on the question to agree thereto, the yeas and nays were required, and are as follow, viz:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Allston, J. W.	Gregg, John	Nixon,
Aiken,	Grayson,	Pinckney, H. L.
Black,	Garrett,	Pope,
Brown, B. H.	Hibben,	Prioleau,
Brown, J. G.	Harleston,	Porter,
Bookter,	Keith,	Rouse,
Blocker,	Kennedy, L. H.	Raysor,
Cox,	Kennedy, F. L.	Robeson,
Craig,	Key,	Scott,
Campbell,	Lamb,	Smart,
Cuthbert, J. A.	Lawton,	Taylor, R. A.
Cuthbert, J.	Lowe,	Thomas,
Caldwell,	Legare,	Townsend,
Dunkin,	Lyde,	Vinyard,
Dugan,	Mathews,	Washington,
Dickson,	Mintzing,	Woodbery,
Ferguson,	M'Kelvy,	Ware.—63.
Furman,	Myrick,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

John B. O'Neall—Speaker.

Allston, B. G.	Eaves,	Reed,
Allen,	Glover.	Simpson,
Barkley,	Green,	Sally,
Blair,	Griffin,	Smith, T. J.
Bush,	Havis,	Smith, W.
Butler,	Hunter, A.	Speer,
Blasingame,	Hunter, J.	Stroble,
Branon,	Joyner,	Simons,
Barber,	Lang,	Salters
Caughman,	Lewis,	Taylor, B. F.
Counts,	Lyles,	Toomer,
Colvin,	M'Kee,	Vaughn,
Cobb, H.	M'Comb,	Williams, T. Jr.
Cobb, W.	Manning,	Williams, T. J.
Cain,	M'Gill,	Wilson, S.
Davis,	Pinckney, W. C.	Wilson, D. D.
Durant,	Patterson,	Walker, D.
Dodd,	Richardson,	Walker, T.
Erwin;	Roper,	Winterspoon.—61
Evins;	Rice,	

The question being decided in the negative, the report, which recommended the re-establishment of the office of professor, was disagreed to.

The house suspended the order of the day, to allow Mr. Dunkin, from the committee on internal improvement, to make the following reports, viz:

A report on the petition of John Moragnie:

A report on the petition of the commissioners of roads for Salem county, Sumter district.

A report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Chesterfield district:

A report on the petition of the citizens of Pendleton district:

A report on the petition of Reuben Flannagan: and

A report on a report of the commissioners for opening Wall's Cut; which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Read the first time, a bill from senate, entitled a bill to alter and amend a charter of the Protestant Episcopal society, for the advancement of christianity in South Carolina; ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr Kennedy, from the special committee to whom was referred the report of the quarter master general, by permission of the house, reported a bill to define the duties of the quarter master general, and for other purposes; which was read the first time; and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Kennedy, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of the quarter master general, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Davis, from the medical committee made an unfavorable report on the petition of Dr. Rhos Singleton.

The following reports were considered and agreed to, viz:

Favorable reports on the several petitions of Joseph D. Jenkins, Wm. Mayson, Dr. Samuel Farrow, J. J. Fort, Dr. Wm. Norris, and Wm. Trammer, and on the account of Adolph Beckman:

Unfavorable reports on the petition of the commissioners appointed to open the old Keowe road, and on the petition of Mathew Woods.

The house disagreed to a partially favorable report on the petition of Mason & Lyon.

The house agreed to favorable reports on the petition of Archibald M'Donald, and on the petition of Wm. S. Skinner, attorney of the duke of Argyle.

Read the third time, a bill to incorporate the society of the Cincinnatti; which was passed, title changed and sent to senate.

A bill to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries; and

A bill to provide for the election of tax collectors by the people, were severally ordered to be printed, and the latter referred to a special committee.

The following reports were ordered to lie on the table, viz:

A report of the committee on roads, on the petition of Sarah Stark.

