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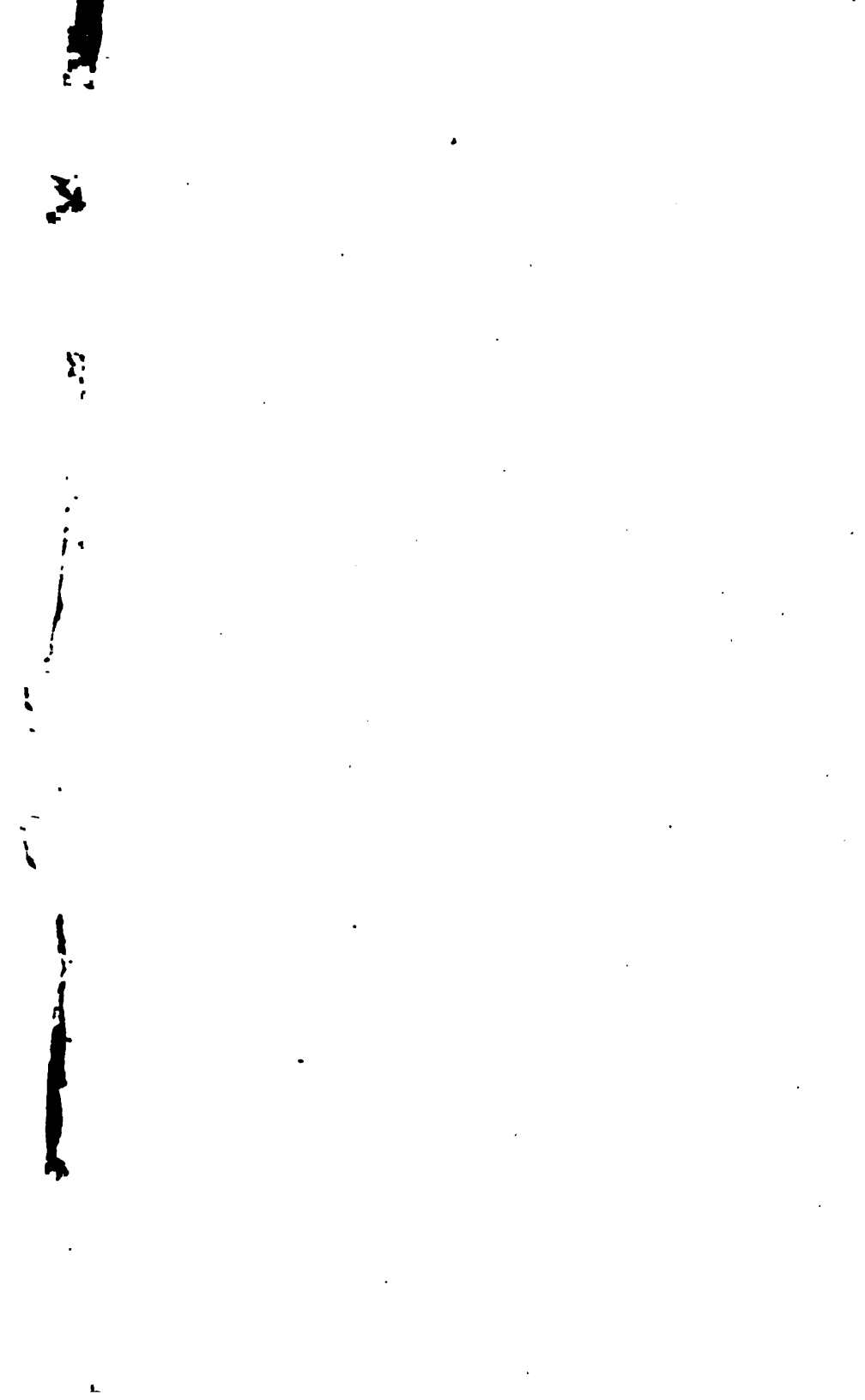
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Begun and held, at the Capitol, in the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1819, being the *First Session* of the SIXTEENTH CONGRESS, held under the Constitution of Government of the United States.

On which day, being that appointed by the Constitution of the United States for the meeting of Congress, the following Members of the House of Representatives appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats, to wit:

FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE,

Joseph Buffum, Jr.
Josiah Butler,
Clifton Clagett,
Arthur Livermore,
William Plumer, Jr.
Nathaniel Upham.



FROM MASSACHUSETTS,

Benjamin Adams,
Samuel C. Allen,
Joshua Cushman,
Edward Dowse,
Walter Folger, Jr.
Mark L. Hill,
John Holmes,
Jonas Kendall,
Martin Kinsley,
Samuel Lathrop,
Enoch Lincoln,
Jonathan Mason,
Marcus Morton,
Jeremiah Nelson,
James Parker,
Gabriel Sampson,
Henry Shaw,
Nathaniel Silsbee,
Ezekiel Whitman.

FROM RHODE ISLAND,

{ Samuel Eddy,
Nathaniel Hazard.

FROM CONNECTICUT,

{ Henry W. Edwards,
Samuel A. Foot,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Elisha Phelps,
John Russ,
James Stevens,
Gideon Tomlinson.

FROM VERMONT,

{ Samuel C. Crafts,
Orsamus C. Merrill,
Charles Rich,
Mark Richards,
William Strong.

FROM NEW YORK,

{ Nathaniel Allen,
Caleb Baker,
Walter Case,
Robert Clark,
Jacob H. De Witt,
John D. Dickinson,
John Fay,
William D. Ford,
Ezra C. Gross,
Aaron Hackley, Jr.
George Hall,
Joseph S. Lyman,
Henry Meigs,
Robert Monell,
Harmanus Peek,
Nathaniel Pitcher,
Jonathan Richmond,
Henry R. Storrs,
Randall A. Street,
James Strong,
John W. Taylor,
Caleb Tompkins,
Albert H. Tracy,
Solomon Van Rensselaer,
Peter H. Wendover,
Silas Wood.

FROM NEW JERSEY,

{ Ephraim Bateman,
Joseph Bloomfield,
John Linn,
Bernard Smith,
Henry Southard.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA,

Henry Baldwin,
 William Darlington,
 Samuel Edwards,
 Thomas Forrest,
 David Fullerton,
 Samuel Gross,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 Jacob Hibshman,
 Joseph Heister,
 Jacob Hostetter,
 William P. Maclay,
 David Marchand,
 Robert Moore,
 Samuel Moore,
 John Murray,
 Thomas Patterson,
 Thomas J. Rogers,
 John Sergeant,
 Christian Tarr,
 James Wallace.

FROM DELAWARE,

Louis M' Lane,

FROM MARYLAND,

Stevenson Archer,
 Thomas Culbreth,
 Joseph Kent,
 Peter Little,
 Raphael Neale,
 Samuel Ringgold,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry R. Warfield.

FROM VIRGINIA.

Mark Alexander,
 William Lee Ball,
 Philip P. Barbour,
 William A. Burwell,
 John Floyd,
 Robert S. Garnett,
 James Jones,
 William M' Coy,
 Charles F. Mercer,
 Hugh Nelson,
 Thomas Newton,
 Severn E. Parker,
 James Pindall,
 James Pleasants,
 Alexander Smyth,
 George F. Strother,
 George Tucker,
 John Tyler,
 Thomas Van Swearingen,
 Jared Williams.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA,	Hutchins G. Burton; John Culpepper; Charles Fisher, Thomas H. Hall, James S. Smith, Felix Walker, Lewis Williams.
FROM SOUTH CAROLINA,	Joseph Brevard, John M'Creary, James Overstreet, Charles Pinckney, Eldred Simkins, Sterling Tucker.
FROM GEORGIA,	Joel Abbot, Thomas W. Cobb, Joel Crawford, Robert R. Reid.
FROM KENTUCKY,	Richard C. Anderson, Jr. William Brown, Henry Clay, Alney M'Lean, Thomas Metcalfe, Tunstall Quarles, George Robertson, David Trimble, David Walker.
FROM TENNESSEE.	Robert Allen, Henry H. Bryan, Newton Cannon, John Cocke, Francis Jones, John Rhea.
FROM OHIO,	Philemon Beecher, Henry Brush, John W. Campbell, Samuel Herrick, Thomas R. Ross, John Sloan.
FROM INDIANA,	William Hendricks.
FROM MISSISSIPPI,	Christopher Rankin.
FROM ILLINOIS,	Daniel P. Cook.

A quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number of the members, being present.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Speaker, and, upon examining the ballots, it appeared that HENRY CLAY, one of the Representatives for the State of Kentucky, was duly elected;

Whereupon,

Mr. Clay was conducted to the Speaker's chair, and the oath to support the Constitution of the United, as prescribed by the act, entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths;" was administered to him by Mr. Newton, one of the members for the State of Virginia; after which he made his acknowledgment to the House in the following words:

Gentlemen: Again called, by your favorable opinion, to the distinguished station to which I have been frequently assigned by that of your predecessors, I owe to you the expression of my most respectful thanks; and I pray you to believe that I feel inexpressible gratitude, as well for the honor itself, as for the flattering manner in which it has been conferred. In our extensive confederacy, gentlemen, embracing such various and important relations, it must necessarily happen that each successive session of the House of Representatives will bring with it subjects of the greatest moment. During that which we are now about to open, we have every reason to anticipate that the matters which we shall be required to consider, and to decide, possess the highest degree of interest. To give effect to our deliberations; to enable us to command the respect of those who may witness or be affected by them; and, to entitle us to the affection and confidence of our constituents, the maintenance of order and decorum is absolutely necessary. Being quite sure that your own comfort, your sense of propriety, and the just estimate which you must make of the dignity which belongs to this House, will induce you to render to the chair your cordial co-operation; I proceed to discharge its duties with the sincere assurance of employing my best exertions to merit the choice which you have been pleased to make. And it will be to me the greatest happiness, if I should be so fortunate as to satisfy, in this respect, your expectations.

The oath, or affirmation, to support the Constitution of the United States, as prescribed by the act before mentioned, was then administered by the Speaker to all the other members above mentioned, except S. Smith, of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Clerk;

Whereupon,

Thomas Dougherty was unanimously appointed.

The same oath, together with the oath of office, prescribed by the said act, were also administered to the Clerk by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, that they have elected Henry Clay their Speaker, and are ready to proceed to business; and that the Clerk go with the said message.

John Scott also appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat as the delegate from the territory of Missouri; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, unanimously, That Thomas Dunn be appointed sergeant at arms, Thomas Claxton, door keeper, and Benjamin Burch, assistant door keeper, to the House; and that they severally give their attendance accordingly.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the rules and orders established by the late House of Representatives, be deemed and taken to be the rules and orders of proceeding to be observed in this House, until a revision or alteration of the same shall take place.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to furnish the members of this House with such newspapers as they may elect; the expense of each member not to exceed the price of three daily papers.

Mr. Anderson laid before the House a manuscript copy of the constitution adopted by the people of the Alabama territory; which was received and referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Pleasants, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and to 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. Nelson, of Virginia, and Mr. Storrs, were appointed of the said committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the daily hour to which this House shall stand adjourned, be 12 o'clock in the forenoon, until otherwise ordered.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 7th, 1819.

Several other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, George Denison; from Virginia, Ballard Smith, and from Georgia, William Terrill, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, as, also, to Samuel Smith, of Maryland, who appeared yesterday.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the order for the appointment of a joint committee, 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 communication he may be pleased to make to them, and have appointed a committee on their part. They have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee for Enrolled Bills, and have appointed Mr. Wilson of the said committee on their part. They have also passed a resolution for the appointment of two chaplains to Congress for the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly: in which resolution, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolutions were read, and severally concurred in by the House; and, Mr. Darlington, and Mr. Foot, were appointed of the committee for Enrolled Bills on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, from the joint committee appointed 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 communication he may be pleased to make to them; reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that he would make a communication to the two Houses of Congress to-day at 12 o'clock.

The following proposition of amendment to the standing rules and orders of the House was submitted by Mr. Little, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

That the 51st rule of this House be so amended, as that a distinct committee of *Manufactures* be appointed, as an additional standing committee.

A communication, in writing, was then received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, who delivered in the same at the Speaker's table, and withdrew.

The said communication was then read as follows:

**FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE SENATE,
AND OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

The public buildings being advanced to a stage that afford accommodation for Congress, I offer you my sincere congratulations on the recommencement of your duties in the Capitol.

In bringing to view the incidents most deserving attention, which have occurred since your last session, I regret to have to state, that several of our principal cities have suffered by sickness; that an unusual drought has prevailed in the middle and western states; and that a derangement has been felt in some of our moneyed institutions, which has proportionably affected their credit. I am happy, however, to have it in my power to assure you that the health of our cities is now completely restored; that the produce of the year, though less abundant than usual, will not only be amply

sufficient for home consumption, but afford a large surplus, for the supply of the wants of other nations; and that the derangement in the circulating paper medium, by being left to those remedies which its obvious causes suggested, and the good sense and virtue of our fellow-citizens supplied, has diminished.

Having informed Congress, on the 27th of February last, that a treaty of amity, settlement, and limits, had been concluded, in this city, between the United States and Spain, and ratified by the competent authorities of the former, full confidence was entertained that it would have been ratified by his Catholic Majesty, with equal promptitude, and a like earnest desire to terminate, on the conditions of that treaty, the differences which had so long existed between the two countries. Every view, which the subject admitted of, was thought to have justified this conclusion. Great losses had been sustained by citizens of the United States, from Spanish cruizers, more than twenty years before, which had not been redressed. These losses had been acknowledged and provided for by a treaty, as far back as the year 1802, which, although concluded at Madrid, was not then ratified by the government of Spain, nor since, until the last year, when it was suspended by the late treaty, a more satisfactory provision to both parties, as was presumed, having been made for them. Other differences had arisen, in this long interval, affecting their highest interests, which were likewise provided for, by this last treaty. The treaty itself was formed on great consideration, and a thorough knowledge of all circumstances, the subject matter of every article having been for years under discussion, and repeated references having been made, by the Minister of Spain, to his government, on the points respecting which the greatest difference of opinion prevailed. It was formed by a Minister duly authorized for the purpose, who had represented his government in the United States, and been employed, in this long protracted negotiation, several years; and who, it is not denied, kept strictly within the letter of his instructions. The faith of Spain was therefore pledged, under circumstances of peculiar force and solemnity, for its ratification.

On the part of the United States, this treaty was evidently acceded to in a spirit of conciliation and concession. The indemnity for injuries and losses, so long before sustained, and now again acknowledged and provided for, was to be paid by them, without becoming a charge on the treasury of Spain. For territory ceded by Spain, other territory of great value, to which our claim was believed to be well founded, was ceded by the United States, and in a quarter more interesting to her. This cession was, nevertheless, received as the means of indemnifying our citizens, in a considerable sum, the presumed amount of their losses. Other considerations, of great weight, urged the cession of this territory by Spain. It was surrounded by the territories of the United States, on every side, except on that of the ocean. Spain had lost her authority over it, and, falling into the hands of adventurers connected with the savages, it was made the means of unceasing annoyance and injury to our Union, in many of

its most essential interests. By this cession, then, Spain ceded a territory, in reality, of no value to her, and obtained concessions of the highest importance, by the settlement of long standing differences with the United States, affecting their respective claims and limits, and likewise relieved herself from the obligation of a treaty, relating to it, which she had failed to fulfil, and also from the responsibility incident to the most flagrant and pernicious abuses of her rights, where she could not support her authority.

It being known that the treaty was formed under these circumstances, not a doubt was entertained that his Catholic Majesty would have ratified it without delay. I regret to have to state, that this reasonable expectation has been disappointed; that the treaty was not ratified within the time stipulated, and has not since been ratified. As it is important that the nature and character of this unexpected occurrence should be distinctly understood, I think it my duty to communicate to you all the facts and circumstances, in my possession, relating to it.

Anxious to prevent all future disagreement with Spain, by giving the most prompt effect to the treaty, which had been thus concluded, and, particularly, by the establishment of a government in Florida, which should preserve order there, the minister of the United States, who had been recently appointed to his Catholic Majesty, and to whom the ratification, by his government, had been committed, to be exchanged for that of Spain, was instructed to transmit the latter to the Department of State, as soon as obtained, by a public ship, subjected to his order for the purpose. Unexpected delay occurring in the ratification, by Spain, he requested to be informed of the cause: It was stated, in reply, that the great importance of the subject, and a desire to obtain explanations on certain points, which were not specified, had produced the delay, and that an Envoy would be despatched to the United States, to obtain such explanations of this government. The Minister of the United States offered to give full explanation on any point on which it might be desired; which proposal was declined. Having communicated this result to the Department of State, in August last, he was instructed, notwithstanding the disappointment and surprise which it produced, to inform the government of Spain, that, if the treaty should be ratified, and transmitted here, at any time before the meeting of Congress, it would be received, and have the same effect as if it had been ratified in due time. This order was executed; the authorised communication was made to the government of Spain, and by its answer, which has just been received, we are officially made acquainted, for the first time, with the causes which have prevented the ratification of the treaty, by his Catholic Majesty. It is alleged by the Minister of Spain, that this government had attempted to alter one of the principal articles of the treaty, by a declaration, which the Minister of the United States had been ordered to present, when he should deliver the ratification by his government, in exchange for that of Spain, and of which he gave notice, explanatory of the sense in which that article

was understood. It is further alleged that this government had recently tolerated, or protected, an expedition from the United States, against the province of Texas. These two imputed acts are stated as the reasons which have induced his Catholic Majesty to withhold his ratification from the treaty, to obtain explanations, respecting which, it is repeated, that an envoy would be forthwith despatched to the United States. How far these allegations will justify the conduct of the government of Spain, will appear, on a view of the following facts, and the evidence which supports them.

It will be seen, by the documents transmitted herewith, that the declaration mentioned relates to a clause in the 8th article, concerning certain grants of land, recently made by his Catholic Majesty in Florida, which, it was understood, had conveyed all the lands, which, till then, had been ungranted. It was the intention of the parties to annul these latter grants, and that clause was drawn for that express purpose, and for none other. The date of these grants was unknown, but it was understood to be posterior to that inserted in the article: Indeed, it must be obvious to all, that, if that provision in the treaty had not the effect of annulling these grants, it would be altogether nugatory. Immediately after the treaty was concluded, and ratified by this government, an intimation was received that these grants were of anterior date to that fixed on by the treaty, and that they would not, of course, be affected by it. The mere possibility of such a case, so inconsistent with the intention of the parties, and the meaning of the article, induced this government to demand an explanation on the subject, which was immediately granted, and which corresponds with this statement. With respect to the other act alleged, that this government had tolerated, or protected, an expedition against Texas, it is utterly without foundation. Every discountenance has invariably been given to any such attempt from within the limits of the United States, as is fully evinced by the acts of the government, and the proceedings of the courts. There being cause, however, to apprehend, in the course of the last summer, that some adventurers entertained views of the kind suggested, the attention of the constituted authorities in that quarter was immediately drawn to them, and it is known that the project, whatever it might be, has utterly failed.

These facts will, it is presumed, satisfy every impartial mind, that the government of Spain had no justifiable cause for declining to ratify the treaty. A treaty concluded in conformity with instructions, is obligatory, in good faith, in all its stipulations, according to the true intent and meaning of the parties. Each party is bound to ratify it. If either could set it aside, without the consent of the other, there would be no longer any rules applicable to such transactions between nations. By this proceeding, the government of Spain has rendered to the United States a new and very serious injury. It has been stated, that a Minister would be sent, to ask certain explanations of this government. But, if such were desired, why were they not asked, within the time limited for the ratification? Is it

contemplated to open a new negotiation respecting any of the articles or conditions of the treaty? If that were done, to what consequences might it not lead? At what time, and in what manner, would a new negotiation terminate? By this proceeding, Spain has formed a relation between the two countries which will justify any measures on the part of the United States, which a strong sense of injury, and a proper regard for the rights and interests of the nation may dictate. In the course to be pursued, these objects should be constantly held in view, and have their due weight. Our national honor must be maintained, and a new and a distinguished proof be afforded of that regard for justice and moderation, which has invariably governed the councils of this free people. It must be obvious to all, that, if the United States had been desirous of making conquests, or had been even willing to aggrandize themselves in that way, they could have had no inducement to form this treaty. They would have much cause for gratulation, at the course which has been pursued by Spain. An ample field for ambition is opened before them. But such a career is not consistent with the principles of their government, nor the interests of the nation.

From a full view of all circumstances, it is submitted to the consideration of Congress, whether it will not be proper for the United States to carry the conditions of the treaty into effect, in the same manner as if it had been ratified by Spain; claiming, on their part, all its advantages, and yielding to Spain those secured to her. By pursuing this course, we shall rest on the sacred ground of right, sanctioned, in the most solemn manner, by Spain herself, by a treaty which she was bound to ratify, for refusing to do which she must incur the censure of other nations, even those most friendly to her; while, by confining ourselves within that limit, we cannot fail to obtain their well merited approbation. We must have peace on a frontier where we have been so long disturbed, our citizens must be indemnified for losses so long since sustained, and for which indemnity has been so unjustly withheld from them. Accomplishing these great objects, we obtain all that is desirable.

