. MERRILL said, as he was of the number that called for a division and invited a discussion that seemed to some to be irregular and unpleasant.

the patience of the house, but would very briefly state the objections he had to the principles of this bill.

Another and no inconsiderable objection which Mr. M. said he had to the bill, was the exclusion of the right of appeal.

Mr. GLASSCOCK said, he rose not to make converts to his opinions; but to defend the course he had felt it his duty to pursue.

But this bill, said Mr. G. did not pass at the second reading by a majority of the house.

Mr. G. had objections to the bill; from the tyranny which characterized it. The right of appeal is inherent in every citizen.

To give authority, said Mr. G., to the provisions of this Bill, we are told they have been emphatically recommended by his Excellency the Governor.

Mr. KENNEDY said the same latitude of liberty could not be permitted to each individual in conducting military affairs.

line, and that promptitude of action which would be so vitally important in military affairs.

The evils which we are told will result from promotion by seniority, said Mr. M.

But it is said this practice of rising seniority will foster ignorance and incertainty into elevated situations.

Mr. BLACK made some observations against the bill, but standing at a distance from the Reporter and the gallery.

[The bill passed by a considerable majority.]

SUMMARY

Of the Acts passed by the Legislature, at this session.

- 1. An Act for the organization of the Staff of this State, and for other purposes.
2. An act to prevent frivolous appeals.
3. An act to authorize creditors holding their debtors in execution, to discharge the impairing the binding efficacy of their judgments.
4. An act to alter and amend the Charter Bank.
5. An act to vest in the State, the land on sections are erected for the defence of

In closing this communication, I ought not to express a sensibility, in which you will unite, to the happy lot of our country, and to the goodness of a superintending Providence to which we are indebted for it.

JAMES MADISON.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

- 1. That so much of the Message of the President of the United States, as relates to Foreign Affairs, be referred to a select committee.
2. That so much of the Message of the President of the United States, as relates to the Militia, be referred to a select committee.
3. That so much of the Message of the President of the United States, as relates to our Naval Affairs, be referred to a select committee.
4. That so much of the Message of the President of the United States, as relates to a Uniform National Currency, be referred to a select committee.
5. That so much of the Message of the President of the United States, as relates to roads and canals, be referred to a select committee.
6. That so much of the Message of the President of the United States, as relates to a National Seminary of Learning, be referred to a select committee.
7. That so much of the Message of the President of the United States, as relates to the classification and organization of the Militia, be referred to a select committee.
8. That so much of the Message of the President of the United States, as relates to the alleviation of the burdens imposed by the necessities of the War, and the general subject of the Revenue, be referred to a select committee.
9. That so much of the Message of the President of the United States, as relates to Manufactures, be referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.
10. That the said committees have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

These resolutions having been reported by the committee to the house, were all concurred in.

Mr. WRIGHT, after some remarks, submitted a motion, that so much of the President's Message, as relates to an arrangement of the militia expenses, incurred by the several state governments, without the previous sanction or authority of the government of the United States, be referred to a select committee.

Mr. P. BARBOUR of Va. offered the following Resolution, which was however withdrawn on the suggestion, that the Committee of Ways and Means would have it in their power to act on the subject proposed, until the report of the Secretary of the Treasury should be received.

On motion of Mr. LATTIMORE, the memorial heretofore presented from the Mississippi territory, praying that measures may be authorized for the admission of said territory as a state into the Union, was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing the usual appointment of two Chaplains of different religious denominations, to interchange weekly between the two houses.

Washington, December 8.

A bill yesterday passed both Houses of Congress, the object of which is to remove the sitting of Congress to the new building, which has been voluntarily prepared by the citizens for their reception on Capitol Hill.

In the Senate, yesterday, sundry resolutions were laid on the table, by Mr. BIBB, for the appointment of committees on the President's message; and the Rev. Mr. GLENDY was chosen chaplain on the part of the Senate.