A report on the petitions from Lexington and Newberry; and

A report on the petitions of the Columbia Bridge Company, and sundry inhabitants of the upper districts.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee of ways and means, made a report on a resolution to authorise the comptroller general to cancel the bond of John Deloche, as tax collector of Prince Williams parish, ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The committee on ways and means were discharged from the further consideration of a resolution in relation to the commissioners of the poor.

Mr. Kennedy submitted the following resolution which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That it be referred to the judiciary committee, to enquire into the expediency of more fully providing by law for the collection of the fees of sheriffs and clerks throughout the state, and that they report by bill or otherwise. Adjourned.

SENATE.

Saturday, December 4.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings being read Mr. Richardson presented the petition of Ann Boych praying payment of a claim against the state; referred to the committee on claims; also the petition of Jacob Hatzler, praying for a pension; referred to the committee on pensions.

Mr. President laid before the senate a communication from the Governor, covering the annual report of the commissioners of the Lunatic Asylum; referred to the committee on public buildings.

Petitions were presented as follows; by Mr. Pope, from the commissioners of free schools for St. Lukes parish, praying that their unexpended balance in the treasury be vested in the bank of the state of South-Carolina, and that the interest be paid to them for the support of poor schools in said parish; by Mr. Benson, from Robert Anderson and others, praying that the judgement against them may be satisfied; by Mr. Pope, from Michael J. O'Brien, praying to be refunded a double tax; all referred to the committee on finance; by Mr. Evans, from the Rev. James Rogers, member of the associate reformed society of Ebenezer in Fairfield, praying incorporation; referred to the committee on incorporations; by Mr. J. S. Deas, from sundry inhabitants of Kershaw, praying for a road from Peay's ferry; referred to the committee on roads.

Reports from the house of representatives, on several petitions of W. B. Skinner, Adolph Beckman, Joseph D. Jenkins, and Wm. Mayson, were concurred in, and ordered to be returned to that house.

A bill from the house of representatives, to incorporate the society of the Cincinnatti of South-Carolina, was read a third time and passed.

The house of representatives sent to senate, reports on the several petitions of Dr. Guignard, J. J. Faust, Samuel Farrow, the same, and Dr. W. Norris; all referred to Messrs. Ramsay, Evans, Clendinen, H. Deas and Hayne; also a report on the petition of Archibald M'Donald; referred to the committee on finance; and a report on the petition of Wm. Tremier; referred to the committee on public buildings.

Mr. Gillespie submitted a report from the commissioners of free schools for Chesterfield, for 1823 and 1824; referred to the committee on schools.

On motion of Mr. J. N. Davis, the petition from Chesterfield, for an appropriation to build bridges over Thompson and Juniper creeks, was withdrawn from the committee on roads; and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Ramsay submitted several resolutions, expressive of the sense of the legislature on the correspondence between the secretary of state, and the British minister, accompanying the governor's message No. 2, relating to the right of this state to prohibit the ingress of colored persons from other countries; and

On the resolutions of the legislature of Ohio, proposing the abolition of slavery in the United States, communicated to senate in the governor's message No. 3.

Which resolutions were ordered to be printed, referred to the committee of the whole; and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Miller, it was ordered, that the judiciary committee be discharged from considering the governor's message No. 2, and the documents accompanying it, and that it be referred to the committee of the whole, to whom was referred the resolutions on that and other subjects, submitted by Mr. Ramsay.

Mr. Ramsay from the committee on banks, submitted a report on the report from the house of representatives, on the report of the president and directors of the Bank.

Mr. Benbow from the committee on pensions made reports on the several petitions of Nancy Huggins, B. Carter, and Martha Kelly.

Mr. J. N. Davis from the committee on roads, made a report on a petition from Scape-Whore Swamp; a report on a petition from Claremont; a report on a petition from Columbia for a bridge; a report on the petitions of E. M'Gowen and Mrs. Sarah Stark, and a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Pendleton.

Mr. Murrall from the committee on public buildings, made a report on the presentments from Lancaster, and a report on the petition of A. H. Fort.

Mr. Miller, from the judiciary committee, made a report on the presentments from York, relating to the usury laws—a report on the presentments from Chesterfield—and a report on a resolution proposing enquiry as to the amendment of the fee bill.