But his Catholic Majesty has twice declared his determination to send a minister to the United States, to ask explanations on certain points, and to give them respecting his delay to ratify the treaty. Shall we act, by taking the ceded territory, and proceeding to execute the other conditions of the treaty, before this minister arrives and is heard? This is a case which forms a strong appeal to the candor, the magnanimity, and honor of this people. Much is due to courtesy between nations. By a short delay we shall lose nothing; for, resting on the ground of immutable truth and justice, we cannot be diverted from our purpose. It ought to be presumed that the explanations which may be given to the minister of Spain, will be satisfactory, and produce the desired result. In any event, the delay, for the purpose mentioned, being a further manifestation of the sincere desire to terminate in the most friendly manner all differences with Spain, cannot fail to be duly appreciated by his Catholic Ma-

jesty, as well as by other powers. It is submitted, therefore, whether it will not be proper to make the proposed law for carrying the conditions of the treaty into effect, should it be adopted, contingent; to suspend its operation upon the responsibility of the Executive, in such manner, as to afford an opportunity for such friendly explanations, as may be desired during the present session of Congress.

I communicate to Congress a copy of the treaty, and of the instructions to the Minister of the United States at Madrid respecting it; of his correspondence with the Minister of Spain, and, of such other documents as may be necessary to give a full view of the subject.

In the course which the Spanish government have, on this occasion, thought proper to pursue, it is satisfactory to know that they have not been countenanced by any other European power. On the contrary, the opinion and wishes, both of France and Great Britain, have not been withheld, either from the United States or from Spain; and have been unequivocal in favor of the ratification. There is also reason to believe, that the sentiments of the imperial government of Russia have been the same, and that they have also been made known to the cabinet of Madrid.

In the civil war existing between Spain and the Spanish provinces in this hemisphere, the greatest care has been taken to enforce the laws intended to preserve an impartial neutrality. Our ports have continued to be equally open to both parties, and on the same conditions; and our citizens have been equally restrained from interfering in favor of either, to the prejudice of the other. The progress of the war, however, has operated manifestly in favor of the colonies. Buenos Ayres still maintains unshaken the independence which it declared in 1816, and has enjoyed since 1810. Like success has also lately attended Chili, and the provinces north of the La Plata, bordering on it, and likewise Venezuela.

This contest has, from its commencement, been very interesting to other powers, and to none more so than to the United States. A virtuous people may, and will, confine themselves within the limits of a strict neutrality; but it is not in their power to behold a conflict so vitally important to their neighbors, without the sensibility and sympathy which naturally belong to such a case. It has been the steady purpose of this government to prevent that feeling leading to excess, and it is very gratifying to have it in my power to state that, so strong has been the sense throughout the whole community, of what was due to the character and obligations of the nation, that very few examples of a contrary kind have occurred.

The distance of the colonies from the parent country, and the great extent of their population and resources, gave them advantages which it was anticipated at a very early period, it would be difficult for Spain to surmount. The steadiness, consistency, and success, with which they have pursued their object, as evinced more particularly by the undisturbed sovereignty which Buenos Ayres has so long enjoyed, evidently give them a strong claim to the favorable consideration of other nations. These sentiments, on the part of the United

States, have not been withheld from other powers, with whom it is desirable to act in concert. Should it become manifest to the world that the efforts of Spain to subdue these provinces will be fruitless, it may be presumed that the Spanish government itself will give up the contest. In producing such a determination, it cannot be doubted that the opinion of friendly powers, who have taken no part in the controversy, will have their merited influence.

It is of the highest importance to our national character, and indispensable to the morality of our citizens, that all violations of our neutrality should be prevented. No door should be left open for the evasion of our laws; no opportunity afforded to any who may be disposed to take advantage of it, to compromit the interest or the honor of the nation. It is submitted, therefore, to the consideration of Congress, whether it may not be advisable to revise the laws, with a view to this desirable result.

It is submitted, also, whether it may not be proper to designate, by law, the several ports or places along the coast, at which, only, foreign ships of war and privateers may be admitted. The difficulty of sustaining the regulations of our commerce, and of other important interests from abuse, without such designation, furnishes a strong motive for the measure.

At the time of the negotiation for the renewal of the commercial convention, between the United States and Great Britain, a hope had been entertained that an article might have been agreed upon, mutually satisfactory to both countries, regulating, upon principles of justice and reciprocity, the commercial intercourse between the United States and the British possessions, as well in the West Indies, as upon the continent of North America. The plenipotentiaries of the two governments not having been able to come to an agreement on this important interest, those of the United States reserved for the consideration of this government the proposals which had been presented to them, as the ultimate offer on the part of the British government, and which they were not authorized to accept. On their transmission here, they were examined with due deliberation, the result of which was a new effort to meet the views of the British government. The Minister of the United States was instructed to make a further proposal, which has not been accepted. It was, however, declined in an amicable manner. I recommend to the consideration of Congress, whether further prohibitory provisions in the laws relating to this intercourse may not be expedient. It is seen, with interest, that, although it has not been practicable, as yet, to agree in any arrangement of this important branch of their commerce, such is the disposition of the parties, that each will view any regulations which the other may make respecting it, in the most friendly light.

By the 5th article of the convention, concluded on the 20th of October, 1818, it was stipulated that the differences which has arisen between the two governments, with regard to the true intent and meaning of the 5th article of the treaty of Ghent, in relation to the carrying away, by British officers, of slaves from the United States, after

the exchange of the ratifications of the treaty of peace, should be referred to some friendly sovereign or state, to be named for that purpose. The Minister of the United States has been instructed to name to the British government a foreign sovereign, the common friend to both parties, for the decision of this question. The answer of that government to the proposal, when received, will indicate the further measures to be pursued on the part of the United States.

Although the pecuniary embarrassments which affected various parts of the Union, during the latter part of the preceding year, have, during the present, been considerably augmented, and still continue to exist, the receipts into the Treasury, to the 30th of September last, have amounted to \$19,000,000. After defraying the current expenses of the government, including the interest and reimbursement of the public debt, payable to that period, amounting to \$18,200,000, there remained in the Treasury, on that day, more than \$2,500,000, which, with the sums receivable during the remainder of the year, will exceed the current demands upon the Treasury for the same period.

The causes which have tended to diminish the public receipts, could not fail to have a corresponding effect upon the revenue which has accrued upon imposts and tonnage, during the three first quarters of the present year; it is, however, ascertained that the duties, which have been secured during that period, exceed \$18,000,000, and those of the whole year will probably amount to \$23,000,000.

For the probable receipts of the next year, I refer you to the statements which will be transmitted from the Treasury, which will enable you to judge whether further provision be necessary.

The great reduction in the price of the principal articles of domestic growth, which has occurred during the present year, and the consequent fall in the price of labor, apparently so favourable to the success of domestic manufactures, have not shielded them against other causes adverse to their prosperity. The pecuniary embarrassments which have so deeply affected the commercial interests of the nation, have been no less adverse to our manufacturing establishments in several sections of the Union. The great reduction of the currency, which the banks have been constrained to make, in order to continue specie payments, and the vitiated character of it where such reductions have not been attempted, instead of placing within the reach of these establishments the pecuniary aid necessary to avail themselves of the advantages resulting from the reduction in the prices of the raw materials, and of labor, have compelled the banks to withdraw from them a portion of the capital heretofore advanced to them. That aid, which has been refused by the banks, has not been obtained from other sources, owing to the loss of individual confidence, from the frequent failures which have recently occurred in some of our principal commercial cities.

An additional cause for the depression of these establishments may probably be found, in the pecuniary embarrassments which have re-

cently affected those countries with which our commerce has been principally prosecuted.

Their manufactures, for the want of a ready or profitable market at home, have been shipped by the manufacturers to the United States, and, in many instances, sold at a price below their current value at the place of manufacture. Although this practice may, from its nature, be considered temporary or contingent, it is not on that account less injurious in its effects. Uniformity in the demand and price of an article, is highly desirable to the domestic manufacturer.

It is deemed of great importance to encourage our domestic manufacturers. In what manner the evils which have been adverted to may be remedied, and how far it may be practicable, in other respects, to afford to them further encouragement, paying due regard to the other great interests of the nation, is submitted to the wisdom of Congress.

The survey of the coast, for the establishment of fortifications, is now nearly completed, and considerable progress has been made in the collection of materials for the construction of fortifications in the Gulph of Mexico, and in the Chesapeake Bay. The works on the Eastern bank of the Potomac, below Alexandria, and on the Pea Patch in the Delaware, are much advanced, and it is expected that the fortifications at the Narrows, in the harbor of New-York, will be completed the present year. To derive all the advantages contemplated from these fortifications, it was necessary that they should be judiciously posted, and constructed with a view to permanence. The progress, hitherto, has therefore been slow; but, as the difficulties, in parts heretofore the least explored and known, are surmounted, it will, in future, be more rapid. As soon as the survey of the coast is completed, which, it is expected, will be done early in the next spring, the engineers employed in it will proceed to examine, for like purposes, the northern and north-western frontiers.

The troops, intended to occupy a station at the mouth of the St. Peters, on the Mississippi, have established themselves there, and those who were ordered to the mouth of the Yellow Stone, on the Missouri, have ascended that river to the Council Bluff, where they will remain until the next spring, when they will proceed to the place of their destination. I have the satisfaction to state, that this measure has been executed in amity with the Indian tribes, and that it promises to produce, in regard to them, all the advantages which were contemplated by it.

Much progress has likewise been made in the construction of ships of war, and in the collection of timber and other materials for ship-building. It is not doubted that our navy will soon be augmented to the number, and placed, in all respects, on the footing provided for by law.

The board, consisting of engineers and naval officers, have not yet made their final report, of sites for two naval depots, as instructed, according to the resolutions of March 18th, and April 20th, 1818, but they have examined the coast therein designated, and their report is expected in the next month.

For the protection of our commerce in the Mediterranean; along the Southern Atlantic coast; in the Pacific and Indian ocean; it has been found necessary to maintain a strong naval force, which it seems proper for the present to continue. There is much reason to believe, that, if any portion of the squadron heretofore stationed in the Mediterranean should be withdrawn, our intercourse with the powers bordering on that sea would be much interrupted, if not altogether destroyed. Such, too, has been the growth of a spirit of piracy, in the other quarters mentioned, by adventurers from every country, in abuse of the friendly flags which they have assumed, that, not to protect our commerce there, would be to abandon it as a prey to their rapacity. Due attention has likewise been paid to the suppression of the slave trade, in compliance with a law of the last session. Orders have been given to the commanders of all our public ships to seize all vessels navigated under our flag, engaged in that trade, and to bring them in, to be proceeded against, in the manner prescribed by that law. It is hoped that these vigorous measures, supported by like acts by other nations, will soon terminate a commerce so disgraceful to the civilized world.

In the execution of the duty imposed by these acts, and of a high trust connected with it, it is with deep regret I have to state the loss which has been sustained by the death of Commodore Perry. His gallantry, in a brilliant exploit, in the late war, added to the renown of his country. His death is deplored as a national misfortune.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, December 7, 1819.

Ordered, That the said message be referred to a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and that 5,000 copies thereof, and the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, at half past twelve o'clock, proceed to the election of a chaplain on their part.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 8th, 1819.

Several other members, to wit: from Virginia, James Johnson and John Randolph; from North-Carolina, William Davidson, Charles Hooks, Jesse Slocumb, and Thomas Settle; and from South-Carolina, William Lowndes, appeared, produced their credentials and took their seats; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of the Convention lately assembled within and for that portion of the state of Massachusetts called "the District of Maine," signed by William King, President of the said Convention, praying that the assent of Congress may be given, before the last day of January next, to the admission of the said Dis-

trict into the Union, as a separate and independent State, and on an equal footing with the original States, by the style and title of the "State of Maine," which was referred to a select committee; and, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Hill, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Allen, of N. York, and Mr. Hooks, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the several memorials of the Legislature of the territory of Missouri, and of the inhabitants of the said territory, presented to the House at the last session of Congress, relative to the admission of that territory into the Union, as a separate and independent State, be referred to a select committee; and, Mr. Scott, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Terril, Mr. Strother, and Mr. Dewitt, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the appointment of the standing committees, pursuant to the rules and orders of the House: whereupon,

A Committee of Ways and Means was appointed, consisting of Mr. Smith, of Md. Mr. Burwell, Mr. Trimble, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Moseley, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Tyler.

A Committee of Elections was appointed, consisting of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Merrill, Mr. Tarr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tucker, of S. Carolina, and Mr. Sloan.

A Committee of Commerce, consisting of Mr. Newton, Mr. McLane, of Del. Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Mason, Mr. Allen, of Tenn. Mr. Hill, and Mr. Folger.

A Committee of Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Williams, of N. C. Mr. Rich, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Samuel Moore, Mr. Culbreth, Mr. Edwards, of Conn. and Mr. Metcalfe.

A Committee for the District of Columbia was appointed, consisting of Mr. Kent, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Neale, Mr. Swearingen, Mr. Fullerton, and Mr. Smith, of N. Jersey.

A Committee on the Public Lands was appointed, consisting of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Jones, of Tenn. Mr. Nelson, of Mass. Mr. Cook, Mr. Ballard Smith, and Mr. Stevens.

A Committee on Private Land Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pindall, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Robert Moore, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Eddy.

A Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads was appointed, consisting of Mr. Livermore, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Russ, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Tompkins, Mr. Walker, of Ken. and Mr. Burton.

A Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Rhea, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Settle, Mr. Allen, of Mass. Mr. Linn, Mr. Street, and Mr. Jones, of Va.

A Committee of Public Expenditures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Simkins, Mr. Slocumb, Mr. Hicster, Mr. Hazard, Mr. Dowse, Mr. Plumer, and Mr. Ford.

A Committee on the Judiciary was appointed, consisting of Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Beecher, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Reid, Mr. Brevard, Mr. Lincoln, and Mr. Tucker, of Va.

A Committee of Accounts was appointed, consisting of Mr. Smith, of N. Carolina, Mr. Bateman, and Mr. Upham.

A Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business was appointed, consisting of Mr. Morton, Mr. Butler, of N. Hampshire, and Mr. Ball.

A Committee on the Expenditures in the Department of State was appointed, consisting of Mr. Holmes, Mr. Peek, and Mr. Hibshman.

A Committee on the Expenditures in the Department of the Treasury was appointed, consisting of Mr. Trimble, Mr. Hall, of N. York, and Mr. Gross, of Penn.

A Committee on the Expenditures in the Department of War was appointed, consisting of Mr. Brush, Mr. Overstreet, and Mr. Gross, of N. York.

A Committee on the Expenditures in the Department of the Navy was appointed, consisting of Mr. Archer, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Buffum.

A Committee on the Expenditures in the Post Office was appointed, consisting of Mr. Livermore, Mr. Hackley, and Mr. Monell.

A Committee on the Expenditures on the Public Buildings was appointed, consisting of Mr. Meigs, Mr. Strong, of Vt. Mr. Hostetter.

Mr. Shaw submitted the following resolution, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to day.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Members of Congress, the Delegates from territories, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, be, and they are hereby authorised to transmit, *free of postage*, to any post office within the United States, or the territories thereof, any documents which have been, or may be communicated to either House of Congress during the present session, by the President, or either of the heads of Departments, and printed for the use of Congress.

Mr. Strong, of N. York, gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to bring in "a bill to prohibit the further extension of slavery within the United States."

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson of Virginia reported that the committee had, according to order, the state of the union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, and are as follows:

1. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to the subject of carrying into effect the late treaty between the United States and Spain; the condition of the independent governments of South America; the admission into our ports of foreign ships of war and privateers; and all other subjects of foreign affairs, be referred to a select committee.

2. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to fortifications and other military subjects, be referred to a select committee.

3. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the navy, naval depots, and the protection of our commerce upon the ocean, be referred to a select committee.

4. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to manufactures and our commercial intercourse with British colonial ports, be referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.

5. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the suppression of the slave trade, be referred to a select committee.

6. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the subject of revenue, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

7. Resolved. That the said select committees have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The said resolutions were again read at the clerk's table, and concurred in by the House, with the exception of the fourth.

A motion was then made by Mr. Newton to lay the said resolution on the table, which was rejected,

The question was then taken to concur in the said fourth resolution, and passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Nelson, of Va. Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Barbour, and Mr. Archer, were appointed a committee pursuant to the first resolution.

Mr. Alex'r Smyth, Mr. Van Rensselaer, Mr. Brush, Mr. Cocke, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Cushman, and Mr. Parker, of Va. were appointed a committee pursuant to the second resolution.

Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Silsbee, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Wendover, Mr. Warfield, Mr. Hall, of No. Ca. and Mr. Dennison, were appointed a committee pursuant to the third resolution.

Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Strong, of New York, Mr. Edwards, of Penn. Mr. Rogers, Mr. Lathrop, and Mr. Abbot, were appointed a committee pursuant to the fifth resolution.

Mr. Taylor then moved the following resolutions, which were read and agreed to by the House, viz.

1. Resolved, That the subject of organizing and disciplining the militia be referred to a select committee.

2. Resolved, That the subject of improving the Indian tribes in the arts of civilized life, be referred to a select committee.

3. Resolved, That the subject of Roads and Canals be referred to a select committee.

4. Resolved, That the subject of the Public Buildings be referred to a select committee.

5. Resolved, That the subject of the Revolutionary Pensions be referred to a select committee.

6. Resolved, That the said select committees have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Cannon, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Herrick, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Strother, Mr. Richmond, and Mr. Kendall, were appointed a committee upon the subject of the militia.

Mr. Southard, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Walker, of No. Ca. Mr. Williams, of Va. Mr. Kinsley, Mr. Richards, and Mr. Baker, were appointed a committee upon the subject of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Storrs, Mr. Crafts, Mr. Pindall, Mr. Marchand, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Street, were appointed a committee upon the subject of Roads and Canals.

Mr. Cobb, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Garnett, Mr. Murray, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Case, and Mr. McCreary, were appointed a committee upon the subject of the Public Buildings.

Mr. Bloomfield, Mr. Clagett, Mr. Pitcher, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Adams, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Patterson, were appointed a committee upon the subject of Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Little,

The House proceeded to consider the proposition submitted by him yesterday to appoint a standing committee of Manufactures, and the same being again read, was agreed to by the House, and,

Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Meigs, Mr. Little, Mr. McLean, of Ken. Mr. Forrest, Mr. Parker, of Mass. and Mr. Ross, were appointed the said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee for the Library of Congress, as also a joint resolution "declaring the admission of the State of Alabama into the Union;" in which resolutions they ask the concurrence of this House, and then he withdrew.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress on their part, and, upon an examination of the ballots, it appeared that the Reverend Burgiss Allison was appointed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed "resolution authorizing the transmission of certain documents by mail, free of postage," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The joint resolution from the Senate declaring the admission of the State of Alabama into the Union, was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said resolution was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The resolution from the Senate for the appointment of a joint Library committee was read, and also concurred in by the House; and, Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Meigs, were appointed of the said committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 9th, 1819.

Two other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, Andrew Boden, and from North Carolina, Weldon N. Edwards, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, presented a petition of Moses Bursill.

Mr. Gross, of New York, presented a petition of Ebenezer Hopkins.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of John Pettit, respectively praying for pensions in consideration of military services rendered in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Ordered, That the petitions of Samuel Brook Beall, presented on 22d of March, 1796, and 7th January, 1802, be also referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Rollin C. Mallary, praying to be admitted to a seat in this House, as one of the Representatives of the state of Vermont, in the room of Orsamus C. Merrill, whom he alleges to have been illegally returned.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Elections.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Alvin Bronson, praying compensation for a vessel called the *Penelope*, which was captured by the British forces at Oswego in the late war, while the said vessel was in the naval service of the United States, by impressment.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Storrs also presented a petition of Ebenezer Watson, stating that he has invented a device, by which the alteration of bank notes from one denomination to another may be effectually prevented; but that his said device, from its nature, does not come within the purview of the patent right act; he, therefore, prays that a special act may be passed authorizing the issuing of a patent for his said invention.

The Speaker presented a memorial and petition of Matthew Lyon, formerly a Representative in Congress from the state of Vermont, detailing the circumstances attending his prosecution for sedition in the year 1798, and complaining of the unconstitutionality of the act under which he was prosecuted; of illegality in the proceedings of the Court before whom he was tried and convicted: of the fine he was compelled to pay, and the imprisonment he suffered: and also setting forth the iniquity of the motives which prompted the said prosecution, which he declares was solely occasioned by the honest expression of his political sentiments; and praying that the amount of the fine, with the interest thereon, may be repaid to him, together with such sum as Congress may think a just and proper indemnity for his being dragged from his home, his family, friends, and business, and thrown into a dark and loathsome dungeon, where he suffered for four months every species of hardship, cruelty, and indignity, which could be devised by the unrelenting and persecuting spirit of those by whom he was persecuted.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following petitions heretofore presented were again presented, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, viz.