All which reports were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Messages having been interchanged between the two houses for that purpose, they proceeded to the election of a senator in congress, when the hon. John Gaillard was re-elected.

A bill to vest in the trustees of the Cedar Spring Academy, in Spartanburgh district, and the trustees of the Edgefield Academy, the escheated property therein named; was read a third time, and ordered to be sent to the house of representives.

Mr. Simkins and Mr. Ramsay severally gave notice, that on the third reading of the said bill, they would move to add clauses, which they laid on the table.

A bill to require the sheriffs of each judicial district throughout the state, to reside within one mile of his court house, was taken up for a second reading—and on the question to agree to the first clause thereon, the ayes and noes were required and are as follows, viz:

YEAS—Hon. Jacob B. Pon, President

Boolbowy	Frampton,	Perry,
Bryant,	Haig,	Ramsay,
Campbell,	Irby,	Richardson,
Cattel,	Jerman,	Robinson,
Cherry,	Mauer,	Simkins
Clendinon,	Miller,	Tart,
H. Deas,	M'Kibbin,	Taylor
J. S. Deas,	Murrall,	Verdier.—27.
Fearwell,	Patterson,	

NAYS

Benson,	Gillespie,	James,
Black,	Glover,	Koger,
T. P. Davis,	Griffin,	Smith,—11.
Evans,	Huger,	

The clause was therefore agreed to.

The second clause in the said bill, the same recommended by the special committee, being under consideration, it was ordered that the said bill be laid on the table.

A bill, making certain words actionable in slander: A bill to amend the law in certain particulars: A bill to abolish the penalties against usury: And a bill to authorize the payment of grand jurors, and to increase and render exclusive the jurisdiction of magistrates in civil cases, committed to the judiciary committee;

A report recommending an appropriation to build a new jail in Horry—a report in favor of Jonathan Jones, and Hiel B. Redfield—and a favorable report on the petition of James M'Elwee; were severally agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the house of representatives.

A report from the house of representatives, on the petition of J. L. Varner, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to that house; as was, also, a report from that house, on the report of the commissioners of public buildings for Lexington.

Unfavorable reports on the several petitions of David Davis, Chapman Levy, J. H. Goodlett, and Henry Prince, were considered and agreed to.

A bill to alter and prolong the times for holding certain courts on the south eastern circuit, was taken up, and referred to the delegation in senate, from the election districts in that circuit.

A bill to exempt the sheriffs of the several districts therein named, from advertising the sales of any property by them to be made, in the public newspapers; was taken up, and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of A. Blanding, praying a charter for lighting the town of Columbia with gas; referred to the committee on incorporations.

Mr. T. P. Davis presented a petition from Winyaw lodge, No 40, praying for the execution of a title to certain public property, bought at a sale made under a resolution of the legislature.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Simkins introduced a bill to declare the assent of this state to a convention between this state, and the state of Georgia, for the purpose of improving the navigation of Savannah and Tugaloo rivers, which was read a first time, and ordered to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. M'Kibbin gave notice, that on Monday next, he would ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Elias Palmer, and for other purposes.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Saturday, December 4.

The House having met according to adjournment

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the Governor, as chairman of the board of commissioners for the Lunatic Asylum, covering a report of that board, and of estimates of the total cost of said Asylum; referred to the special committee on that subject, and ordered to be printed.

The following petitions were presented, viz:

Mr. Barber, the petition of John W. Blackman, praying compensation for services as crier at Lancaster court; and the petition of Samuel M. Douglass, praying for compensation for services as deputy sheriff at Lancaster court, for fall term, 1824; which were referred to the committee on accounts.

Mr. J. F. Scott, the petition of Michael J. O'Brien, praying remission of double tax; referred to the committee of ways and means; by Mr. Lyles the petition of the Rev. James Rogers and others, members of the associate reformed society of Ebenezer, Fairfield district, praying incorporation; referred to the committee on incorporation; by Mr. Blair, the petition of the citizens of Lancasterville, praying the appointment of commissioners to establish a boundray street for said village; referred to the delegation of Lancaster; the petition from the villages of said place, praying for an act of incorporation; referred to the committe on incorporation, and the petition of Wm. Briggs, praying permsnl for digging a well on the public square in Lancaster; referred to the committee on public buildings.