By Mr. Meigs, that of Samuel Denton; presented on the 24th November, 1818.

By Mr. Smith, of Maryland, that of John Wilmot, presented on the 28th January, 1817; and that of John Gooding and James Williams, presented on the 17th April, 1818.

Mr. Murray presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Cumberland and Union counties, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The following petitions heretofore presented were again presented, and referred to the Committee of Claims, viz.

By Mr. Smith, of Maryland, that of Samuel Hughes, presented through the Commissioner of Claims, on the 29th December, 1817.

By Mr. Little, that of Edward Rowland, presented on the 1st December, 1818.

By Mr. Culbreth, that of William McDonald, presented on the 2d of April, 1818.

Mr. Meigs presented a memorial of the Institution in New York for "instructing persons Deaf and Dumb," praying for a donation in land for the support of the said Institution; which was referred to a select committee, and.

Mr. Meigs, Mr. Dickinson, and Mr. Foot, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of Samuel G. Adams, (a captain of militia in the service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain,) praying that the amount due for the service of the company under his command may be paid to such of them as are living, and to the heirs or representatives of such as are dead.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of Joshua Russell, stating that he entered at the proper Land Office half a section of public land in the state of Ohio, and has nearly completed the payments therefor, and erected valuable buildings thereon, but that he is now informed by the Register of the Land Office, that he cannot receive a patent because he did not enter the whole section, and praying relief from Congress.

Mr. Pindall also presented a petition of William Draggo, stating that he was taken prisoner by the Indians, in the year 1783, and became a member of the tribe in which he resided, and married an Indian woman, by whom he has six children; he also states that the Indians made him a grant of a large quantity of land lying on the shores of Lake Erie, which is now in the possession of the United States, and praying for a confirmation of his said grant.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of Nicholas Jarrot, a petition of Thomas Lusby, and a petition of Julian Murcia, respectively, pray-

ing that their titles to land within the state of Illinois may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that the tariff of duties imposed on foreign manufactured articles imported into the United States may be so revised as to revive the drooping manufactures, and afford effectual protection to the national industry.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the transmission of certain documents by mail free of postage," in which they ask the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Scott, from the committee appointed yesterday upon the subject, by leave of the House, reported a bill to authorise the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report a bill for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States.

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Nelson, of Va. and Mr. Hill, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of paying the soldiers and officers of the volunteers and militia for horses and other property lost whilst in the service of the United States, on the Seminole campaign, in all cases where such loss was sustained in consequence of a failure on the part of the general government to furnish the necessary forage, and without any fault or neglect on the part of the owner.

Mr. Cannon, Mr. Jones, of Ten. Mr. M'Lean, of Ken. Mr. Reed, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Van Rensselaer, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing additional Land Offices in the state of Illinois for the sale of the public lands.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to enquire into

the expediency of extending the time for completing the payments for lands heretofore purchased from the government within said state.

Mr. Pinckney gave notice that he would, on this day week, move the House for leave to introduce a bill "to establish a circulating medium for the United States, and to secure the credit and utility thereof."

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 10, 1819.

Another member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Timothy Fuller, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat. The oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

William W. Woodbridge also appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat, as the Delegate from the Territory of Michigan, the same oath having also been administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Darlington, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled resolution, "declaring the admission of the state of Alabama into the Union," and found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Clagett presented a petition of Joseph Greely, and a petition of Jedediah Ellenwood.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Levi Danielson, and a petition of Nathaniel Cousens.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of James Brown.

Mr. Baker presented a petition of John Hendy.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Daniel Carman, and a petition of John Carman.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of Nehemiah Baylies.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Zachariah Roberts.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of John Purse, and a petition of Thomas Pearson, respectively praying for pensions, increase of pensions, and arrearages of pension.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Joshua Green, praying to be paid the amount of three certificates of public debt, issued in the revolutionary war, amounting together to the sum of 23 dollars and 74 ninetieths.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of the children and representatives of the late General Baron de Kalb, who was killed in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war, praying for the pay and commutation of pay due for the services of the deceased.

Ordered; That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, viz:

By Mr. Strother, that of Joseph Anderson, presented on the 2d December, 1818.

By Mr. Allen, of Tennessee, that of William Moore, presented on the 22d January, 1818.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Ordered, That the petition of Gad Worthington, presented on the 12th December, 1817, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of Nathaniel Goddard, owner of the ship *Ariadne*, and of part of her cargo, of William Parsons, Thomas C. Amory & Co. Samuel G. Perkins & Co. James and Thomas H. Perkins, Thomas Parsons, and Samuel May, all of Boston, owners of other parts of her cargo, stating, that the said vessel and cargo were captured during the late war with Great Britain, libelled, and has since been condemned, for having on board at the time a British license; and praying that such part of the proceeds of sale as revert to the United States may be restored to them, on the ground, that they were ignorant of the violation of any law or usage of the United States, which forbid vessels of the United States sailing under a license from any foreign state or power.

Mr. Hazard presented a petition of Wilbur Brownell, and a petition of Gideon Tompkins, respectively praying to be allowed the bounty granted by law to vessels employed in the cod fisheries, which they are unable to obtain by reason of an informality in the "fishing agreement."

Ordered, that the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Meigs,

Ordered, That the petition of John G. Bogert, presented on the 19th January, 1818, be also referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Dowse presented a petition of John Kenrick, stating, that he has invented a machine, by which he can remove the bars, or collections of earth, obstructing the navigation of rivers and harbors, and praying that his invention may be examined and tested by experiment.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Martha Davis, widow of Benjamin Davis, and a petition of Sarah Adams, widow of Benj. Adams, who were lost at sea in the private armed ship *Portsmouth*, in the late war with Great Britain, respectively praying to be allowed the pension granted to the widows and orphans of seamen killed or lost in the private armed service of the United States.

Mr. Holmes also presented a petition of James Merrill, praying to be placed on the list of navy pensioners, in consequence of an injury received while a sailor on board the frigate *Adams*, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of John Russell, praying for a pension in consideration of his faithful and meritorious services in the marine corps.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Pembroke, in the state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Nelson, of Mass. presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Essex county, in the state of Massachusetts, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of Thomas Macy, post-master at Nantucket, praying for additional compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post-office and Post roads.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Ether Shepley, administrator on the estate of Thomas Buckminster, deceased, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States, praying that an equitable settlement of the accounts of the said deceased may be ordered, and that he may be permitted to substantiate certain charges by the introduction of parol testimony.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of George Walker and Aaron Goodrich, praying compensation for services rendered in the quarter master's department, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Joseph D. Hoyt and Timothy McEwin, by Moses Hoyt their attorney, praying compensation for property destroyed by the British forces on their invasion of the Niagara frontier, on the 30th December, 1813; the said property, at the time of destruction, being in the possession and use of the army of the United States.

Mr. Bloomfield presented a petition of James Leander Cathcart, praying that the petition presented on his behalf, in the month of April, 1818, may be revived, and that a decision may be had thereon at the present session of Congress.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Fielding Jones, praying compensation for a horse impressed into the military service, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. Sampson, that of Asa Fuller, presented on the 20th January, 1819.

By Mr. Tracy, that of Charles Townsend and Jonas Williams, presented on the 5th February, 1819.

By Mr. Gross, of New-York, those of John M'Rea and Harvey Wakefield, presented on the 9th of December, 1816, and Septa Fillmore, presented on the 2d of February, 1816.

By Mr. Storrs, that of Elias Parks, presented on the 15th December, 1817.

By Mr. Meigs, that of Solomon Siexas, presented on the 23d March, 1818.

By Mr. Ball, that of William Henderson, presented on 8th December, 1817.

By Mr. Strother, that of John Craine, presented on the 12th January, 1818.

Mr. Hill presented a representation of sundry inhabitants of Wiscasset, in the District of Maine, soliciting the establishment of a circuit court of the United States within the said district, and that one term thereof may be holden at Wiscasset.

Mr. Sergeant presented a memorial of the chamber of commerce of the city of Philadelphia, praying that an uniform system of bankruptcy may be established.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Nantucket, praying that a light house, which has been erected at the expense of the said town, may be lighted and kept at the public expense.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of William Van Deursen, surveyor of the port of Middletown, and of George Wolcott, surveyor of the port of Saybrook, praying for additional compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Sergeant,

Ordered, That the petition of Paul Beck and Isaac Harvey, jr. presented on the 15th December, 1818, be also referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Eddy presented a petition of the cotton and woollen manufacturers residing in and near Providence, in the state of Rhode Island.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition of the Saugatuck manufacturing company, in the state of Connecticut.

Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of that state, respectively praying that the situation of the manufacturing interest of the country may be taken into the serious consideration of Congress, and that the tariff of duties imposed on the importation of foreign manufactures may be so amended as to afford effectual security and protection to every branch of the national industry.

Mr. Eddy also presented a petition of a *Committee of Ladies*, acting for and in behalf of the straw manufacturers, residing in and near Providence, in the state of Rhode Island, praying that the duties on foreign manufactures of straw, imported into the United States, may be so augmented as to afford protection and encouragement to similar articles of domestic manufacture.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of the owners of a manufactory of copperas, in Vernon townshp, Sussex county, state of New Jersey, praying that additional duties may be imposed on foreign copperas imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Manufactures.

Mr. Allen, of New York, presented a petition of James Guyon, jr. praying to be admitted to a seat in this House, as one of the Repre-

sentatives for the state of New York, in the place of Ebenezer Sage, whom, as he alleges, has been illegally returned.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Elections.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Swartwout, presented on the 21st December, 1818, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of John Daley, setting forth that, at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain, he was residing in the British province of Canada; that, by his attachment to the interest and cause of the United States, he was compelled to leave the province; that a great part of his property was confiscated by the British government, and the residue consumed by fire in the village of Newark, which was destroyed by order of the American general, and praying such relief in the premises as Congress may think reasonable and proper: which petition, together with the former petitions and documents of the same person, was referred to a select committee, and,

Mr. Tracy, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Lincoln, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Sergeant presented a memorial of William Jackson, solicitor on behalf of the surviving officers of the revolutionary army, praying for an equitable settlement of the half-pay for life, granted by Congress during the war of independence, to the officers of the army, and which he states to have been acknowledged and sanctioned by the reports of several committees of Congress, under the present form of government of the United States; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Nelson, of Va. and Mr. Settle, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Ordered, That the petition of the legislature of the state of Georgia, presented on the 3d December, 1818, on behalf of the commissioners appointed by the said state, to survey lands in the Big Bend of Tennessee river, as also the petition of Thomas Carr, one of the said commissioners, presented on the 18th January, 1818, be referred to a select Committee, and

Mr. Cobb, Mr. Allen, of Tennessee, and Mr. Reed, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Pindall presented a memorial of John Good, complaining of illegal and oppressive conduct on the part of the commissioners who located the national road from Cumberland, in Maryland, to the Ohio river, and praying that justice may be done to him by the Congress of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of Philip C. S. Barbour, presented on

the 19th November, 1818, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western part of the state of Ohio, praying that the land office which is directed to be kept at the town of Picqua, may be removed to the town of Troy; for reasons set forth in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Sampson,

Ordered, That the petition of Spiller Willmore, presented on the 28th December, 1818, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims..

The Speaker laid before the House a schedule of fees of office, proper to be allowed and taxed for the officers of the district courts of the United States, for the districts of New Jersey, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and Indiana; prepared and transmitted by the judges of those districts, respectively, in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 22d February last which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, of the state of New York, enclosing a certificate of the election of members of this House for that state, in the Sixteenth Congress of the United States; which were referred to the Committee of Elections.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report to this House, whether any of the public moneys appropriated by Congress, for the pay and subsistence of the regular army of the United States, since the 4th day of March, 1815, have been applied to the support of any army or detachment of troops raised without the consent of this House, or the authority of Congress, and that the said committee also have leave to report by bill; and

Mr. Storrs, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Mercer, and Mr. Tomlinson, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Folger,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of granting to William Coffin and others, owners of the brig Bonif, a drawback of the duties on a quantity of whale oil, imported from Patagonia and Brazil, in said brig, in the month of June, 1817, and which has since been exported out of the United States, and that such papers as are on file in the clerk's office, relative to said subject, be taken therefrom, and referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the prosecution of suits in the nature of *petitions of right*, and *informations of intrusion*, in cases in which the government of the United States is concerned.

On motion of Mr. Bloomfield,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 13, 1819.

Two other members, to wit: from South Carolina, Elias Earle, and from Georgia, John A. Cuthbert, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker:

Mr. Foot from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An Act authorising the transmission of certain Documents free of Postage," and found the same truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Butler, of N. H. presented a petition of Sarah Allen, stating that her illegitimate son, Samuel Drew, enlisted into the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, was wounded in battle, and soon after died; that there was pay due him at his death, and that if he had left heirs, they would be entitled to his bounty in land; but, inasmuch as there are none, she prays that an act may be passed, granting her his pay and bounty lands: which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Butler, of N. H. Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Earle, Mr. Upham, and Mr. Clagett, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Foot,

Resolved, That, in all cases where petitions were presented at the last session of the last Congress, to this House, and referred to committees, but not finally acted upon, both by the committees and the House, the said petitions shall be considered as again presented and referred to the same committees, respectively, without special orders to that effect. And it shall be the duty of the said committees, respectively, upon application in behalf of any petitioner, whose petition was presented and referred as aforesaid, to consider and report thereon in the same manner, as if it were referred to such committee by special order of the House.

Mr. Clagett presented a petition of Jesse Dow.

Mr. Cushman presented a petition of William Parker, and a petition of Frederick Jackings.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of Robert Boyle.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of George Claghorn, a petition of Abiezer Briggs, and a petition of Francis Luscombe.

Mr. Dowse presented a petition of Elihu Pond.

Mr. Richards presented a petition of Daniel Averill.

Mr. Monell presented a petition of John Mercereau, sen.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of John Brooks.

Mr. Strother presented a petition of John Berry.

Mr. Cooke presented a petition of William Milton, and a petition of William Lane.

Which petitions severally pray for pensions; increase of pensions; and compensation for services rendered, and supplies furnished, in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of Edward Kain, presented on the 20th January, 1818, be also referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Joseph Cutts, stating that his ship, Prince Mador, was under way, and leaving the harbor of Norfolk, when information arrived there of the embargo laid in April, 1812, that she was stopped and detained, by which he lost the freight; and that the ship has rotted in the harbor. He therefore prays such relief as Congress may think his case merits.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Abraham Lawrence.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Solomon Thomas; a petition of Gideon Shurtleff; a petition of Eleazer Thomas; a petition of Elijah Mann, and a petition of Elizabeth King, wife of John King, a lunatic, respectfully praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of the Rev. Aaron J. Booge, praying that a system of moral instruction may be adopted for the army, and that he may be employed as a teacher or chaplain.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of the trustees of the United Society, commonly called *Shakers*, residing at West Union, in the state of Indiana, praying compensation for their property, wantonly destroyed by a detachment of Kentucky militia, commanded by general Hopkins, serving against the Indians, in the year 1812.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying, that further measures may be adopted to afford protection and security to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of John Stoddart, Thomas Fletcher, Sidney Gardiner and Richard T. Leech, proprietors of a new and improved method of manufacturing screws of wire, commonly called wood screws, praying that a specific duty may be imposed on wood screws, imported into the United States, which shall be equal (in proportion to their original cost) to the present import duty on wire.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a petition of Augustus C. Miller, frame work knitter, in Baltimore, praying that additional duties may be imposed on cotton and worsted net braces, on coarse worst-

ed, wool and cotton stockings, and on worsted and cotton stockinett, which may be imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Kent presented the petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, of the city of Washington, praying for the renewal of the acts, incorporating the inhabitants of the said city, which expire on the 4th of March next, with several alterations and amendments which are therein stated.

Mr. Kent also presented a petition of the President, Directors, and Co. of the Bank of Alexandria, praying for a renewal of the charter of the said Bank, and that it may not be consolidated with other Banks in that place.

Mr. Warfield, presented a petition of Charles A. Beatty, Thomas Corcoran, Elisha W. Williams and John Hoye, of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, praying to be permitted to erect buildings on the south side of Water street, in said town, which they are now prohibited from doing, by an act of Maryland, passed in the year 1784.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Little presented a petition of the merchants, and traders and others, of the city of Baltimore, praying that an uniform system of Bankruptcy, may be established.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ballard Smith presented a petition of Jacob Shafer, praying to be allowed the bounty in land, to which he is entitled for his services, as a soldier in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, or permitted to avail himself of the claim of another, which he has acquired by purchase.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Alexander presented a petition of Angus O. Frazer, late commander of the Revenue Cutter Louisiana, praying to be allowed and paid the proportion of the proceeds of the British ship Ardent, and cargo, condemned for a violation of the act prohibiting the importation of British goods, in 1811, to which he conceives himself entitled as the seizing officer, but which proceeds were claimed by, and have been paid to, the Custom House Officers, in New Orleans.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of William Henry, and John J. Henry, praying to be allowed additional compensation for muskets, manufactured under contract, for the United States.

Mr. Garnett presented a petition of Thomas W. Todd, late paymaster to the 6th Regiment of Virginia militia, in the service of the United States, praying to be reimbursed the amount of money expended by him, in defending a suit brought against him and his sureties,

by the United States, previous to the settlement of his accounts, it appearing upon the settlement that the United States was indebted to him.

Mr. Barbour presented a petition of Otho W. Callis, late a captain in the army of the United States, praying that the accounting officers may be directed to make an equitable settlement of his accounts, and pay him such sum as may be found due.

Mr. Overstreet presented a petition of Thomas Hightower, praying compensation for an injury sustained by his slave, while gratuitously assisting a wagon loaded with ordnance, which became impeded near the house of the petitioner.

Mr. Overstreet also presented a petition of Jennings O'Bannon, late paymaster to a battalion of South Carolina militia, in the service of the United States, stating that, owing to an error of a clerk in the Treasury Department, he was reported as a public defaulter, and suit commenced against him and his sureties; and that, before the error was discovered, and the suit discontinued, he was compelled to pay costs and expenses, amounting to upwards of two hundred dollars; of which he prays a reimbursement.

Mr. Allen, of Tennessee, presented a petition of Basil Shaw, adjutant general to general Carroll's division of Tennessee militia, in the late war with Great Britain, praying compensation for a slave killed in the action of the 8th of January, 1815, near New Orleans.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Tracy,

Ordered, That the petition of Ralph M. Pomeroy, presented on the 22d January, 1818; and,

On motion of Mr. Sloan,

Ordered, That the petition of Elizabeth Whitaker, presented on the 6th April, 1818, be also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Pinckney presented a petition of Henry Ingraham, surviving partner of the late firm of Nathaniel Ingraham and Son, and, of Robert Hazlehurst, and William Smith, jr. of Charleston, in South Carolina, praying to be released from the payment of the interest charged on a balance found due to the government from Nathaniel Ingraham and Son, as navy agents in Charleston, the accounts remaining upwards of four years in the office of the government before they were settled; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Mason, and Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Scott presented two petitions of James Mackay, respectively praying that his titles to lands in the territory of Missouri may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petitions of the under mentioned persons, here-

before presented, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, viz:

Louis Tayon, presented on the 27th February, 1818.

David Delaunay, presented on the 27th February, 1818.

The heirs of Doctor John Watkins, deceased, presented 27th February, 1818.

Louis Courtois, presented on the 13th March, 1818.

James Mackay, presented 2d March, 1818.

Ditto, presented 4th March, 1818.

Jesse Richardson, presented 18th December, 1818.

Madame Honoré, and Louis Telson Honoré, presented 29th December, 1817.

Manuel de Lisa, presented 29th December, 1817.

Sylvester Labaddie, presented 27th February, 1818.

Joaquim de Lisa, presented on the 29th December, 1817.

Inhabitants of Praire du Chien, presented 24th January, 1817; and,

Francis Saucier, presented on the 27th February, 1818.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Ebenezer Hopkins, John Pettit, and Moses Bursill, and that the two former be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Edward Rowland; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Gad Worthington; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of John Gooding and James Williams; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole last appointed.

Mr. Smith also reported a bill for the relief of Denton, Little and Co. and of Harman Hendricks, of New York; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the same Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Foot, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage," and an enrolled resolution "declaring the admission of the State of Alabama into the Union."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his annual report upon the state of the finances, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a schedule of fees, proper to be allowed for the officers of the District Courts of North Caro-

lina, prepared and transmitted by the Judge of that District, in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the 22d February last, which schedule was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the committee for the District of Columbia be instructed to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting, by law, the emission or circulation, within the said District, of any bank note, or notes, intended to constitute an ordinary medium of exchange, of a denomination under five dollars.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of continuing the act, passed at the last session, entitled "An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale of a forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payment thereon."