Mr. Lang presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Kershaw and Lancaster districts, for a road; referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Prioleau presented the memorial of the Winyaw and Wando company, praying relief; referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of Dr. E. A. Benjamin, praying compensation for attending a prisoner; referred to the medical committee.

Mr. Blocker submitted the following resolution which was agreed to, viz:

Whereas John Lark, late one of the members elect from Edgefield district, departed this life on the ——day of this inst. *Be it therefore resolved*, that the speaker do forthwith issue writs of election to the managers of elections for said district, to hold elections on the second Monday in January next, to fill said vacancy.

Mr. Craig presented the reports of the commissioners of free schools for Chesterfield district, for 1823 and 1824, referred to the committee on education

Mr. M'Comb presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Abbeville district, praying an increase of the number of justices of the peace and quorum, for said district; referred to the delegation of that district.

Mr. B. H. Brown submitted a resolution establishing various places of elections, appointing managers thereof, &c. and

A resolution giving leave to the citizens of the lower section of Barnwell district, to erect at their own expense, for their convenience, a Ware-house on the public land at Mathew's upper bluff, on Savannah river; which were agreed to, and ordered to the senate for concurrence.

The committee on internal improvement were discharged from the further consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Lancaster district; and the same was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Dunkin, from the committee on internal improvement, made a report on the petition of Geo. Coughman.

Mr. Taylor from the committee on public buildings, made a report on the petition of A. H. Fort: and

A report on the report of commissioners of fire proof offices of Charleston; which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday next,

Mr Hayne made also a report on the report of the commissioners of public buildings for Lancaster district, which was recommitted

Mr. Lang submitted a resolution establishing places of election, and appointing managers thereof in Kershaw district, which was adopted; and sent to senate for concurrence.

Mr. Speer, from the committee on claims, made reports on the several petitions of Joseph Baker, and Edward Hallinan, which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. James Gregg presented the petition of A Blanding, praying for a charter for lighting the town of Columbia with gas; referred to the committee on incorporations.

Mr. Davis from the medical committee made a report on the petition of Dr. Giles; ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. Prioleau from the judiciary committee made the following reports, viz:

A report on so much of the message of the Governor, as recommends the appointment of three distinguished jurists to reduce the common law into some tangible form.

A report on the petition of the trustees of the Black Swamp academy, praying the escheated property in St. Peters parish.

A report on the petition of Wyatt Hill to have his name altered to that of Ward: And

A report on the petition of Thomas Pringle, heir and executor of Jane M'Cants; which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. W. Smith from the delegation of York district, reported on a resolution appointing a Coroner for that district; ordered for consideration on Monday next.

The committee of ways and means were discharged from the consideration of the petition of John Burgess.

Mr. Lewis presented the petition of Robert Anderson and others, praying that satisfaction may be entered on judgment against them which has been paid; referred to the committee on ways and means.

The committee on Incorporations were discharged from the further consideration of so much of the petition of the citizens of Camden as prays an amendment of their charter; from a petition of the inhabitants of the same place praying permission to sell certain streets and squares, which were referred to the delegation of Kershaw; from a petition for an act to incorporate the Camden bridge company, which was referred to the committee on roads; and from a petition of the town council of Beaufort, which was referred to the military committee.

Mr. W. Smith from the special committee, reported a bill to suppress the immoral practices of those who reside and co-habit together, without being married, &c.

Mr. Prioleau from the judiciary committee, reported a bill to authorize certain persons therein described, to plead and practice as attornies and solicitors in the courts of law and equity in this state, ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. P. from the last named committee, also reported a bill to authorise the executors of Ann Scott, to comply with the direction of her will, &c. read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Caldwell gave notice, that on Monday next, he will ask leave to introduce a bill concerning the courts of equity of this state.