Mr. Gross, of New-York, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, with instructions to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, for compensating such citizens of the United States as suffered captivity, or loss of property, by the enemy, between the times of their approach to, and retreat from, Plattsburgh, in the year 1814, and which happened in consequence of such citizens having been in arms with the militia, against such enemy, or having refused protection from them, and without any neglect, or fault, on the part of such citizens; and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The question was taken to agree to the said resolution,

And determined in the negative.

And the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 14, 1819.

Another member, to wit, from Kentucky, Benjamin Hardin, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat, the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. SPEAKER: The Senate have received official information, that the President did, on this day, approve and sign

A resolution declaring the admission of the state of Alabama into the Union; and

An act authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage. And they have postponed, until the 1st Monday in September next, the resolution of the House, "authorizing the transmission of certain documents by mail free of postage;"

And then he withdrew.

Mr. John Crowell, the Representative from the state of Alabama, then appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat, the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Buffum presented a petition of Joseph Hackett, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Case presented a petition of Edward Seeds, of Ireland, in the kingdom of Great Britain, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the American army during the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and also referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, viz:

By Mr. Sergeant, that of Henry Brown, presented on the 20th November, 1818.

By Mr. Kent, that of William D. Beall, presented on the 21st October, 1814.

Mr. Buffum also presented a petition of John Darling, praying for a pension.

Mr. Rhea presented a petition of Robert Allison, also praying for a pension, and compensation for services rendered as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of sundry merchants of Boston, by Henry Rice, their attorney, stating, that their vessels and cargoes were illegally and arbitrarily seized and confiscated by Christophe, the ruler of the Island of Saint Domingo, in the year 1810, and that he has refused to make any satisfaction therefor, and praying the interposition of the government of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Machias, in the District of Maine, praying for the erection of a light house on Libby Island.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Robert Swartwout, quartermaster general in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, stating, that, acting under the orders of his superior officer, he impressed into the public service a boat, called the *Night Hawk*, which had on board at the time a cargo of stores, which boat and stores were destroyed by the enemy while the said boat remained in the public service; that a judgment has been rendered against him in the supreme court of the state of New-York, for the value of the boat and cargo, amounting, with costs of suit, to the sum of 2,500 dollars; and praying to be indemnified against the said judgment.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, presented a petition of Joseph Wheaton, late deputy quartermaster general in the army, during the late war with Great Britain, stating, that the act passed at the last session of Congress for his relief has failed to produce an equitable settlement

of his accounts, and praying such relief in the premises as, to the wisdom of Congress, may seem meet and proper.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Kent,

Ordered, That the petition of Christiana and Samuel S. Hamilton, presented on the 25th January, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Conrad Wile, administrator, with the will annexed, of Elizabeth Shallus, deceased, and of Andrew Epplee, acting administrator of Mary Hassenclever, deceased, stating, that certificates of public debt, amounting to upwards of four thousand dollars, were issued to the Baron Utrick, a foreign officer in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war, which subsequently became the property of the said Shallus and Hassenclever, and were lost or destroyed; that, to obtain payment of the said certificates, the said Mary Hassenclever gave a bond of indemnity to the United States, with two sureties, in the year 1803; that one of the sureties obtained possession of, and still retains, the sum of five thousand dollars, and will continue to retain the same, until he shall be released or discharged from his liability on account of the said bond of indemnity; and that, as sixteen years have elapsed since the payment of the said certificates, and no claim has been preferred to the Treasury of the United States on account of the same, and, as they state there is no probability that any ever will be made, the petitioners pray that the said bond of indemnity may be cancelled and annulled, so that the parties may receive their just due.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying that further aid and protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of the President, Directors, and Co. of the Farmers Bank of Alexandria, and of the President, Directors, and Co. of the Union Bank of Alexandria, praying that the charters of the said Banks may be renewed and continued for twenty years.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Floyd presented a petition of Thomas Flint, praying for an increase of pension, having lost an arm in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, presented a petition of Joseph Young, stating that, in 1813, he enlisted in the army for five years, and served till some time in the year 1815, when he procured a substitute, who served in his place till 10th March, 1816, when he was discharged, on the requisition of the civil authority, being charged

with murder; by which the petitioner lost his right to bounty land, and praying for a grant of the said bounty land.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of New Madrid, in the territory of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post office and Post roads.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of New Madrid, in the territory of Missouri, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of 640 acres of public land, may be granted to Thomas Bartlett, to include his mills, water works, and other improvements.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of Stephen Byrd, praying that his title to a tract of land, in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of Clement B. Penrose, late land commissioner in the territory of Missouri, praying for additional compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Nathaniel Cousins, Joseph Anderson, Nehemiah Baylies, and Jedediah Ellenwood; and that the two former be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the two latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of John Pierce; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is not expedient to provide for the case of the petitioner, or similar cases.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of William M'Donald, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of William M'Donald, administrator of James M'Donald, deceased, late captain in the army of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Mr. Cobb, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the legislature of Georgia, on behalf of the commissioners appointed by that state to lay off and survey certain lands in the Big Bend of Tennessee river, made a detailed report, which was read; when,

Mr. Cobb reported a bill for the benefit of Thomas Carr and others; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions,

made a report on the petition of Lewis Joseph Beaulieu, which was read: when,

Mr. Bloomfield reported a bill for the relief of the said Lewis Joseph Beaulieu, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Robert Swartwout, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker communicated to the House a letter addressed to him by James Pleasants, jun. containing a notice of the resignation of his seat in this House, as one of the members for the state of Virginia; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to report to this House, what information he may be able to obtain as to the regulations and standard for weights and measures in the several states, and as to the proceedings in foreign countries for establishing uniformity in weights and measures; together with such a plan for fixing a standard of weights and measures for the United States, as he may deem most proper for their adoption.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, gave notice that he would to-morrow move the House for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Captain John Cowen and others.

Mr. Williams, of N. C. submitted the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, any information he may possess respecting certain executions or other punishments which may have been inflicted in the army of the United States, since the year 1815, contrary to the laws and regulations provided for the government of the same.

The said resolution was read: when,

Mr. Alexander Smyth moved that it lie on the table, which motion was rejected.

Mr. Holmes then moved to amend the said resolution, by striking out these words: "*the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House any information he may possess respecting certain;*" and to insert in lieu thereof, these words: "*the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to enquire if any*",—as also to strike out the words "*which may*",—so as to make the resolution read—"that the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to enquire if any executions, or other punishments, have been inflicted in the army of the United States since the year 1815, contrary to the laws and regulations provided for the government of the same:"—this amendment was also rejected.

The said resolution was then agreed to by the House, as originally proposed; and,

Mr. Williams, of N. C. and Mr. Strother, were appointed a committee to present the same to the President.

Mr. Taylor submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting the introduction of slaves into the territories of the United States west of the Mississippi; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 15, 1819.

Two other members, to wit: from Maryland, Thomas Bayly; and from South Carolina, James Ervin, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Butler, of New-Hampshire, presented a petition of Ezekiel Knowles.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition of Samuel H. Philips, respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of Thomas Storke, praying payment for various Treasury bills, issued by the State of Virginia, for supplies furnished and services rendered in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Cocke presented a petition of George M'Nutt, praying compensation for his services as a conductor of wagons in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of Moses Cadwell, praying to be allowed his pay and bounty in land and money, for his services as a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain, which is withheld because he was sick and absent on leave at the close of the war.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of Luther Chapin, praying compensation for his vessel captured by the British on Lake Erie, while in the service and at the risque of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The following petitions heretofore presented were again presented and referred to the Committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. Holmes, that of Alexander Worster, presented on the 4th day of December, 1817.

By Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, that of captain John Cowen, presented on the 29th December, 1817.

By Mr. Hendricks, that of Ezra Child, presented on the 16th December, 1818.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Baldwin, respectively, presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the western counties of Pennsylvania, praying that further aid and protection may be extended to the manufac-

turing interests of the country, which petitions were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Herrick presented a similar petition from sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of John Hendy and Levi Danielson, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, that the prayers of the petitioners respectively, be *not* granted.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the case of Samuel Hughes, of Maryland, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel G. Adams, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cannon, from the committee appointed on the 9th instant, by leave of the House, reported a bill providing for the payment for horses and other property lost, captured, or destroyed in the Seminole war; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Herrick,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing, by law, an additional national armory.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads do inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Washington in Rhea county, Tennessee, by Patterson's, Brown's ferry on Tennessee river, Bennett's store, in the state of Alabama, St. Clair court-house, Shelby Old court-house, Shelby court-house, Smith and King's store, Mooresville, and Pleasant Valley, to the town of Cahaba.

On motion of Mr. Cooke,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before the House of Representatives the several topographical reports that have been made to the War Department in pursuance of instructions to that effect respecting the practicability of uniting, by a canal, the waters of the Illinois river and those of Lake Michigan, and such other information as he may be in possession of on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Rich,

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the manner in which the act of the 18th of March, 1818, has been executed, ascertaining, as far as may be practicable, the class or classes of cases, which it has been construed to embrace, and such as have been excluded from its provisions; whether the objects contemplated by its passage have been, or probably will be, effected by the operations of the law; and, if not, whether it be susceptible of such amendments as will insure the accomplishment

of these objects; that, in case it shall be ascertained, that, from fraudulent practices under the law, for which no effectual remedy can be applied, or from any other cause, the original objects of it are unattainable, the said committee inquire into the expediency of its repeal.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire whether, in any case, further time than is already prescribed by law ought to be allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct taxes, and purchased pursuant to law for and in behalf of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, and, the same being read, was agreed to by the House; and,

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hardin, and Mr. Cuthbert, were appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, which was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In conformity with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 24th of February last, I now transmit a report of the Secretary of State, with extracts and copies of several letters, touching the causes of the imprisonment of William White, an American citizen, at Buenos Ayres.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 14th December, 1819.

Ordered, That the said message and documents lie on the table.

Mr. Taylor moved that the order for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to authorise the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states, be postponed until the first Monday in February next.

This motion was rejected by the House; and,

On motion of Mr. Mercer, it was

Ordered, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill, be postponed until the second Monday in January next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Gad Worthington; the bill for the relief of Denton, Little, & Co. and Harman Hendricks, of New York; and the bill for the relief of John Gooding, and James Williams; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Eddy be added to the Committee on Naval Affairs, in the place of Mr. Pleasants, resigned.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, stating that a deficiency exists to a considerable amount in the appropriations of the present year, for the support of the naval establishment, principally occasioned by fitting out squadrons for the suppression of the slave trade, and of piracy, and soliciting that appropriations may be made to cover the same, as also a partial appropriation for the service of the ensuing year; which was read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting his report on the petition of James Leander Cathcart, referred to him by an order of this House, passed at the first session of the 15th Congress; which report was read, and, together with the petition of the said Cathcart, referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 16, 1819.

Two other members, to wit, from Vermont, Ezra Meech, and from Delaware, Willard Hall, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Alexander Gardner, praying for an increase of pension, being rendered blind by a wound received in the army in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of John Mauritius Goetschins, praying for a grant of public lands, as a compensation for his property, lying in New Jersey, destroyed by the British forces in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Ordered, That the petition of Albert Chapman, presented on the 14th January, 1818, be also referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sampson also presented a petition of John Turner, and a petition of Freedom Chamberlin.

Mr. Bateman presented a petition of Abijah Blew, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. De Witt presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Ulster and Sullivan, in the state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Sergeant presented a memorial and remonstrance of the American Convention for promoting the abolition of slavery, held in

Philadelphia on the 5th of October, 1819; representing their strong apprehensions of the evil consequences which must inevitably result to the United States, by enlarging the sphere and protracting the duration of domestic slavery; and respectfully remonstrating against the admission into the Union of any new state or states which may hereafter be formed, unless on the conditions that the further introduction of slavery therein be prohibited; and that the duration of slavery therein be confined to those who shall be held in such bondage at the time of their admission.

Ordered, That the said memorial and remonstrance be referred to the committee appointed yesterday, to inquire into the propriety of prohibiting the introduction of slaves into the territories west of the Mississippi.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying that, in the admission of the Missouri territory into the Union as a state, provision may be made for the perpetual exclusion of slavery within the same; which memorial was referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western counties of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that other and further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Ringgold presented a similar petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the state of Maryland.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. M'Lean, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Jacob Purkill, praying compensation for a negro man, who was impressed into the public service to do fatigue duty, near New Orleans, during the military operations in that neighborhood in the late war with Great Britain; in which service, being extremely severe, he contracted a disease, of which he died in a short time.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Garnett,

Ordered, That the report of the Commissioner of Claims on the case of Laurence Muse, communicated to this House on the 10th December, 1817, be also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Ross presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying Congress to adopt such measures as will abolish the practice of privateering; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Rankin presented a petition of Charlotte P. Trudeau, praying that her title to a tract of land in the state of Mississippi may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Bankin,

Ordered, that the petition of Winthrop Sergeant, presented on the 17th February, 1816; the petition of Peter Bryan Bruin, presented on the 18th January, 1813; and the petition of Jeremiah Hunt, David Hunt, and Joseph Forman, presented on the 6th January, 1817, be also referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of Andrew Westbrook, stating, that he is a native of the United States, and was taken by his father to the British province of Upper Canada at the age of twelve years, where he became possessed, by inheritance and otherwise, of a large and productive estate; that, upon the invasion of Canada by general Hull, in the late war with Great Britain, he claimed the protection of the United States, as promised by the proclamation of the said general, and joined his army, and continued in the military service of the United States throughout the war; that the whole of his real estate has been confiscated by the British government, and all his personal property destroyed by the forces of the United States, to prevent its falling into the hands of the enemy; and that, from a state of affluence, he is, with a large family, reduced to great distress, and praying to be indemnified for his losses by a grant of public land.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of John Daley.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of John Porter, which were before this House at the last session of Congress.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Jesse Dow, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Rhea also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Zachariah Roberts, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Abiezer Briggs, John Berry, and William Lane, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Philip C. S. Barbour, which was read; when,

Mr. Campbell reported a bill for the relief of the legal representative of Philip Barbour, deceased, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house, on Monday next.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of James Hughes; which was read, when,

Mr. Anderson reported a bill for the relief of the said James Hughes, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce, reported a bill for the relief of Beck & Harvey, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the unfavorable report of the Committee of Claims made yesterday on the petition of Samuel G. Adams; and, the same being read,

Mr. Tyler moved so to amend the resolution recommended in the said report, as to give it an affirmative character, to wit: That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted; when,

Mr. Warfield moved to lay the said report on the table; which being rejected,

The question was taken on the amendment moved by Mr. Tyler, and determined in the negative.

The said resolution, as recommended by the committee, was then concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Gad Worthington," was read the third time,

And, on the question, shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Denton, Little & Co. and of Harman Hendricks, of New York," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Gooding and James Williams was read the third time, and, on the question, shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 17, 1819.

Mr. Buffum presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New Hampshire, praying that other and further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of sundry manufacturers and vendors of American manufactured paper, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that the duty imposed on foreign paper imported into the United States may be changed from an *ad valorem* to a specific duty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Walter McFarland, praying com-

pensation for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army, and for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Williams, of Virginia, presented a petition of Leonard Cooper, praying payment of a certificate issued to him for his services in the revolutionary army, which has been lost or destroyed.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of Robert Short, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Folger presented an address of the representatives of the yearly meeting of Friends, of New England, expressive of their disapprobation of the introduction of slavery in the territories or states west of the Mississippi river; which was referred to the committee appointed on the 15th inst. to enquire into the propriety of prohibiting the introduction of slavery into the said territories.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of John B. C. Lucas, and Clement B. Penrose, presented on the 1st day of December, 1818, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of John Campeau, and a petition of John Baptiste Petre, by Vanzandt and Rockwell, their attorneys, respectively praying compensation for provisions and other articles, taken from them for the use of a detachment of troops of the United States, in the year 1813.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Neale,

Ordered, That the case of the Levy Court of Calvert County, in the state of Maryland, communicated to this House by the Commissioner of Claims, on the 10th December, 1817, be also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Milton, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of John Carman, Daniel Carman, and Elihu Pond; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made reports on the petitions of William Draggo and Thomas Lusby; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw their petitions.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of John Craine and Solomon Seixas, and that they be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Septa Fillmore; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee appointed on the 14th inst. to present to the President of the United States the resolution adopted on that day, requesting information concerning certain executions in the army of the United States, reported that the Committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that he would attend to the request contained in the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting a statement of the exports from the United States during one year, ending on the 30th of September, 1819; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That five hundred copies (in addition to the usual number) of the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury upon the state of the finances, be printed for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House a statement of the expense of furnishing the army of the United States with rations for the term of one year, ending on the 14th of April, 1818, exhibiting the average cost per ration. And, also, of the expense of furnishing the army with rations; exhibiting, also, the average cost per ration, for the term of one year, under the provisions of the law passed on the 14th April, 1818, entitled "An act to regulate the staff of the army."

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the future sale of public lands in half quarter sections, and the propriety of reducing their present price.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be, and are hereby, instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the laws regulating the sales of the vacant lands of the United States, and from and after the day of no credit shall be given thereon, and a less quantity may be purchased, and at a less price, than is authorized by the existing laws.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the final adjustment of the ancient titles to land within the territory of Michigan.

Mr. Rich submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to prepare and report a bill providing for the distribution of a sum of money among such of the citizens of the United States as lost their property in consequence of the general conflagration, by the enemy, on the Niagara frontier during the late war.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Thomas Carr and others, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee of Whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the bill for the relief of Lewis Joseph Beaulieu; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported, that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting sundry statements relative to the Internal Duties and Direct Tax, as required by the 33d section of the act of the 22d July, 1813; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Livermore moved the House to reconsider the vote taken yesterday on the passage of the engrossed bill for the relief of John Gooding and James Williams.

And, on the question—Will the House reconsider the said vote?—

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Warfield,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of Jurors for the Circuit and District Courts of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Bloomfield,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 20, 1819.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Huldah Bliss, widow of the late major Thomas Theodore Bliss.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Roswell Hopkins, a petition of Daniel Hosford, a petition of James Amblers, and a petition of Thomas Pierpoint.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of Solomon Griswold; respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of a convention of delegates

from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and Ohio, assembled in New York, "to take into consideration the situation of our manufacturers."

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of "The Chester County Domestic Association."

Mr. Marchand, and Mr. Wallace, respectively, presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of that state; which petitions respectively pray, that Congress will adopt such other and further measures as will afford effectual encouragement and security to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Paul Beck, junior, and Thomas Sparks, manufacturers of shot, in the city of Philadelphia, praying that an additional duty of one cent per pound may be imposed on foreign manufactured shot imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Manufactures.

Mr. Sergeant also presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying, that, in the admission of the Missouri territory into the Union as a state, provision may be made for the perpetual exclusion of slavery within the same; which petitions were referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of the borough of Norfolk, in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; which was read and referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Deanison presented a petition of the President, Managers, and Company of the Milford and Owego turnpike road, praying for the aid of the government in making their said road, by a subscription to the capital stock thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. Hill, that of William Rice, presented on the 8th of January, 1817.

By Mr. Strother, those of Ambrose Whitlock, presented on the 3d February, 1819.

Mr. Cocke presented a petition of James Turk and Thomas Henderson, contractors for supplying provisions to the troops of the United States in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, praying to be reimbursed the amount of their expenses incurred at the seat of government, in effecting a settlement of their accounts, where, it is stated;

they were detained by the accounting officers an unreasonable length of time.

Mr. Cannon presented a petition of John Topp, praying compensation for damages and waste committed on his lands near Nashville, in the state of Tennessee, by a detachment of United States' troops, cantoned on the lands adjoining.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Corke also presented a petition of Samuel Douthet, praying compensation for property plundered from his father by the Cherokee Indians, during the revolutionary war, which property was confirmed to the said Indians by the treaty of Hopewell.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of John Payne, junior, who states, that, while a cadet at the military Academy at West Point, his right hand, with a part of the arm, was blown off by the accidental discharge of a cannon, and praying for a pension.

The Speaker presented a petition of Andrew Green, praying for an increase of pension.

The Speaker also presented a petition of Robert Patterson, praying for arrearages of pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and also referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Meigs, that of the heirs of Hugh Hughes, presented 3d March, 1818.

By Mr. Crowell, that of Tandy Walker, presented on the 26th November, 1818.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented documents in support of the petition of Zachariah Roberts, which were referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims; and the petition of the said Roberts, together with the unfavorable report made thereon at the present session, were also recommitted to the said committee.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of the president and directors of the Union Bank of Georgetown, and a petition of the president and directors of the Bank of Potomac; and,

Mr. Swearingen presented a petition of the president and directors of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Georgetown; respectively praying for a renewal of their charters.

Mr. Kent also presented a petition of the Board of Trustees of the Infirmary in the city of Washington, praying Congress to provide for the support and maintenance of such persons as have been in the army or navy of the United States, and may come to the seat of government to obtain a pension, or to settle their accounts, and who may be unable to support themselves.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Kent,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Columbian Institute, presented on the 9th of February, 1819, be also referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The Speaker presented to the House a letter addressed to him by James Maxwell, of Philadelphia, soliciting the patronage of Congress to a new publication of the laws of the United States, in the form of a digest, accompanied with notes of adjudications and decisions thereon in the judicial tribunals of the country; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles Dehault Delassus, presented on the 9th of March, 1818, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of James Andrews and James Brown, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of George Claghorn, John Brooks, Francis Luscomb, and Edward Kain, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of George Claghorn, Edward Kain, and Francis Luscomb, be *not* granted; that John Brooks have leave to *withdraw* his petition; and that George Claghorn and Francis Luscomb have leave to *withdraw the documents* accompanying their petitions.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Julian Merceau; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill in addition to the act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith also reported a bill making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1820; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, last appointed.

Mr. Sergeant, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the surviving officers of the army of the revolution, made a detailed report; which was read, when,

Mr. Sergeant, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of the surviving officers of the army of the revolution; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was

referred a resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of jurors of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States, made a report against the expediency of increasing the pay of the jurors aforesaid, and recommending that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Charles Townsend and Jonas Williams; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the claim of Charles Townsend and Jonas Williams, of Buffalo, in the state of New York, ought not to be allowed.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Asa Fuller; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be required to state to this House whether, in pursuance of the law of the 18th March, 1818, any pensions have been granted, which, for reasons he will state, ought not to have been granted, and what course has been pursued in relation to such pensions, or those to whom they may have been granted; and the number of those who have been placed upon the pension list from each state, and the amount paid in each state under the said law.

Which being read,

Mr. Whitman moved to lay it upon the table; which was rejected by the House.

Mr. Hill then moved to amend the said resolution, by striking out all thereof which follows the word "granted," where it last occurs.

Mr. Rich then moved to postpone the further consideration thereof until the first Monday in January next; which was also rejected by the House.

The question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill; And, being taken, it was determined in the negative.

The said latter clause of the resolution proposed to be stricken out in the amendment moved by Mr. Hill, was then amended to read as follows:

"And the number and names of those who have been placed upon the pension list from each state, and the line to which they belonged, and their rank; and the amount paid in each state under the said law. And, also, the regulations adopted by the War Department in relation to the examination and admission of claims for pensions under the said act."

And the said resolution, being so amended, was agreed to by the House.

Two messages, in writing, were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, the first of which was read, and is as follows:

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES:

Some doubt being entertained respecting the true intent and meaning of the act of the last session, entitled "An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade," as to the duties of the agents, to be appointed on the coast of Africa, I think it proper to state the interpretation which has been given of the act, and the measures adopted to carry it into effect, that Congress may, should it be deemed advisable, amend the same, before further proceeding is had under it.

The obligation to instruct the commanders of all our armed vessels to seize and bring into port all ships or vessels of the United States, wheresoever found, having on board any negro, mulatto, or person of color, in violation of former acts for the suppression of the slave trade, being imperative, was executed without delay. No seizures have yet been made, but, as they were contemplated by the law, and might be presumed, it seemed proper to make the necessary regulations applicable to such seizures for carrying the several provisions of the act into effect.

It is enjoined on the executive to cause all negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color, who may be taken under the act, to be removed to Africa. It is the obvious import of the law, that none of the persons thus taken should remain within the United States; and no place other than the coast of Africa being designated, their removal, or delivery, whether carried from the United States or landed immediately from the vessels in which they were taken, was supposed to be confined to that coast. No settlement or station being specified, the whole coast was thought to be left open for the selection of a proper place, at which the persons, thus taken, should be delivered. The executive is authorized to appoint one or more agents, residing there, to receive such persons; and one hundred thousand dollars are appropriated for the general purposes of the law.

On due consideration of the several sections of the act, and of its humane policy, it was supposed to be the intention of Congress, that all the persons above described, who might be taken under it, and landed in Africa, should be aided in their return to their former homes, or in their establishment at, or near, the place where landed. Some shelter and food would be necessary for them there, as soon as landed, let their subsequent disposition be what it might. Should they be landed without such provision having been previously made, they might perish. It was supposed, by the authority given to the executive, to appoint agents residing on that coast, that they should provide such shelter and food, and perform the other beneficent and charitable offices contemplated by the act. The coast of Africa having been little explored, and no persons residing there, who possessed the requisite qualifications to entitle them to the trust, being known to the executive, to none such could it be committed. It was believed that citizens only, who would go hence, well instructed in

the views of their government, and zealous to give them effect, would be competent to these duties, and that it was not the intention of the law to preclude their appointment. It was obvious that the longer these persons should be detained in the United States in the hands of the marshals, the greater would be the expense, and that for the same term would the main purpose of the law be suspended. It seemed, therefore, to be incumbent on me to make the necessary arrangements for carrying this act into effect in Africa, in time to meet the delivery of any persons who might be taken by the public vessels, and landed there under it.

On this view of the policy and sanctions of the law, it has been decided, to send a public ship to the coast of Africa, with two such agents, who will take with them tools, and other implements, necessary for the purposes above mentioned. To each of these agents a small salary has been allowed—fifteen hundred dollars to the principal, and twelve hundred to the other. All our public agents on the coast of Africa receive salaries for their services, and it was understood that none of our citizens, possessing the requisite qualifications, would accept these trusts, by which they would be confined to parts the least frequented and civilized, without a reasonable compensation. Such allowance, therefore, seemed to be indispensable to the execution of the act. It is intended, also, to subject a portion of the sum appropriated, to the order of the principal agent, for the special objects above stated, amounting in the whole, including the salaries of the agents for one year, to rather less than one third of the appropriation. Special instructions will be given to these agents, defining, in precise terms, their duties, in regard to the persons thus delivered to them; the disbursement of the money by the principal agent; and his accountability for the same. They will also have power to select the most suitable place, on the coast of Africa, at which all persons who may be taken under this act shall be delivered to them, with an express injunction to exercise no power founded on the principle of colonization, or other power than that of performing the benevolent offices above recited, by the permission and sanction of the existing government under which they may establish themselves. Orders will be given to the commander of the public ship in which they will sail, to cruize along the coast, to give the more complete effect to the principal object of the act.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, December 17th, 1819.

Ordered, That the said message be referred to the Committee on that part of the President's message of the 7th inst. which relates to the African Slave Trade.

The other message was then also read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of Congress, of the 27th March, 1818, the Journal, Acts, and Proceedings, of the Convention which

formed the present constitution of the United States has been published. The resolution directs that one thousand copies should be printed, of which one copy should be furnished to each member of the Fifteenth Congress, and the residue to be subject to the future disposition of Congress. The number of copies sufficient for the members of the late Congress having been reserved for that purpose, the remainder are now deposited in the Department of State, subject to the orders of Congress. The documents mentioned in the resolution of 27th March, 1818, are in the process of publication.

[Signed]

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 17th December, 1819.

Ordered, That the said message lie on the table.

Mr. Trimble submitted the following resolutions; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

1. Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing all laws whereby a credit is allowed on duties accruing on imports and tonnage.

2. Resolved, That the same Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing all laws allowing drawbacks.

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the payment of fifty dollars to Henry Cain, being the value of a horse lost by said Cain whilst in the militia service of the United States in the year 1812.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 21, 1818.

Mr. Parker, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Kennebec and Lincoln, in the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition of Oliver Champlain, surveyor of the customs for the port of New London, in the state of Connecticut, praying for increase of his compensation.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of Nathan Branson, stating that he shipped a quantity of goods and merchandize from Wilmington, in North Carolina, to Mobile, in the territory of Alabama, the import duties on which had been paid at Wilmington; that the vessel, on her passage, touched at a foreign port, in consequence of which he was compelled again to pay the import duties on the said goods and merchandize, on its arrival at Mobile, and praying that the amount so paid at Mobile, may be refunded to him.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Nathaniel Edwards, praying for a pension.

Mr. Smith, of N. C. presented a petition of Titus J. Turner, and a petition of Axum Scott, also praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the petition of Jeremiah Eldridge, presented on the 28th of January, 1819, be also referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Hibshman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Lancaster county, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that measures may be taken for the protection of the domestic manufacturing establishments of the country; which petition was referred to the Committee of Manufactures.

Mr. Davidson presented a petition of Jonas Clark, praying compensation for a horse lost in the military service of the United States, in the late war with the Creek Indians.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of Susan Washington Martin, widow of Thomas Martin, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, and lately keeper of the United States military store at Newport, in Kentucky, praying to be allowed the commutation of half-pay, to which her said husband was entitled for his services as an officer aforesaid.

Mr. Crowell presented documents in support of the petition of Tandy Walker.

Ordered, That the said petition and documents be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, viz:

By Mr. Beecher, that of John Stump, presented on the 10th February, 1819.

By Mr. Cook, that of William M^cIntosh, presented on the 17th December, 1817.

The Speaker laid before the House a schedule of fees, proper to be allowed and taxed for the officers of the District Court of the United States, for the western district of Virginia, prepared and transmitted by the judge of the said district, in obedience to the resolution of this House, of the 22d of February last; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to whom was yesterday recommitted their report on the petition of Zachariah Roberts, with additional documents in support of the said petition, made a further report thereon, which was read; and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, made a report on the petition

of John M. Goetschins, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Ezekiel Knowles, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. M'Coy,

Ordered, That the petition of Polly Potter, presented on the 11th of December, 1817, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Holmes, from the committee appointed on the petition of a convention of the people of the District of Maine, for admission into the Union, as a separate and independent state, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to said state; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, from the committee appointed on the petition of Sarah Allen, made a report, which was read: when,

Mr. Butler, by leave of the House, reported a bill allowing Sarah Allen the bounty land and pay which would have been due to her son, Samuel Drew, had he lived, for his services as a private in the late war; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be directed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the application for pensions under "An Act to provide for certain Persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," approved March 18, 1818, by guardian, in case of the insanity of the person entitled thereto.

Mr. Cannon submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending to the widows and orphans that have been placed on the pension list of the United States, or may hereafter be placed on said pension list, under the provisions of an act entitled "An Act making further Provision for Military Services during the late War, and for other purposes," approved April 16th, 1816, a further provision, so as to allow to each *orphan*, whether of an officer or soldier, after the expiration of the five years half-pay allowed by the provisions of the before recited act, a certain sum, to be paid annually, until they arrive at a sufficient age to provide for themselves. Also, to allow to each widow, whether of an officer or soldier, a certain sum, to be paid annually during life, or to the time of her intermarriage: Or to make such other provisions for said widows and orphans, as may be thought just and necessary.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution.

And, on the question to agree to the same,

Mr. Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Mr. Overstreet	Mr. B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Kendall	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	A Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Kent	Patterson	Southard
Kinsley	Peck	Stevens
Lathrop	Pindall	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Lincoln	Pitcher	Tarr
Linn	Plumer	Taylor
Livermore	Reed	Tomlinson
Maclay	Rhea	Tompkins
McCoy	Rich	Tracy
McCreary	Richards	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Marchand	Richmond	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Meech	Rogers	Upham
Meigs	Ross	Van Rensselaer
Metcalf	Russ	Wallace
R. Moore	Sampson	Wendover
S. Moore	Silsbee	Whitman
Morton	Sloan	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Murray	Slocumb	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Neale	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Wood—101.
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Smith, <i>Md.</i>	

And so the said resolution was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Smyth,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the justice and expediency of authorizing the Post Master General to encrease, if he thinks fit, the compensation made to George Oury, a carrier of the mail of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, at as early a day as may be convenient, an account of the expenditure of the several sums appropriated for building fortifications from the year 1816 to the year 1819, both inclusive; indicating the places at which works of defence have been begun; the magnitude of the works contemplated at *each place*; their present condition; the amount already expended, and the estimated sum requisite for the completion of each; also, the mode by which the fortifications are built; whether by contract or otherwise.

Mr. Shaw and Mr. Cushman were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President.

On motion of Mr. Case,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Mount Hope, in the county of Orange, to Bloomsburgh, in the county of Sullivan, in the State of New-York.

Mr. Warfield submitted the following joint resolution; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of

State be instructed to furnish to each member of the present Congress, and the delegates from territories, (who may not be entitled to the same under the resolution of Congress of the 27th of March, 1818,) the Journal, Acts, and Proceedings, of the convention which formed the present constitution of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing Samuel Gage, Elisha Cotten, Lemuel Tomlinson, Caleb Johnson, Garret Putman, Jesse Foot, Isaac Bemis, and Victor Putman, on the pension list.

Mr. Taylor submitted documents in support of the case of each person mentioned in the preceding resolution.

On motion of Mr. Foot,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Expenditures be instructed to enquire and report to this House the amount of the several items which are charged upon the contingent fund; and whether, in their opinion, the expenditures may not, in future, be diminished, consistent with the public interest, and the accommodation of the two Houses of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Foot,

Resolved, That the several committees on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Departments of State, Treasury, War, Navy, Post Office, and Public Buildings, be instructed to enquire and report to this House whether, in their opinion, the expenditures in those Departments may not be diminished without prejudice to the public interest.

On motion of Mr. Ervin,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Georgetown, in the state of South Carolina, to Conwayborough, by way of Black river, Pee dee river, and Bull Creek; from Conwayborough by Little river to Wilmington, in the state of North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to enquire into and report the allowances which have been made to the officers of the army of the United States for the transportation of baggage, quarters, and fuel, since the first day of January, 1816, and, also, into the expediency of regulating the same in future.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to enquire into and report to this House the objects intended to be accomplished by the expedition ordered to the mouth of the Yellow Stone, on the Missouri river.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to enquire into and report to this House the expenditures which have been, and are likely to be, incurred in fitting out and prosecuting the expedition ordered to the mouth of the Yellow Stone, on the Missouri river.

On motion of Mr. Rich,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making compensation to Aaron Bellamy, of Vermont, for his vessel, captured by the enemy on Lake Champlain, while engaged in the service of the United States; and, that the testimony taken under a commission from the late Commissioner of Claims, and on file in the Clerk's office, be referred to the said committee.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the bill for the relief of William McDonald, administrator of James McDonald, late a captain in the army of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the said bill with amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the bill providing for the payment for horses and other property lost, captured, or destroyed, in the Seminole war; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Storrs then moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely. And, debate rising thereon, The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 22, 1819.

Another member, to wit: from Pennsylvania, Robert Philson, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of Daniel Lane, Collector of the customs for the port of Belfast, in the District of Maine, praying that an annual salary may be attached to his office.

Mr. Hall, of North Carolina, presented a petition of Hugh McCullough, stating that he purchased a lot of ground lying in the town of Wilmington, in the said state of North Carolina, which was sold by the Marshal of that district at the suit of the United States. That the heir of the person, for whose debt the said lot was sold, instituted a suit against him, the petitioner, and has recovered the said lot by due course of law; and praying that the purchase money, with the interest thereon, may be refunded to him.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Whitman also presented a petition of Robert R. Kendall, praying the allowance of certain sums of money which he has been compelled to allow and pay in the settlement of his accounts as an officer in the army in the late war with Great Britain, for the want of certain vouchers which had been lost or mislaid.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of James May, praying com-

pensation for damages committed on his farms, near Detroit, in the territory of Michigan, by a detachment of the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The following petitions heretofore presented were again presented, and also referred to the Committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. Ford, that of Richard M. Esselstyn, presented on the 18th January, 1816.

By Mr. Archer, that of James Caldwell, presented on the 6th of January, 1817.

Mr. Hill presented a petition of Luther Gregory, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Mosely presented a petition of Bezabeel Beebe, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of New Haven, and its vicinity, in the state of Connecticut.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Maryland, respectively praying that further aid and encouragement may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Isaiah Jennings, of New-York, praying for an extension of his patent for making sail makers' thimbles.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Meigs also presented a petition of Jacob Schieffelin and Henry H. Schieffelin, druggists, of the city of New York, stating, that, during the existence of the embargo laid in 1807, they were permitted by the government of the United States to import from the British dominions, in the West Indies, goods to the amount of the debts due them; that the said goods were captured on the passage by a British cruizer, and condemned by an inferior admiralty court, which sentence was reversed by the high court of admiralty, in England; but, that such had been the delay, that, before they were enabled to draw the proceeds of the said goods, the late war commenced; upon which, the said proceeds were sequestered by the British government, and are still withheld from them; and praying relief from the government of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State, and that he be directed to report to this House what measures have been taken, if any, to obtain redress from the British government in the case of these petitioners.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Erastus Granger, late postmaster in the village of Buffalo, in the state of New York, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, for the money belonging to the United States, which was taken away or destroyed by the British

forces upon the capture and destruction of the said village in the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Daniel Pettibone, praying for the renewal of his patent for welding cast steel to iron.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Alexander Smyth presented a petition of Henry Low, praying for a grant of the bounty in land, to which, he says, he is entitled for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Abbott presented a petition of Rebecca C. Appling, sister and legal representative of the late Colonel Daniel Appling, of the army of the United States, stating, that the said Colonel Appling conquered and captured a superior British force, with several gun boats, barges, and their equipments, which, if captured by a naval force, would have been subject to condemnation as lawful prize, and praying that the value of the same may now be distributed to her and the officers and men under the command of the said Colonel Appling.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Ordered, That the petition of George Hadfield, presented on the 16th day of February, 1819, be referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Pike, Scioto, and Lawrence, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Edward Seeds and Henry Brown; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Edward Seeds be not granted; and that Henry Brown have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of John McCrea, and of William B. Ligon; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Samuel Dale, of Abraham Gallagher, and William Douglass, on behalf of the Society of Shakers, at West Union, in the state of Indiana; of Joseph Young, and of Joseph Richardson; and that the first be referred to the Com-

mittee on the Public Lands, the second to the Committee of Claims, and the two latter to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee appointed yesterday to present to the President of the United States the resolution respecting fortifications, reported, that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would attend to the request contained in the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Door-keeper of this House be instructed to sell all such articles of furniture of the late Representative Chamber, and the rooms attached thereto, as may not be wanted at this time in the present Chamber; and that the proceeds of such sale shall be deposited with the contingent fund of this House.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Smyth,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to cause to be prepared and laid before this House, at the next session of Congress, a system of martial law, and a system of field service and police, for the government of the army of the United States.

Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that all minors who enlisted in the army of the United States in the late war with Great Britain, and who continued in service until peace was concluded, and were discharged as minors, be allowed a bounty of land as a compensation that is reasonable and adequate to their service.

The said resolution being read,

Mr. Strother moved that it lie on the table, which was rejected.

The question was then taken to agree to the same, and determined in the negative.

An engrossed resolution "for the further distribution of the Journal of the Convention which formed the present Constitution of the United States," was read the third time; and, being on its passage, it was,

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Whitman, Mr. Warfield, and Mr. Strother, were appointed the said committee.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William McDonald, administrator of James McDonald, deceased, late captain in the army of the United States," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow," and "An act providing for the accommodation of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, in the county of Washington," in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House;

And then he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read the first and second time, and the first thereof referred to the Committee of Claims, and the second to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill providing for the payment of horses and other property lost, captured, or destroyed, in the Seminole war; and the question depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, to wit: shall the said bill be postponed indefinitely? was again stated; and, after further debate thereon, was taken,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....60,
Nays.....94.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hardin	Mr. Plumer
Alexander	Johnson	Randolph
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Rich
Ball	Kendall	Robertson
Bayly	Lathrop	Sampson
Buffum	Lincoln	Sergeant
Burwell	Lowndes	Slocumb
Cobb	Maclay	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Crafts	McCoy	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Culbreth	Marchand	Storrs
Culpepper	Mason	Street
Dowse	Meech	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Mercer	Taylor
Floyd	Monell	Terrell
Folger	Morton	Trimble
Ford	Mosely	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Forrest	Neale	Upham
Fuller	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Whitman
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Pindall	Wood..... 60

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Campbell	Mr. Dickinson
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Cannon	Earle
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Case	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>
Anderson	Clagett	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>
Archer	Clarke	Ervin
Baldwin	Cocke	Fay
Barbour	Crawford	Fisher
Bateman	Crowell	Foot
Beecher	Cushman	Fullerton
Boden	Cuthbert	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>
Brown	Darlington	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>
Brush	Davidson	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>
Bryan	Dewitt	Hazard

Mr. Hendricks	Mr. Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Mr. Settle
Herrick	Newton	Shaw
Hibshman	Overstreet	Silsbee
Hill	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Sloan
Holmes	Patterson	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Hooks	Philson	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Hostetter	Pinckney	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Pitcher	Stevens
Kent	Quarles	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Kinsley	Rankin	Strother
Linn	Reed	Tarr
Livermore	Rhea	Tomlinson
Lyman	Richards	Tompkins
McCreary	Richmond	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Ringgold	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Meigs	Rogers	Wallace
R. Moore	Ross	Wendover
S. Moore	Russ	Williams, <i>Va.</i> ...94
Murray		

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 23, 1819.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of leather, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the duty on leather imported into the United States may be changed from an *ad valorem* to a *specific* duty.