Mr. A. Hunter, from the delegation of Abbeville by permission reported a bill to authorise the erection of a poor house in said district, &c. read the first time, and ordered to a second reading on Monday next.

The Charleston delegation were discharged from the further consideration of the 1st. presentment of the grand jury of Charleston, district for January term, 1824; and from the memorial of the intendant and wardens of the city of Charleston, respecting a municipal guard.

Mr. Aiken, from the Charleston delegation, introduced by permission, a bill to permit a free person of color to return to this state, read the first time, and ordered to a second reading on Monday.

Mr. Dugan, from the delegation of Sumter, made a report on the petition of Robert Bradford; ordered for a second reading on Monday.

Mr. Rouse, from the committee on pensions, made reports on the several petitions of Margaret Henderson, Thomas Hopkins, Nathaniel Clark, James Hory, George Swilling, Thomas Hamilton, Francis Motherstead, Nancy Huggins, James Kirkpatrick and Jane Barr, John Brownlow, Ephraim Lyles, George Bell, Daniel Beaver and James Walker: and

Mr. Glover, from the committee on claims, made reports on the several petitions of Edward Jones, sundry inhabitants of Spartanburgh district, and of St. Mathews parish, Joshua S. Norman, J. B. Stanton, and T. Ware, and a resolution instituting an enquiry into the powers of commissioners of roads, which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday.

The committee on roads were discharged from the further consideration of two several petitions of sundry inhabitants of Greenville district, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of Marion district, and the same were referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. B. G. Allston presented the petition of the commissioners of free schools for St. Lukes parish, referred to the committee on education.

The house proceeded to the general orders of the day, when the following reports were considered and agreed to, and ordered to senate, viz:

Favorable reports on the presentments of the grand jury of Edgefield district, for spring term, 1824; on the petition of John Howard, and on the report of the commissioners of public buildings for Orangeburg district, and the presentment of the grand jury of the same district. Adjourned.

SENATE.

Monday, Dec. 6.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings being read, Mr. Holmes presented a petition from Robert Leckie, praying additional compensation for extra work done on York Court House; referred to the committee on public buildings.

Mr. Crafts, presented a memorial from sundry citizens of Charleston, praying an alteration in the time of holding the election for intendant and wardens in Charleston; referred to the joint committee, consisting of the delegation from St. Philips & St. Michaels.

On motion of Mr. Cattell, the military committee, were discharged from considering the report of the quarter-master general, on the sales of the arms at the Arsenal in May last, and the same was referred to the committee on accounts.

Mr. Crafts, from the committee appointed to make arrangements for the procession of the legislature, in attending the commencement of the South-Carolina College submitted a report, which having been considered, and agreed to, the Senate joined the house of Representatives in procession to the college chapel, and having witnessed the public exhibition of that institution, returned to their chamber.

Mr. Mauer, presented a petition from D. H. Beckner, praying to be remunerated expenses incurred by him in furnishing his office with the necessary furniture; referred to the committee on public buildings.

Mr. Benson submitted a report from the commissioners of roads for Greenville, on the situation of the state road; referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Ramsay, it was resolved, that the superintendent of public works, do furnish both chambers of the legislature, each committee room, and the library, with one copy of the map of the state.

Mr Griffin, from the committee on claims, made reports on the several petitions of Humphrey Holliday and William M'Mullen; and

Mr. Morrall from the committee on public buildings, made reports on the presentments from Kershaw and Edgefield; and a report on the statement of the keeper of the State house; all ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the committee on internal improvement, submitted a report on the annual report of the superintendent of public works, and sundry petitions from Colleton, Marion, Sumter, Williamsburg and Darlington districts; ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Clendinen presented a petition from Evans and Yeldell, praying that an extra tax, collected from them by mistake, be refunded; referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. Mauer presented a petition from the society for educating poor children in Beaufort district, praying legislative aid; referred to the committee on schools.

Mr. Cherry presented a petition from E. Browne, praying for the passage of a law to prevent perjury; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

A bill to vest in William Wilkie the bridge over Stone River, commonly called Rantoles Bridge, was read a second time, and ordered to be sent to the house of representatives. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, December 6.