Mr. Rogers presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, praying that further aid and encouragement may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, presented a similar petition, from sundry inhabitants of that State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Portland, in the District of Maine;

Mr. Pinckney presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina;

Respectively praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States: which petitions were referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed a bill for that purpose.

Mr. Case presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Orange and Sullivan, in the State of New York;

Mr. Swearingen presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Shepherdstown, and its vicinity, in the State of Virginia;

Mr. Rankin presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Mississippi;

Respectively praying for the establishment of post routes:

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Forrest presented a petition of Mary Carpenter, widow of Miles Carpenter, deceased, late drum major in the army commanded by Gen. St. Clair, against the Indians, in the year 1791, and who was killed in action while acting in the capacity aforesaid; praying for a pension.

Ordered, that the said petition be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of Frederick Falley, stating that his vessel on Lake Erie was impressed into the public service to transport a part of the army of Gen. Harrison across said Lake, and that the cargo on board, at the time of impressment, was landed at Put-in-Bay; that, upon the return of said vessel, having taken her cargo on board, and proceeding on her voyage, she was wrecked in a gale of wind, and, with the greater part of her cargo, wholly lost, on the British shore. He also states that property of considerable value, belonging to him, was destroyed by the British and Indians during the action at Lower Sandusky, and praying compensation for said vessel and cargo, and the property so destroyed as aforesaid.

Ordered, that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Beecher presented sundry petitions from inhabitants of the State of Ohio, in opposition to a removal of the Land Office from Piqua to Troy, in said State.

Ordered, that the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of the commercial firm of Lequeux, Apling, and Company, stating, that, under the authority and directions of a military officer and a revenue officer of the United States, they shipped a quantity of stores from Pensacola, in East Florida, intended for the use of the troops of the United States, at Fort Crawford, who were in a suffering condition for the want of the same, which said stores were seized on their passage by the revenue officers of the port of Mobile, libelled, and condemned for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States, of which the petitioners declare they were wholly ignorant; and, inasmuch as they acted under the authority, and by the advice of the proper officers of the government, they pray for a remission of the said forfeiture, or for such other relief as Congress may think proper to grant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petitions of the several persons hereinafter named, which have heretofore been presented to the House, at the several periods annexed to their names, respectively, be again referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims: viz.

Francis Keener, presented on the 11th of February, 1818.

Samuel Kenyon, presented on the 9th of March, 1818.

William Christy, presented on the 11th of February, 1818.

Auguste Chouteau, presented on the 12th of February, 1818.

Victoire Gratiot, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

Charles S. and Thomas Hempstead, presented on the 28th February, 1818.

Abiel Wilson, presented on the 18th December, 1817.

Isaac Williams, presented on the 21st March, 1818.

Curtis Willborns, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

Joseph Smith, presented on the 15th December, 1817.

Charles Sexton, presented on the 5th January, 1818.

Benjamin Shell, presented on the 26th January, 1818.

Macky Wherry, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

Peter Hartle, presented on the 26th January, 1818.

James Tanner, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

John P. Cabanné, presented on the 23d January, 1819.

Joseph Hertick, presented on the 23d December, 1817.

John Baptist Belfort, presented on the 5th January, 1818.

Joseph Smith, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

Simeon Smith and Frederick Miller, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

Samuel Thompson and Burwell J. Thompson, presented on the 10th February, 1818.

Casper Shell, presented on the 26th January, 1818.

Charles Sexton, presented on the 21st March, 1818.

Joseph Villiards, presented on the 23d December, 1817.

John Myers, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

George Myers, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

Christian Fenter, presented on the 11th December, 1817.

Thomas Fenwick and others, presented on the 12th December, 1817.

William Tucker, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

John Shepherd, presented on the 15th December, 1817.

Isidore Moore, presented on the 12th December, 1817.

James Morrison, presented on the 12th February, 1818.

Thomas Maddin, three petitions, presented on the 26th January, 1818.

Charles Tayon, presented on the 2d February, 1818.

Andrew Henry, presented on the 7th December, 1818.

Israel Hall, presented on the 12th January, 1818.

Daniel Hildebrand, presented on the 10th February, 1818.

Joseph Nisewonger, jun. presented on the 24th February, 1818.

Reuben Norman, presented on the 22d December, 1817.

James Austin, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

Jacob Parks, presented on the 24th February, 1818.

George Ramy, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

Charles Bequette, presented on the 10th February, 1818.

Nancy Ferguson, presented on the 21st March, 1818.

Joseph Nisewonger, sen. presented on the 24th February, 1818.

William Ramsey, presented on the 21st March, 1818.

- John Rodney, presented on the 22d December, 1817.
 John Layton, presented on the 9th March, 1818.
 Jean Le Basques, presented on the 23d March, 1818.
 Wilfred Hagan, presented on the 9th March, 1818.
 James Dowty, presented on the 5th January, 1818.
 Peter Crite, heir of Devolt Crite, presented on the 26th January, 1818.
 Abraham Crader, presented on the 24th February, 1818.
 George Cook, presented on the 9th March, 1818.
 Charles W. Hunter, presented on the 24th December, 1817.
 Charles Lucas, assignee of Stephen Jones, presented on the 5th January, 1818.
 Valentine Love, presented on the 24th February, 1818.
 Martin Thomas, presented on the 24th February, 1818.
 Thomas S. Rodney, presented on the 29th December, 1817.
 George Hacker, presented on the 21st March, 1818.
 Robert Reynolds, presented on the 24th February, 1818.
 Martin Rodney, presented on the 5th January, 1818.
 Titus Strickland, for the heirs of Nathaniel Holcum, presented on the 19th December, 1817.
 Jacob Jacobs, presented on the 9th March, 1818.
 Representatives of James Clamorgan, presented on the 9th March, 1818.
 Dr. Samuel Stoy, presented on the 20th February, 1818.
 George Robertson and James Willborn, presented on the 9th March, 1818.
 William T. Lamme, presented on the 11th February, 1818.
 Bernard Rogan, et alia, presented on the 16th March, 1818.
 John Calley, presented on the 11th February, 1818.
 Francis Allers, et alia, presented on the 5th January, 1818.
 John Dougherty, presented on the 15th December, 1817.
 Heirs of William Reed, presented on the 11th December, 1817.
 Amable Partenay, presented on the 18th March, 1818.
 Moore Henley, presented on the 21st March, 1818.
 Arend Rutgers, presented on the 12th January, 1818.
 Parfait Dufour and Rene La Merneur, presented on the 16th December, 1817.
 Inhabitants of Missouri, presented on the 18th March, 1818.
 Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from a farther consideration of the "bill for the relief of Thomas Carr, and others," and that it be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.
 Mr. Cobb, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the accommodation of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, in the County of Washington," reported the same with amendments, which were read, and, together with the bill, committed to a Committee of the Whole to-day.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Spiller Fillmore; which was read: when,

Mr. Campbell reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Anthony Burk; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of the legal representative of Philip Barbour.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Alabama in behalf of Colonel Samuel Dale; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson also reported a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to remit the instalment due on certain lots in Shawaneetown, in the state of Illinois; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Daniel Lane and John G. Bogert, and that the former be referred to the Committee of Commerce, and the latter to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of Clerks in the different offices;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill in addition to the act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1819.

Mr. Hill submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a NATIONAL UNIVERSITY within the Territory of Columbia, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The said resolution was read, and, on the question to agree thereto, It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the law of forfeiture that the actual settler and cultivator of the soil shall have a preference of re-entry after his lands shall have been forfeited to the United States, and before they shall be exposed to public sale.

On motion of Mr. Strong, of Vermont,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be directed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Hanover, in New Hampshire, by the way of Lyman's Bridge, and on White river turnpike road, through the towns of Randolph, Brookfield, Williamstown, and Barré to Montpelier, in Vermont.

On motion of Mr. Foot,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House the rules and regulations established by the Commissioner, and adopted by the War Department, in relation to the execution of the "act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or

destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the 9th day of April, 1819, particularly in relation to horses lost.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Estill Court House, in Kentucky, to Patrick's Salt Works, on the North Fork of Kentucky river, in Clay county, Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be instructed to enquire into the expediency of passing a law authorizing and requiring the Levy Court for the County of Washington; in said district, to impose and collect a tax upon the citizens and taxable property of said county, sufficient for the purposes of building a Court House and suitable offices attached thereto, for the accommodation of the various Courts of said county, and the preservation of the records thereof.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a Surveyor of the public lands in the territories of Illinois and Missouri," passed April 29, 1816, as authorizes the said Surveyor to have the lands in the now state of Illinois surveyed according to the provisions of said recited act; and to enquire into the expediency of providing for the appointment of a separate Surveyor of the public lands within said state.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Samuel Ward," and "An act for the relief of Eli Hart;" in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House: and then he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read the first and second time, and referred; the first to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, the latter to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, laid before this House on the 3d of March, 1819, in answer to the resolution of the House of the 27th of February, preceding, directing him to inform the House what sums of money have been paid to the Attorney General of the United States for extra services, designating the service and the fund from which the money has been paid; be referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State.

The House again took up and proceeded to consider the bill providing for the payment of horses and other property lost, captured, or destroyed, in the Seminole war; and,

On motion of Mr. Foot,

The said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the accommoda-

tion of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, in the county of Washington; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported their concurrence in the amendments proposed thereto by the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The question was then taken to concur with the Committee of the Whole in their agreement to the said amendments.

And determined in the negative.

And so the said amendments were rejected.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk's table by adding thereto a second section.

The question was then taken, Shall the said amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time?

And determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a schedule of fees proper to be allowed and taxed to the officers of the District Court of the United States for the District of Delaware, prepared and transmitted by the Judge of said District, in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 22d of February last; which was referred to the Committee for the Judiciary.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, asking an appropriation for the salary of four additional clerks for that Department until the 20th of October next; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The several orders which precede the bill in addition to the act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1819, were postponed until to-morrow.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on that bill; as, also, on the bill making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1820; and on the bill supplementary to the act entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks in the different offices;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 27, 1819.

Another member, to wit: from Louisiana, Thomas Butler, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of James Nourse, praying for arrearages of pension.

Mr. Kendall presented a petition of Luke Johnson;

Mr. Hazard presented a petition of Smith P. Slocumb;

Mr. Southard presented a petition of Ebenezer T. Manning; respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Tompkins presented a petition of Jonathan Ward, one of the surviving sons of the late Stephen Ward, deceased, in behalf of himself and the other representatives of the deceased, stating that the dwelling and out-houses, and personal property of considerable value, belonging to their ancestor, lying near the city of New York, were destroyed by the British forces in the revolutionary war, because the said houses had frequently been, and were, at the time of destruction, occupied by a detachment of the army of the United States; and praying compensation therefor.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of Elizabeth Murray and Josiah Murray, executors of Dr. Lacky Murray, deceased, praying compensation for services rendered by the deceased as a surgeon and physician for a number of British prisoners in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Whitman presented a remonstrance of the inhabitants of North Yarmouth, in the District of Maine, against the further introduction of slavery into the territories of the United States west of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Darlington presented a similar memorial from sundry inhabitants of Chester county, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said remonstrance and memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Meigs presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce, of the city of New York, stating that very injurious consequences are resulting to the commerce and shipping interest of the United States from the discriminating duties lately established in France on the staple products of this country, and praying that a heavy tonnage duty may be imposed on French shipping in the ports of the United States, or that such other countervailing measures may be adopted, as, in the wisdom of Congress, may be adequate to the protection of the shipping and commerce of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Henry Warren, Collector of the customs for the District of Plymouth, in the state of Massachusetts, stating that, during the late war, he seized a quantity of British merchandize which he conceived was illegally introduced into the United States; that, after trial, the said merchandize was restored to the claimant; that he has since been compelled to pay about one

thousand two hundred dollars, by way of damages, on account of said seizure; and praying a reimbursement of the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Kinsley,

Ordered, That the petition of John Burgin, presented on the 26th of April, 1816, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Meigs presented another petition of the Chamber of Commerce, of the city of New York, praying that an uniform system of bankruptcy may be established throughout the United States; which was referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Meigs also presented a memorial of the American Society, of the city of New York, for the encouragement of domestic manufactures.

Mr. Case presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the state of New York.

Mr. Maclay presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the western counties of Pennsylvania; which memorials respectively pray, that further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Thomas S. Uffington, manufacturer of umbrellas and parasols, praying that the duties imposed on imported umbrellas and parasols, and materials for their construction, may be so regulated as to afford more efficient protection to the domestic manufacture of those articles.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petition be referred to the Committee of Manufactures.

Mr. McLane, of Delaware, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Georgetown, in the state of Delaware, praying that an additional compensation may be allowed to the post master, in said town; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The following petitions heretofore presented were again presented, and referred to the Committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. Archer, that of Richard Mansfield, presented on the 27th December, 1817.

By Mr. Strother, that of Hannah Davis, presented on the 9th March, 1818.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, presented a petition of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, praying that a right of pre-emption in the purchase of public lands may be extended to certain settlers on the said lands within that state.

Mr. McLean also presented another petition of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, praying for a grant of thirty-six sections of wood land for the use of a Saline lately discovered on the waters of Bond Creek, in said state.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that further time may be allowed to purchasers of public lands to complete their payments therefor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of William McCutchen, stating that, previous to the survey of the public lands, in the territory of Missouri, he settled, improved, and cultivated, a tract, which has since been found to be section No. 16, reserved, by the laws of the United States, for the support of schools; and praying that some other section may be assigned for the use of schools.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, praying that some general provision may be made for the final adjustment of land claims in said territory.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Robert Short and Robert Patterson; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Hugh McCullough; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith also made reports on the petitions of Wilbur Brownell and Gideon Tompkins; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of Christiana and Samuel S. Hamilton, of Aaron Goodrich and George Walker, and of Thomas Withers; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow:

Mr. Hendricks, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Clement B. Penrose; which was read: when,

Mr. Hendricks reported a bill for the relief of the said Clement B. Penrose; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Mr. Hendricks also made a report on the petition of John B. C. Lucas; which was read: when,

Mr. Hendricks reported a bill for the relief of the said John B. C. Lucas; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill last mentioned.

Mr. Campbell, from the select committee appointed on the 9th

instant for the purpose, reported a bill to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Alexander Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca C. Appling, made a report thereon; which was read: when,

Mr. Smyth reported a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel Daniel Appling, and others; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House a statement shewing the whole amount of money that has been expended by the general government on the Military Academy, at West Point, in the state of New York; also, the number of Cadets that have been educated there from each state, district, or territory, and their names; also, an estimate of the sums necessary to be appropriated for said institution for each of the next succeeding three years.

The Speaker presented a memorial of a committee on behalf of the Cadets in the Military Academy, at West Point, complaining of manifold acts of tyranny and oppression on the part of the Superintendent of that Academy, and praying that an enquiry may be had into its state, management, laws, regulations, and transactions, and such measures adopted as will tend to remedy the evils and abuses set forth in their memorial.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an estimate of moneys proposed to be appropriated for the service of the year 1820; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the War Department be directed to transmit to this House a statement of all the balances of moneys, unexpended on the 27th day of December, 1819, remaining in the Treasurer's hands, as agent of the War Department; designating therein the various heads of appropriation; and the balance of moneys remaining unexpended under each of them.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy Department be directed to transmit to this House a statement of all the balances of moneys, unexpended on the 27th day of December, 1819, remaining in the Treasurer's hands, as agent of the Navy Department; designating therein the various heads of appropriation; and the balance of moneys remaining unexpended under each of them.

Mr. Whitman submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be directed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a territorial government for the District of Columbia.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question, Will the House agree to the same?

It was determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 28, 1819.

Mr. Hill presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying for the erection of a light house on Pond Island, in said district; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Bristol County, in the state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of a Committee of Delegates appointed by persons engaged in various manufacturing establishments in the state of Massachusetts; respectively praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and protection of the manufacturing establishments of the country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Hazard presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the state of Rhode Island, praying that provision may be made for the prohibition of slavery within the territory of Missouri, when the same shall be erected into a state government.

Mr. Rogers presented a similar memorial from sundry inhabitants of Northampton County, in Pennsylvania.

The Speaker presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of St. Genevieve, Madison, Washington, Jefferson, Wayne, Cape Girardeau, Lawrence, and New Madrid, in the territory of Missouri, praying that the said territory may be divided in the manner stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Fortune C. White, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of John Adlum, of the District of Columbia, stating that he has succeeded in making wine of a very superior quality from native grapes, and praying the attention of Congress to the subject.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, praying for authority to raise, by lottery, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be applied in the erection of a Masonic Hall, in the city of Washington.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Mason, in the state of Virginia, praying that the district court of the western district of Virginia, which is now held in Lewisburgh, may be removed to Charleston, in Kenawha county.

Mr. Pindall presented a similar petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Kenawha, in said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, presented a petition of Robert Snelson, praying to be allowed and paid the prize money which he conceives to have been due to his son, Robert L. Snelson, deceased, a midshipman in the navy of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Brush,

Ordered, That the petition of William Gould, presented on the 31st May, 1790, be referred to the Committee of the Whole; to which is committed the bill for the relief of the surviving officers of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of Jesse Lott, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of the land on which he resides, in the state of Alabama, may be extended to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, concerned in trade with the Indians, presented on the 1st April, 1816, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; and that the resolutions of the Legislature of the territory of Missouri, relative to land titles in that territory, presented on the 14th of February, 1816, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Brush,

Resolved, That the accompanying papers and vouchers relating to the service of Daniel Doughty in the army of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain, and his claim for the land bounty incident to said service, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims to enquire into the propriety of allowing him such bounty.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Ether Shepley; which was read: when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said Ether Shepley, administrator of Thomas Buckminster, late lieutenant in the 38d regiment of United States' Infantry; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, who were, on the 15th instant, instructed to enquire into the manner in which the act of the 18th March, 1818, has been executed; ascertaining, as far as may be practicable, the class or classes of cases which it has been construed to embrace, and such as have been ex-

cluded from its provisions, &c. made a report, in part; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of sundry manufacturers of paper, in the state of Massachusetts, and that it be referred to the Committee of Manufactures.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Thomas Flinn, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Meigs, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Institution in New York for the instruction of Deaf and Dumb persons, made a report; which was read: when,

Mr. Meigs, by leave of the House, reported a bill in behalf of the New York Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the select committee appointed on the 15th instant to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting the introduction of slaves into the territories of the United States west of the Mississippi, be discharged from further enquiry into the subject; as, also, from the several petitions and memorials referred to them, and that the said petitions lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of State Papers," in which they ask the concurrence of the House: and then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his secretary, as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

On the 23d of February, 1803, a message from the President of the United States was transmitted to both Houses of Congress, together with the report of the then Secretary of State, Mr. Madison, upon the case of the Danish Brigantine *Henrick*, and her cargo, belonging to citizens of Hamburg, recommending the claim to the favorable consideration of Congress. In February, 1805, it was again presented, by a message from the President, to the consideration of Congress, but has not since been definitively acted upon.

The Minister resident from Denmark, and the Consul General from Hamburg, having recently renewed applications, in behalf of the respective owners of the vessel and cargo, I transmit herewith copies of their communications for the further consideration of the Legislature, upon whose files all the documents relating to the claim are still existing.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, December 24, 1819.

The said message was read and referred to the Committee of Claims. Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, as follows, viz.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress a report from the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, which, with the accompanying documents, will exhibit the present state of those buildings, and the expenditures thereon during the year ending on the 30th September last.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, December 24, 1819.

The said message was read and referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Director of the Mint, giving the result of the assays of sundry foreign coins made current within the United States by the act of April 29th, 1816; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taylor submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed with instructions to report a bill prohibiting the further admission of slaves into the territories of the United States west of the river Mississippi.

The said resolution was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland, was committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the second Monday in January next.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing, by law, one or more additional land offices in the state of Alabama.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hartford, in the state of Georgia, by the way of Jacksonville, in Telfair, to Perry's mills, in Tatnall county, discontinuing the present route from Dublin to Jacksonville.

On motion of Mr. Hooks,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for perfecting titles for land sold for direct tax, where the collector is dead, or removed, without having made titles for such land.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Monroe, in Tennessee, by the way of Gainesborough, to Carthage.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House the aggregate amount of the military peace establishment of the United States, actually in service, for each and every year since the year 1815, distinguishing between the number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and musicians, and the number of privates.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the bill in addition to the act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819; as also on the bill making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820; and the bill supplementary to an act entitled "An Act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks in the different public offices," passed the 20th April, 1818; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the Committee of the Whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the information required by the resolution of this House, on the 15th instant, in relation to the practicability of uniting, by a canal, the waters of the Illinois river and those of Lake Michigan; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes submitted the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, that the Secretary of the Treasury shall be required to add to his estimates of the new appropriations, which may be required for each year, a statement, or estimate, of all the appropriations, and unexpended balances of appropriation, either in the Treasury, or in the hands of the Treasurer, as agent of the War or Navy Department, which may have been made by former acts, and may be subject to the disposition of the Executive government, within the year to which the estimates apply.

2. Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, that, whenever any moneys shall have been "ordered for the use" of the Department of War, or of the Navy, by warrant from the Treasury, such moneys, or any part thereof, which shall remain unexpended, in the hands of the Treasurer, for one year after the date of such warrant, shall be carried to the account of the surplus fund.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table. And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 29, 1819.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Danbury, in the county of Fairfield, in the state of Connecticut, praying that the importation of hats may be prohibited, and

that such other measures may be adopted as will afford security and encouragement to the manufacturing interest of the country; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Peek presented a petition of the surviving officers and soldiers of colonel Willet's regiment of Continental troops in the Revolutionary army, praying that the provisions of the act of the 18th of March, 1818, for the relief of certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war, may be extended to them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of William Patterson and Sons, John McFadon, Christopher Deshon, Jabez Boothroyd, George F. Warfield, Thomas Tenant, Henry Payson, and John Wilmot, of Baltimore, complaining of the unlawful seizure and confiscation of a large amount of their property, by Henry Christophe, the black ruler of the Island of Saint Domingo, in the year 1810, and praying the interposition of the government of the United States in order to compel the said Christophe to make compensation for the said property.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Crawford presented a petition of John Sturdevant, praying compensation for three horses, and sundry articles of wagon furniture, which fell into the hands of the hostile Indians, in the year 1815; his wagon and team being at the time in the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the cases of John Anderson, Francis Navarre, and Francis Robert, communicated to this House by the late Commissioner of Claims, on the 30th January, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of the Legislature of the state of Kentucky, on behalf of Christopher Miller, praying Congress to make some provision for the said Miller, as a compensation for important and dangerous services performed by him in the war with the Indians, in the year 1794; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Robertson, Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, and Mr. Hardin, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Elias Parks; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Alexander Worster; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the case of Wil-

liam Henderson; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Polly Potter, Luke Johnson, and Bazaleel Beebee; and that the former be referred to the Secretary of War, and the two latter to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the case of William Coffin, and others; which was read; when,

Mr. Smith reported a bill for the relief of the said William Coffin, and others; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Isaiah Jennings, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Whitman, from the select committee to whom was referred the joint resolution "for the further distribution of the Journal of the Convention which formed the Constitution of the United States," reported the same, with sundry amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House; and the said resolution was ordered to be re-engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The said resolution being re-engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the same to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Floyd submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of including the whole of the counties of Montgomery, Grayson, Monroe, Bath, Pendleton, and Giles, within the western district of Virginia, and of changing the times of holding the courts within the said district.

The said resolution was read; when,

Mr. M'Coy moved to amend it, by striking out the following words, viz: "*counties of Montgomery, Grayson, Monroe, Bath, Pendleton, and Giles;*" and to insert, in lieu thereof, the words "*country west of the Blue Ridge.*"

The said resolution and amendment were then ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post-office and Post-roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road in the state of Indiana, from Madison to Versailles.

Mr. Warfield submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be instructed to report a bill for the purpose of procuring suitable apartments for the accommodation of the Circuit Court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Tracey,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post-office and Post-roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Batavia, Genesee county, New York, direct to the town of Ridgeway, in said county.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by him yesterday.

Whereupon,

Mr. Lowndes modified the first of the said resolutions, which was agreed to, as follows:

1. Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, that any moneys, although "ordered for the use" of the Department of War, or of the Navy, by warrant from the Treasury, which shall remain unexpended in the hands of the Treasurer for more than two years after the expiration of the calendar year in which the act of appropriation shall have been passed, shall be carried to the account of the surplus fund, as they would be if not ordered for the use of such departments; excepting always such moneys as may be appropriated for a purpose for which a longer duration is specially assigned by law.

The second resolution was then again read, and concurred in by the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of moneys transferred, during the recess of Congress, from sundry specific appropriations to other specific appropriations, showing also their application; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill in addition to the act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819; as also on the bill making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1820; and the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks in the different public offices," passed the 20th April, 1818; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported the first and last of the said bills with amendment, and the second without amendment.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendment to the first mentioned bill; and the same being read, was rejected by the House.

The amendment reported to the last mentioned of the said bills, was then read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said three bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill allowing Sarah Allen the bounty land, and pay, which would have been due to her son, Samuel Drew, had he lived, for his services as a private in the late war; and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the said bill without amendment.

The question was then stated, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

Whereupon,

It was recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands, with instructions to enquire into the expediency of providing by a general law for all cases similarly situated.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 30, 1819.

Mr. Parker, of Mass. presented a petition of sundry merchants and traders in the town of Boston, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of William Wyatt, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of David Franklin, praying for a pension.

Mr. Tucker, of South Carolina, presented a petition of William Plantt, praying for a grant of the land to which he conceives himself entitled as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Tucker also presented a petition of Catharine Watts, widow of John Watts, deceased, also praying for a grant of the land to which the deceased was entitled as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Cocke presented a petition of Charles Miles, praying compensation for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army, as also for a grant of the land to which he is entitled in virtue of said services.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. M'Coy,

Ordered, That the petition of John Guthry, presented on the 22d. of February, 1819, be also referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hall, of New-York, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Onondago and Courtland, in that state.

Mr. M'Coy presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Augusta and Rockbridge counties, in the state of Virginia.

Mr. Cannon presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Williamson, Bedford, and Lincoln, in the state of Tennessee, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western counties of Pennsylvania, on behalf of the manufacturing

interests of the county; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a petition of Abel Blakesley,

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of Thomas Camp,

Mr. Campbell presented a petition of Samuel Black, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Nathaniel Cutting, chief clerk in that branch of the War Department denominated the *section of bounty lands*, praying for an increase of compensation, as also for further compensation for services already rendered.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cocke presented a memorial of the convention of the Manumission Society in the state of Tennessee, against the further extension of slavery within the territory of Missouri; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the petition of Jacob Upp, presented on the 9th January, 1817, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was committed the bill allowing Sarah Allen the bounty land and pay which would have been due to her son, Samuel Drew, had he lived, for his services as a private in the late war, with instructions to enquire into the expediency of providing for all similar cases by a general law, reported the said bill without amendment; and further, "that it is inexpedient to pass any general law on the subject."

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Joseph Young; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of paying pensions to guardians, in cases of the insanity of the persons entitled to such pension, reported a bill to authorize certain insane persons to be placed on the pension list, and for guardians to receive pensions; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House schedules of fees proper to be allowed and taxed for the officers of the District Courts of the United States, for the western district of Pennsylvania, and the District of Maine, prepared and transmitted by the Judges of those districts, respectively, in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 22d of February last; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Foot,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making such legislative provisions as shall effectually prevent the practice of duelling.

Mr. McLane, of Delaware, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe for one hundred and fifty shares of stock in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company.

The said resolution was read; and on the question to agree to the same,

It was determined in the negative.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act in addition to the act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1819;

An act making a partial appropriation for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year 1820; And,

An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of the clerks in the different offices," passed the 20th of April, 1818—

Were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, made yesterday, on the petition of Elias Parks, be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the same committee on the case of William Henderson.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of New-York,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making Great Sodus Bay, on Lake Ontario, a port of entry.

Mr. Kent submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be instructed to enquire into the expediency of granting to the said District a Delegate in this House, in the same manner as is now enjoyed by the other territories of the United States.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question to agree thereto, it was determined in the negative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bill, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 31, 1819.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, presented a petition of sundry

manufacturers and venders of American manufactured papers, praying that the duties imposed on the importation of paper, may be changed from a specific to an ad valorem duty.

Mr. Maclay presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western counties of Pennsylvania, on behalf of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of Winslow Lewis, praying to be reimbursed the balance due him of moneys advanced for the purchase of a tract of land for the United States on Long Island Head, in Boston harbor, on which it was contemplated to erect a light house.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Henry Cahoon, master, and William Isaacs, first mate, and Joseph A. Bender, second mate of the Revenue Cutter Alert, employed in the port and district of New York, praying for increase of pay.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Meigs also presented a petition of James Brisban, praying for the renewal of a land warrant issued to a Canadian volunteer, which he acquired by purchase, and which has been stolen from him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Ordered, That the petition of Sarah Robinson, presented on the 13th of February, 1819, be also referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Benjamin S. Judah, praying payment of a certificate of public debt issued in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Meigs also presented a petition of Edward Kerrigan, praying to be paid the balance due for the services of his brother, Daniel Kerrigan, in the navy of the United States, in which service he died; the said balance having been already paid to a stranger who administered on the estate of the deceased, and who, together with his security, have become insolvent.

Mr. Hostetter presented a petition of John Essick, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of Robert Carr Lane, late a surgeon's mate in the army of the United States, praying compensation for his horses *lost* in action with the Seminole Indians.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the case of Mary Sears, communicated to this House by the Commissioner of Claims on the 29th December, 1817, be also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea presented a petition of the board of trustees of Greenville college, in Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Monroe county, in the territory of Michigan, commonly called *the Bay Settlement*, praying for a grant of the land on which they reside, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the petition of William Smith, presented on the 27th of February, 1819, be also referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Ebenezer Manning and Mary Bretty,* and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petition of James Duffie and James Nourse; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House as follows, viz:

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

Mr. Kent, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, and to repeal all other acts heretofore passed for that purpose; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Morton, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made a report, in part; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of Basil Shaw, and Thomas Hightower, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Williams also made unfavorable reports on the petitions of John R. Moore, and of Robert Bay and others; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Fielding Jones, accompanied with a bill for the relief of the said Jones; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of persons holding confirmed unlocated

* This petition was not presented to the House, but it is believed Mr. Bloomfield handed it to the committee.

claims for lands in the state of Illinois; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to enquire into the expediency of furnishing the militia with clothing when they are called into the service of the United States, or the amount in money in lieu thereof, in all cases wherein they furnish themselves.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House, copies of such communications as he may have received since 1816, and such information as he may possess, in relation to the illicit introduction of slaves into the United States; with a statement of the measures adopted to prevent the same.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to lay before this House copies of such communications as he may have received since 1816, and such information as he may possess, in relation to the illicit introduction of slaves into the United States; with a statement of the measures adopted to prevent the same.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the communication from the Secretary at War to this House on the 28th instant, in compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 15th instant, relative to the communication between the river Illinois and lake Michigan, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion of Mr. Gross, of New York,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Ogdensburgh, in the state of New York, by Canton, Hopkinton, Keen, Elizabethtown, and Westport, to Vergennes, in the state of Vermont.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act allowing Sarah Allen the bounty land and pay which would have been due to her son, Samuel Drew, had he lived, for his services as a private in the late war;" was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to said state; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Hill reported the said bill with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Storrs then moved further to amend the said bill, by adding thereto the following section:

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That, from and after the 15th day of March next, and until a new enumeration shall be made of the inhabitants of said commonwealth of Massachusetts, and said state of Maine, and a new apportionment of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to be elected in said Massachusetts*

and Maine; the said commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be entitled to, and may be represented in Congress by *thirteen* representatives; and the said state of Maine shall be entitled to, and may be represented in Congress by *seven* representatives.

The said section being read, Mr. Whitman moved to amend the same by striking out "*15th day of March next,*" and inserting *present Congress*; which was rejected.

The question was then taken to agree to the amendment as offered by Mr. Storrs, and determined in the negative.

Mr. Whitman moved to strike out the preamble of the said bill, which is in the following words, viz:—

"Whereas, by an act of the state of Massachusetts, passed on the 19th day of June, 1819, entitled "An act relating to the separation of the district of Maine from Massachusetts Proper, and forming the same into a separate and independent state;" the people of that part of Massachusetts heretofore known as the district of Maine, did, with the consent of the legislature of said state of Massachusetts, form themselves into a separate and independent state, and did establish a constitution for the government of the same, agreeably to the provisions of said act; therefore,"

And, in lieu of the said preamble, to insert one in the words following, to wit:

Whereas the legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, by an act, entitled "An act relating to the separation of the district of Maine from Massachusetts Proper, and forming the same into a separate and independent state," passed on the 19th day of June last, declared the consent of said commonwealth, that the district of Maine (being that part of said commonwealth lying east of the state of New Hampshire) might be formed and erected into a separate and independent state, upon certain terms and conditions in the said act particularly specified: *And, provided,* the Congress of the United States should give its consent thereto, before the fourth day of March next:

And whereas it appears that the terms and conditions proposed by said legislature, on the part of said commonwealth, to the people of said district of Maine, have been by them agreed to and accepted, and on their part complied with:

And whereas a convention of delegates, duly chosen by the people of said district, have formed a constitution and frame of government, which is republican, and conformable to the principles and provisions of the act aforesaid; and have petitioned Congress that its consent may be given that the said district, by the style and title of The State of Maine, may be admitted into the Union as a separate and independent state, and on the footing of an original state; therefore,

And on the question, "Shall the preamble be changed as aforesaid?"

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, then moved to strike out the preamble prefixed to the said bill, which was rejected; and it was then Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House two letters from the Secretary of the Treasury, the one transmitting a statement of duties accruing, and drawback payable on merchandize exported from the United States, during the years 1816, 1817, and 1818; the other transmitting the annual statement of the district tonnage of the United States on the 31st December, 1818; which letters and statements were ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 3, 1820.

Mr. Hill presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying for the erection of a light-house on some suitable place near the entrance of the harbor of Boothbay, in said district.

Mr. Barbour presented a remonstrance of the Virginia Agricultural Society, of Fredericksburg, against the attempts now making by the manufacturing interest of the country, and their friends, for an increase of the duties upon foreign goods, wares, and merchandize, upon their importation into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition and remonstrance be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the Dutchess county slate company, in the state of New York, praying that the duties imposed on the importation of foreign slate may be changed from *an ad valorem* to a *specific duty*.

Mr. Forrest presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of corks, in the city of Philadelphia, also praying for the imposition of a specific duty on foreign made corks imported into the United States.

Mr. Murray, Mr. Maclay, and Mr. Wallace, severally presented petitions from inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, respectively praying that further measures may be adopted for the encouragement and security of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry merchants, and other inhabitants of Baltimore, praying that the duties on all foreign goods, wares and merchandize, imported into the United States, may be made payable in cash.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Gross, of New-York, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of that state, and of the state of Vermont, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post-office and Post-roads.

On motion of Mr. Forrest,

Ordered, That the petition of George Simpson, presented on the 19th of December, 1815, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Ordered, That the petition of Willis Wilson, presented on the 13th day of February, 1818, be referred to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of the surviving officers of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Bryan presented a petition of Stephen Thomas, praying for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Ross presented a petition of Barnabas Quigly, also praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Scott presented a petition and remonstrance of the Baptist Association of Mount Zion, Howard county, territory of Missouri,

protesting against the interference of Congress in the provisions of the constitution contemplated for said territory upon its admission into the Union as a state; as also against any restrictions on the rights of property.

Ordered, That the said petition and remonstrance be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to enable the people of the said territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petition of James Moore, of Mary Carpenter, Patrick Boyd, Leonard Cooper, and the executors of Lackey Murray; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Fortune C. White and David Franklin; and that the former be referred to the Secretary of War, and the latter to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Eli Hart," made a detailed report on the merits of the claim of the said Hart, and recommending that the bill be indefinitely postponed; which report and bill were committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Elizabeth Whitaker, Jennings O'Bannon, and Ambrose Whitlock; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee on Elections, made the following report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:—

The Committee of Elections report, in part, that they have examined the certificates of election, and other credentials, of the following members, and find the same sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House:

FROM THE STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

Joseph Buffum, jr.	Arthur Livermore
Josiah Butler	William Plumer, jr.
Clifton Clagett	Nathaniel Upham.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS,

Benjamin Adams	Samuel Lathrop
Samuel C. Allen	Enoch Lincoln
Joshua Cushman	Jonathan Mason
Edward Dowse	Marcus Morton
Walter Folger, jr.	Jeremiah Nelson
Timothy Fuller	James Parker
Mark Langdon Hill	Zabdiel Sampson
John Holmes	Henry Shaw
Jonas Kendall	Nathaniel Silsbee
Martin Kinsley	Ezekiel Whitman.

FROM RHODE-ISLAND.

Samuel Eddy Nathaniel Hazard.

FROM CONNECTICUT.

Henry W. Edwards John Russ
 Samuel A. Foot James Stevens
 Jonathan O. Mosely Gideon Tomlinson.
 Elisha Phelps

FROM VERMONT.

Samuel C. Crafts Mark Richards
 Ezra Meech William Strong.
 Charles Rich

FROM NEW YORK.

Nathaniel Allen Robert Monell
 Caleb Baker Harmanus Peek
 Walter Case Nathaniel Pitcher
 Robert Clark Jonathan Richmond
 Jacob H. De Witt, Henry R. Storrs
 John D. Dickinson Randal S. Street
 John Fay William Strong
 William D. Ford John W. Taylor
 Ezra C. Gross Caleb Tompkins
 Aaron Hackley, jr. Albert H. Tracy
 George Hall Solomon Van Rensselaer
 Joseph S. Lyman Peter H. Wendover
 Henry Meigs Silas Wood.

FROM NEW JERSEY.

Ephraim Bateman John Linn
 Joseph Bloomfield Bernard Smith
 John Condit Henry Southard.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

Henry Baldwin William P. Maclay
 Andrew Boden David Marchand
 William Darlington Robert Moore
 George Dennison Samuel Moore
 Samuel Edwards John Murray
 Thomas Forrest Thomas Patterson
 David Fullerton Robert Philson
 Samuel Gross Thomas J. Rogers
 Joseph Hemphill John Sergeant
 Jacob Hibshman Christian Tarr
 Joseph Heister James M. Wallace.
 Jacob Hostetter

FROM DELAWARE.

Willard Hall Louis McLane.

FROM MARYLAND.

Stephenson Archer Raphael Neale
 Thomas Bayly Samuel Ringgold
 Thomas Culbreth Samuel Smith
 Joseph Kent Henry R. Warfield.
 Peter Little

FROM VIRGINIA.

Mark Alexander	Severe. E. Parker
William Lee Ball	James Pindall
Philip P. Barbour	John Randolph
John Floyd	Ballard Smith
Robert S. Garnett	Alexander Smyth
James Johnson	George F. Strother
James Jones	Thomas Van Swearingen
William McCoy	George Tucker
Charles F. Mercer	John Tyler
Hugh Nelson	Jared Williams.
Thomas Newton	

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

Hutchins G. Burton	Charles Hooks
John Culpepper	Lemuel Sawyer
William Davidson	Thomas Settle
Weldon N. Edwards	Jesse Slocumb
Charles Fisher	James S. Smith
Thomas H. Hall	Felix Walker.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

Elias Earle	Charles Pinckney
James Erwin	Eldred Simkins
John McCreary	Sterling Tucker
James Overstreet	

FROM GEORGIA.

Joel Abbot	John A. Cuthbert
Thomas W. Cobb	Robert R. Reid
Joel Crawford	William Terrell.

FROM KENTUCKY.

Richard C. Anderson, jr.	Thomas Metcalfe
William Brown	Tunstall Quarles
Henry Clay, <i>Speaker</i>	George Robertson
Benjamin Hardin	David Trimble
Alney McLean	David Walker.

FROM TENNESSEE.

Robert Allen	John Cocke
Henry H. Bryan	Francis Jones
Newton Cannon	John Rhea.

FROM OHIO.

Henry Brush	Thomas R. Ross
John W. Campbell	John Sloan.

FROM LOUISIANA.

Thomas Butler.

FROM INDIANA.

William Hendricks.

FROM MISSISSIPPI.

Christopher Rankin.

FROM ILLINOIS.

Daniel P. Cook.

FROM ALABAMA.

John Crowell.

DELEGATES.

FROM MISSOURI TERRITORY.

John Scott.

FROM MICHIGAN TERRITORY.