The house having met according to adjournment,

Mr. Speers, from the committee on claims, made reports on the several petitions of Sarah Taylor, Tristram Bethea, Robert G. Barber, John H. Goodlett, John S. Moore, Elizabeth Gilmore, the Barnwell delegation, Humphrey Halladay, John Romanstine, John Baily, John Bird, Martin Hook, and Frederick Claus, which were respectively ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The committee on claims were discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Charleston riflemen, and the same was referred to the military committee.

Mr. Glover presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Lexington and Orangeburg, praying an appropriation for the improvement of north Edisto River; referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Porter presented the petition of Thomas P. Davies and others, in behalf of the Winyaw Lodge, No 40, respecting a lot of land; referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Dugan presented the petition of Hartevill Macon, chairman of the commissioners of roads for Claremont county, praying an appropriation to build a bridge; referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Caldwell, from the special committee to whom were referred the several petitions of the commissioners of the poor and sundry citizens of the district of Newberry, Edgefield, York, and St Bartholomews parish, and a bill to require the commissioners of the poor for Edgefield and Barnwell districts power to purchase land and build poor houses therein for the support and maintenance of the poor of said districts; made a report thereon, ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Richardson presented the petition of Col. Samuel Wharton, praying to be placed on the pension roll; referred to the committee on pensions.

Mr. Patterson presented the petition of George M. Frantham, praying to be refunded certain cost; referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of John Boyd, praying payment of his expenses incurred attending court as a state witness; and the petition of Washington Simpson praying payment of a reward for the discovery of the person who assisted Allen Williams and Thomas Reed in breaking Yorkjail; which were referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of Charlotte and Harriet Stallings, praying compensation for a slave executed; referred to the last named committee.

The senate concurred in, and returned to this house, a favorable report of the committee on claims, on the petition of Jacob Myers:

A resolution establishing two different places of election, and appointing managers for Orange parish: And

A resolution establishing an additional place of election in Spartanburg, and appointing managers for the same.

The Senate sent to this house for concurrence, a report of the committee on claims on the petition of Wm. D. Henry; referred to the committee on claims.

A report on the petition of Capt. Wm. Wright of York district; referred to the military committee.

A report of the committee on internal improvement, on the report of the commissioners appointed to open Wall's Cut.

A report of the committee on public buildings on the petition of Andrew Giles; and

A report of the same committee on the presentment of the grand jury for Spartanburgh district, fall term, 1824; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Read a third time a bill from the senate, entitled a bill to repeal the 40th section of an act, entitled an act, to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, passed the 20th Dec. 1823; which was passed, title changed, and returned to senate.

Read the first time a bill from senate, entitled, a bill to repeal an act, entitled, an act to provide for the accommodation of the court of common pleas and sessions in Charleston; and

A bill to repeal the first section of an act entitled an act to require the officers of each brigade of militia to assemble in brigade encampments, &c passed the 20th Dec. 1823; which were ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Craig submitted the following resolution which was agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the committee on public buildings be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for building a new court house in the district of Chesterfield.

Mr. John Gregg submitted a resolution for changing a place of election, and appointing managers therefor, in Marion district, which was adopted, and ordered to senate.

Mr. Caldwell from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of the commissioners of the poor for Winyaw, reported thereon; ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Ervin presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Darlington district, praying an appropriation for the navigation of Black creek; referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Davis from the medical committee, to whom was referred the petition of Dr. Benjamin, reported thereon; ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of B. H. Beckner, commissioner in equity for Beaufort district, praying payment for expenditure on his office; referred to the committee on public buildings.

Mr. Butler from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Shultz, relative to Hamburg, reported thereon; and the same was ordered for consideration to-morrow. Adjourned.

Extract of a letter from an officer on board the United States schooner *Porpoise*, to a friend of his in Washington, dated

Havana, October 15, 1824.

"We left Norfolk, Va. on the 10th of June, bound to the coast of Africa. Three or four days out, we spoke a brig 7 days from Havana. She said her crew were sickly, and that if we had a good physician on board, it was probable that the life of a valuable person might be saved; on which our Captain sent George Terrill on board. July 26, made the land ahead; at 8 A. M. made the island of St Jago, and at 2 P. M. came to, in the harbor of Port Praya, in 8 fathoms water. Remained there 3 days; during which time, watered the ship and received on board a quantity of fresh provisions. On the 28th, got under way for Sierra Leone; at daylight, August 2, spoke the British ship Bann; at sun-set, the weather being unsettled, came to for the night. Next morning at daylight got under weigh, and at 2 P. M. came to in St. George's Bay; remained four days; overhauled our rigging, and took in our water. On the 6th, got under way, and shaped our course for Cape Monteserado. On the 18th arrived off the Cape; saw a vessel getting under weigh, made all sail, and gave chase, fired several guns, came up to, and took possession of her, supposing her to be engaged in the slave trade; sent a prize crew on board, and were ship for Monteserado; next morning discharged said schooner, August 22, got under weigh to sea.

We suffered extremely from the rain as well as the heat. We had no sickness on board while on the coast, but very soon after leaving it one of the seamen and our Purser were taken very ill; the seamen recovered, but the Purser died. Soon after, we lost Midshipman Cutts, son of Mr. Cutts, secretary of the senate. Three other persons were extremely ill, but recovered.

September 15, arrived at St. Pierre's, in Martinique. September 18, arrived at St Thomas's, and October 13 arrived here."

CAPTURE OF PIRATES.

U. S. Schooner Porpoise,
Matanzas, 24th Oct. 1824.

Sir—I have the honor to inform you, that after leaving the convoy from Havana, I stretched in for this port, where I anchored on the evening of the 19th. On enquiry, I was informed, no pirates had been recently committed in this vicinity. I, however, determined to despatch the boats secretly from the harbor, and examine the adjacent bays and inlets. On the night of the 19th, I placed them under the command of Lieut. Hunter, and acting Lt. Johnson, with orders to examine about Point Yeacos, Sewappa Bay, and Cannimoa, places long notorious as a retreat for pirates. On the evening of the 22d, Lieut. Hunter returned with a piratical schooner of one carriage gun, one new American cutter, and two other boats; one having three men on board, he captured in Sewappa Bay; every appearance justified the suspicion of piracy. The persons informed Lieut. Hunter their vessel had been taken by armed men; the boat they were in given in exchange, with a promise of returning in a few days, and restoring their vessel. The next day, off Cannimoa, Lieut. Hunter discovered a suspicious schooner standing to sea, in chase of a vessel in sight—on his approach, the schooner tacked, and made for the shore, closely pursued by the boats. The crew abandoned the vessel, and fled to the wood, where they were sought for in vain. She proved to be a prize, mounting one gun and small arms. From the number of nautical instruments, trunks of clothing, rigging and sails, with three sets of American colors, found on board, she must have robbed several vessels; from stains of blood on the clothes and other articles on board, I fear the unfortunate persons to whom they belonged must have been murdered—no papers were discovered which could lead to the name of the vessel or vessels captured; several articles of clothing were marked "Capt. Shaw"—a number with the initials "A. S." A bag on board was lettered "Brig Morning Star's Letter Bag;" one waistcoat contained in the pocket a printed card, "Mrs. M. Lorie' Boarding House, Charleston, S. C." and appeared to have been newly printed. A medicine chest on board was put up in New York. I have delivered the prisoners to the Gov. of Matanzas, and shall furnish him with all the testimony in my power which can throw any light on their character. The schooner I sent out last night under command of acting Lieut. Browne, in hopes of decoying some of her former comrades. I sail with convoy to-morrow, and after joining the prize at sea, shall proceed to Thompson's Island for supplies, and return to the protection of commerce on this coast. I trust, sir, should the prize be sufficiently fortunate to meet with pirates, I shall have the pleasure to give a satisfactory account of them.

I do myself the honor to enclose the correspondence relative to the capture of the vessels and prisoners.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, Sir, your obedient servant, CH. W. SKINNER.

To the Hon. Samuel L. Southard,
Secretary of the Navy.