William W. Woodbridge.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Winslow Lewis, and that it be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Alexander Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report in obedience to the resolution instructing them to enquire into the expenditures which have been, and are likely to be, incurred in fitting out, and prosecuting the expedition ordered to the mouth of the Yellow Stone, on the Missouri river, and concerning the objects intended to be accomplished by that expedition; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smyth, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of captain Stanton Sholes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Smyth also made a report on the petition of sundry non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, who reside in the state of Connecticut, and whose term of service expired at the close of the late war with Great Britain; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Ordered, That the petitions of Thomas Shields, presented on the 28th of January, 1818, and the 11th of January, 1819, relating to prize money, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing an abstract shewing the aggregate amount of the military peace establishment, actually in service for each year since 1815, prepared in obedience to an order of the 28th ultimo; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of balances unexpended on the 27th Day of December, 1819, remaining in the Treasurer's hands as agent of the Navy Department, designating the various heads of appropriation, and the unexpended balance under each of them; rendered in obedience to a resolution of this House of 27th ultimo; which was ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to said state;" was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union," and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of Claims, on the case of Samuel Hughes;

and after some time spent therein, M. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported their agreement to the resolution submitted by the Committee of Claims.

The said resolution was then again read and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the claim of Samuel Hughes, of the state of Maryland, ought *not* to be allowed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the same without amendment.

The question was then taken, "Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time."

And determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

And then the House adjourned.



TUESDAY, January 4, 1820.

Mr. Parker, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Meadfield, in the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts;

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Chester county, in Pennsylvania;

Mr. Hibshman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Lancaster county, in Pennsylvania;

Mr. Little presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county in Maryland;

Mr. Brown presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Gallatin county, in Kentucky;

Respectively praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the nation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Whitman presented a remonstrance of the inhabitants of New Gloucester, in the District of Maine, against the further introduction of slavery into the territories of the United States, and against the admission of slavery in any State to be admitted into the Union west of the river Mississippi.

Mr. Morton presented a memorial and petition of the West Port Association, for the suppression of intemperance and other immoralities, to the same effect of the remonstrance last mentioned.

Ordered, That the said remonstrance and memorial be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the Territory of Missouri to form a constitution,

and state government, and for the admission of sutch State in to the Union on an equal footing with the original States.

Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Benjamin Hardy, stating that his property, valued at five hundred dollars, has been sold to pay the sum of forty cents, the amount of the direct tax upon the same, and praying relief from Congress.

Mr. Folger presented sundry depositions and other documents tending to prove that Daniel Pettibone is not the inventor of the art of welding cast steel to iron.

Mr. Hall, of New York, presented a petition of John Bement and Samuel B. Hitchcock, complaining of sundry violations of their patent right for an improvement in the method of manufacturing boots and shoes, for which the laws do not afford them redress; and praying that a revision thereof may be had, to the end that they may obtain the justice to which they conceive themselves entitled.

Ordered, That the said petitions and depositions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Kinsley,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Hodgson, presented on the 27th January, 1818, be also referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of Robert Roberts, praying to be allowed and paid the debenture on a quantity of coffee exported to Holland, which is withheld in consequence of his not taking the necessary oaths in time, being prevented from doing so by reason of sickness.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Haydock and Jenkins, stating that their ship the *Herald*, while on her voyage from England to New York, with a cargo of slate, was overtaken by a storm, and compelled to put into the British port of Halifax, where, upon an examination, she was declared unseaworthy; that they were then under the necessity of employing foreign vessels to transport the cargo to New York, where the petitioners were compelled to pay foreign duties, tonnage, and light money; and praying for a remission of the excess of foreign over domestic duties, tonnage, and light money.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Sampson presented a document in support of the petition of John Turner; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Mosely presented a petition of the Chamber of Commerce of New-Haven, approved and adopted at a town meeting of the inhabitants of that town, praying for the establishment of a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; which was referred to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Swearingen presented a petition of James Chapline, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of Joshua Rutledge, presented on the 11th February, 1819, be also referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Tracy,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles Townsend, reported on and rejected at the present session, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That the petition of James Doyle, presented on the 26th December, 1811, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Archer presented sundry documents in support of the claim of Mary Sears.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented documents in support of the claim of Thaddeus Mayhew.

Ordered, That the said documents be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of Joshua Nevill, praying for the remission of the duties on a quantity of cabinet tools and furniture, imported by him into the United States in January last, which said tools and furniture were destroyed by fire at a general conflagration, in the city of Charleston, on the 7th July last; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, presented a petition of Daniel McDuff, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of Jonathan Taylor and Joseph M. Street, stating, that they entered a tract of land near Shawneetown, in virtue of a right of pre-emption, and paid the first instalment thereon; that the land is now said to be included in a reservation which has been subsequently made for a lead mine; and praying that the said land may be granted to them upon their completing the payments therefor; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel H. Phillips; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea also made a report on the petition of Jonathan Ward, on behalf of himself and the other heirs of Stephen Ward, deceased; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Jesse Lott; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Chalmers; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of captain John Cowen, which was read; when Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, moved to amend the same, so as to make the resolution therein submitted read, "That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted;" and, debate arising thereon, the said report, with the amendment, was committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report, in conclusion, on the resolution of this House of the 17th ultimo, respecting the execution of the act of the 18th March, 1818, to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the contracts made by the Commissioners of the Navy during the year 1819; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the names of the clerks employed in the Navy Department, and in the office of the Commissioners of the Navy, in the year 1819, with the pay of each; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made a report on two memorials of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, relating to the practice of privateering; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the memorials relating to the practice of privateering, and that they be referred to the Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Overstreet,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to inform this House what deduction, in his opinion, it will make in the revenue, if the importation of cotton and woollen manufactures and iron be prohibited; and in what manner the deficit in the revenue may be supplied should prohibition be made.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, communicated to the House of Representatives on the 5th day of February, 1819, relating to applications received from the British minister, in behalf of certain British subjects who had suffered in their property by proceedings to which the United States, by their military and judicial officers, were parties, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cook submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, an enlightened and liberal policy dictates the importance and propriety of rendering the navigable waters of the interior of our common country as extensively subservient to its commercial interests as is practicable: and whereas the importance and utility of the

majestic rivers Mississippi and Ohio would be much increased by the establishment of a convenient place of deposit near their confluence: and whereas doubts are entertained as to the eligibility of the site at their immediate junction for that purpose;

Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to enquire into the expediency of appointing a suitable number of commissioners, to examine that tract of country lying between the said rivers, with instructions to report to this House at the commencement of the next session of Congress, a topographical description thereof, accompanied with their opinion as to the most expedient plan of adapting a suitable portion thereof to the purpose aforesaid.

And whereas the durability of this government greatly depends upon the equal dispensation of advantages, by Congress, to the different sections of our Union, as well as upon the virtue of the people: and whereas the north is already provided with an academy, at which a proper number of her sons are taught the military art, a perfect knowledge of which is so important to the certain defence of our rights, and so auspicious to the saving of both the blood and treasure of the nation: and whereas the establishment of a national armory in the west, would, in its operations, produce the disbursement of a part of that money in the same quarter from which it is so profusely drained, by the sales of the public lands; and, at the same time, place at the immediate command of the government, and at a suitable position, the necessary arms for the defence of an extensive frontier;

Therefore,

Be it further resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of requiring the said commissioners to examine if there be a suitable situation for a military academy and national armory near the junction of the aforesaid rivers; and, also, to examine and ascertain the probable metallic resources of the surrounding country, not exceeding fifty miles distance from the confluence aforesaid, suitable for munitions of war, and report the same to this House, with the report before required.

The said preamble and resolutions were read; and, on the question, "Will the House now proceed to consider the same."

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to enquire into the expediency of improving the organization and discipline of the militia of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Davidson,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing Archibald Frew, esq. collector of the direct tax and internal duties, in the Eleventh collection district in North Carolina, the usual commissions on nineteen or

twenty thousand dollars, collected of him by warrant issued by the Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Strong, of New York,

1. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for furnishing the Army, the Navy, and the Indian Department, with articles of clothing, and other merchandise of domestic manufacture, except such articles only as cannot, with economy and in sufficient quantity, be manufactured in the United States.

2. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the further encouragement of native American citizens engaged in the whale fisheries.

Mr. Strong, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Alexander Smyth, of Va. Mr. Ross, and Mr. Brown, were appointed a committee pursuant to the first resolution.

Mr. Strong, Mr. Folger, Mr. Mason, Mr. Wendover, and Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut, were appointed a committee pursuant to the second resolution.

On motion of Mr. Settle,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of altering the post route from Danville, in Virginia, to Leaksville, in North Carolina, so as to run by John Monhead's, in the county of Rockingham.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of James Hughes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of the legal representative of Philip Barbour, deceased, as also on the bill for the relief of the heirs of Anthony Burk; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the said bills, with an amendment to the former, and the latter without amendment.

The said amendment was then read and concurred in by the House, and the said bills were severally ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of the legal representative of Col. Daniel Appling and others; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Va. reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1820.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Portland, in the district of Maine, praying for the establishment of a

marine hospital, or for some better mode of supplying sick and disabled seamen at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of spades and shovels, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that additional duties may be imposed on those articles imported into the United States.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of sundry owners of furnaces, and manufacturers of cast iron hollow-ware, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron hollow-ware imported into the United States.

Mr. Murray, Mr. Dennison, and Mr. Forrest, severally presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, respectively praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Wendover,

Ordered, That the petition of John B. Smith, presented on the 16th of February, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of Dean Weymouth, presented on the 30th December, 1817, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Henry Bedinger, praying that his claim for arrears of pay and extra rations as an officer in the revolutionary army may be granted to him; as, also, that he may be allowed and paid the half pay for life to which he is entitled for his services as aforesaid, having never consented to a commutation thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of a board of managers appointed at a meeting lately held in the City of Washington, of a number of citizens of the United States, friendly to vaccination, praying for an act of incorporation, the better to enable them to carry into effect the plan, and the benevolent purposes for which their association has been formed; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Kent, Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, Mr. Abbot, Mr. Burwell, and Mr. Bateman, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, praying that the said bank may be included in any general arrangement which may be made in relation to the banks in Alexandria; which petition was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the cases of Jean Baptiste Jerome, Gabriel Godfroy, and Jean Baptiste Beaugroud, Jean Baptiste Couture. George

M'Dougal; and Herbert La Croix, of the territory of Michigan, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Joseph D. Hoyt and Timothy M'Ewen, of William Rice, and of Thomas W. Todd; which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the case of Aaron Bellamy, of the state of Vermont; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to make compensation to Aaron Bellamy of Vermont, for his vessel captured by the enemy on Lake Champlain, during the late war.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Ambrose Whitlock, respecting his compensation and emoluments as paymaster; which was read; when,

Mr. Strother moved to amend the resolution submitted in the said report, by striking out the word "rejected" and inserting the word *granted*, so as to make it read, *that the prayer of the petitioner be granted*; which said amendment was rejected.

The resolution, as submitted in the said report, was then concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee of Elections, made a favorable report on the petition of Rollin C. Mallary, contesting the election of Orsamus C. Merrill; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That Rollin C. Mallary have leave to occupy a seat on the floor of this House, pending the discussion of the report of the Committee of Elections upon his petition; and that he have leave to speak to the merits of the petition, and the report thereon.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of William Plant and Catharine Watts; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be rejected.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

Resolved, That the message of the President of the United States, dated January 13th, 1813, communicating a law passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, in relation to the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, be referred to the Committee of Roads and Canals; and that they be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the aid of government towards uniting the waters of the Chesapeake and Delaware.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of causing a distribution of a competent number of entire sets of the laws of the United States within the territory of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Quarles,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of re-organizing the army of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Quarles,

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of suspending, for a limited time, so much of the standing appropriation of one million of dollars for the increase of the navy, as may be consistent with the public service; and also enquire whether any other reduction of the expenses of the Navy can be made, consistent with the public service.

On motion of Mr. Sloan,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the sale of the thirteen sections of land in the district of Canton, in the state of Ohio, which were reserved for the use of the Delaware tribe of Indians, and relinquished to the United States by said Indians, in the treaty concluded at the foot of the Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, on the 29th September, 1817.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of John A. Dix," and "an act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine;" in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The said bills were, respectively, read the first and second time, and referred, the first to the Committee of Claims, and the second to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Gross, of New York,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, made at the present session, on the petition of Septa Fillmore, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures be discharged from a consideration of so much of the memorial of the merchants and other inhabitants of Baltimore, presented on the 3d instant, as relates to the African slave trade, piracy, and privateering; and that it be referred to the committee on the subject of the African slave trade.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of James Hughes;

An act for the relief of the legal representative of Philip Barbour, deceased; and,

An act for the relief of the heirs of Anthony Burk; were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representative of colonel Daniel Appling, and others," was read the third time.

And, on the question, "shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Strother,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, made on the 3d instant, on the petition of Ambrose Whitlock, be referred to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the expenditure and application of such moneys as have been drawn from the Treasury on account of the War Department for one year, ending the 30th September, 1819, in virtue of the acts of appropriation of 1819; and of unexpended balances of former appropriations remaining in the Treasury on the 1st October, 1818; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for taking the 4th census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 6, 1820.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of Moses White, executor and representative of Moses Hazen, deceased, a brigadier general in the revolutionary army, stating, that at the time the deceased entered the service of the United States, he was a lieutenant of the British half-pay establishment, which he lost by entering such service; that Congress, in the year 1776, by resolution, engaged to "indemnify the said Hazen for any loss of half-pay he might sustain in consequence of entering their service;" and praying that provision may now be made for the payment of the said half-pay up to the time of the decease of the said Hazen, with the interest thereon.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Russ presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Middletown, and its vicinity, in the state of Connecticut.

Mr. Marchand presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio; respectively praying that further measures may be adopted for the protection and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Little presented a petition of the manufacturers, dealers in, and consumers of, paper in the city of Baltimore, praying that additional duties may be imposed on foreign made paper imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Rich,

Ordered, That the petition of Jacob Davy, presented on the 24th December, 1816, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of lieutenant Isaac Drew, praying for a pension.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of Peter Dempsey, praying for an increase of pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Clark presented a petition of George Flower, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New-York, praying that the credit now allowed by law for the duties on goods imported into the United States, may not be changed to a cash payment; and that a moderate duty may be imposed on all sales at auction.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Swearingen presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Central Bank of Georgetown and Washington, praying for a renewal of their charter, with certain modifications and amendments therein stated; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cannon presented a petition of Francis Hodge, praying for a grant of public land in the tract lately acquired from the Chickasaw Indians, as a compensation for great and extraordinary services and sacrifices, in defending the frontiers of Tennessee against the incursions of the savages.

The Speaker presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Arkansas, stating, that the rights of pre-emption extended to them by the laws of the United States, in the purchase of the lands on which they reside, are likely to be rendered of no avail, by the pretensions of the Quapau tribe of Indians, which derive color of authority by a treaty lately concluded between the United States and the said Indians; and praying the interposition of the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of Thomas Backus and Ebenezer Richards, stating, that they are engaged in a search for salt water on the river Scioto, and praying permission to purchase certain reserved lands lying near the scene of their operations, and which are essentially necessary to the successful prosecution of their undertaking.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Saint Genevieve, Madison, Washington, Jefferson, Wayne, Cape Girardeau, Lawrence, and New Madrid, in the territory of Missouri, respecting the boundaries of the contemplated state of Missouri; which petition was referred to the committee of the whole to

which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government; and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Joshua Nevill, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the house, as follows:

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

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Western Land District in the state of Ohio, for the removal of the Land Office from Piqua to Troy, made a report thereon, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the house, as follows:

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

Mr. Anderson, from the same Committee, also made a report on the petition of William McIntosh, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Woodbridge on the 17th ultimo, directing them to enquire into the expediency of providing for the final adjustment of the ancient titles to land within the territory of Michigan; and that the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, with directions to make the said enquiry.

Ordered that the Committee on the Public Lands be also discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of William Smith, and of sundry inhabitants of the Bay Settlement in the Territory of Michigan; and that the said petitions be also referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Jacob Shafer, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petition of Stephen Jenks and son, and Joseph Wheaton, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Jacob Purkill, which was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Mr. Beecher, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Burgin, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cobb, from the Committee on so much of the President's Message as relates to the Public Buildings, made a report, which was read; when.

Mr. Cobb reported a bill, making appropriations to supply the deficiency in the appropriations heretofore made for the completion of

the repairs of the North and South Wings of the Capitol, for finishing the President's House; and the erection of two new Executive Offices; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Essick, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied with two hundred copies of the Naval Register for the year 1820, for the use of the members; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the expenditure, and application of the moneys drawn from the Treasury on account of the Navy, during the year ending the 30th September, 1819, and of the unexpended balances of former appropriations remaining in the Treasury on the 1st October, 1819; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a schedule of fees proper to be allowed and taxed for the officers of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana, prepared and transmitted by the Judge of that district, in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 22d of February last; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Tucker,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making further provision by law for the custody of persons imprisoned under the authority of the courts of the United States.

Mr. Darlington submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, there appears to be considerable dissatisfaction among the inhabitants of the District of Columbia, who reside without the limits of the City of Washington, on account of the inconveniences to which they are subjected by the present mode of government in said District: *And whereas* it is desirable that Congress should, as far as practicable, be relieved from the duty of legislating in cases where it is at once burthensome in itself, and unacceptable to the people; *therefore*,

Resolved, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be instructed to enquire into the expediency of retroceding and restoring to the states of Maryland and Virginia, respectively, all such portions of the territory of said District not included within the limits of the City of Washington, as were derived from those states.

And the question being taken, "Will the House now proceed to consider the said preamble and resolution?"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House whether any, and, if any, what, progress has been made in the

civilization of the Indian tribes, and the sums of money, if any have been, expended on that object, under the act of last session.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of Louisiana,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire whether any, and, if any, what, further provisions are necessary to define and punish the crime of piracy.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House statements of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, from the commencement of the Federal Government, until the 31st day of December last, distinguishing the revenue derived from customs, internal taxes, direct tax, postage, public lands, and miscellaneous sources; and, also, classing the expenditures under the following heads: *Military*, viz. pay and subsistence of the army; fortifications; ammunition; arms; arming the militia; detachments of militia; services of militia; services of volunteers: *Indian department*; *Naval department*; *foreign intercourse*; *civil list*; *miscellaneous civil expenses*; *revolutionary pensions*; *other pensions*: Exhibiting an aggregate of the receipts and expenditures for each year, separately.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1820," with amendments. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to provide for obtaining accurate statements of the foreign commerce of the United States;" and "An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased;" in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

The said amendments of the Senate were read; and, together with the bill; referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The bills from the Senate above mentioned, were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the former to the Committee of Commerce, and the latter to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to provide for taking the fourth census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the chair, and *Mr. Taylor* reported the said bill, with amendments, which were read, and, with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of John B. C. Lucas; and, after some time spent therein, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the chair, and *Mr. Hill* reported the said bill, with an amendment, to wit: strike out the first section thereof.

The question was taken to concur with the committee of the whole in striking out the first section of the said bill,

And determined in the negative.

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Clement B. Penrose; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the same without amendment.

The question was then stated, "shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?" When,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 7, 1820.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of the inhabitants of the town of New Haven, in the state of Connecticut, praying that the further introduction of slavery may be prohibited in any state or territory, hereafter to be formed and admitted into the Union; which petition was referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Sarah Harris, widow of lieutenant Robert Harris, of the Continental navy in the Revolutionary war, praying to be allowed the half pay of a navy lieutenant during the remainder of her life; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of sundry merchants and traders in the city of New York; praying that the acts allowing a credit for the duties on importations may be repealed; that the said duties may be made payable in cash at the time of importation; and that heavy duties may be imposed on all sales at auction; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Jesse Torrey, praying compensation for extraordinary sufferings and exertions in the war of the Revolution.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of John Brooks, surviving executor of the last will and testament of major John Brooks, deceased, praying for a grant of the land due for the services of the deceased as an officer in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, that the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Maclay presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western counties of Pennsylvania, engaged in the manufacture of bar iron, &c. praying that additional duties may be imposed on the various species of iron, and manufactures of iron, imported into the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of the Metropolis, praying for an extension of the charter

of the said bank; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cannon presented a petition of Jacob Greer, praying to be reimbursed the amount of expenses incurred, and losses sustained, in completing the collection of the direct tax for the thirty-ninth collection district of North Carolina, laid in the year 1798; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of William Dent Boall, James Royal, and Smith P. Slocum; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Rhea, also, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Payne; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Lawrence Muse, Moses Hoyt, and Luther Chapin; which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, also, made a report on the petition of James Turk and Thomas Henderson; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be *rejected*.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting a copy of a special report of the land officers at New Orleans, dated 20th February, 1817, on the claim of Charles Morgan; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker, also, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting his annual report, in relation to patents issued in the year 1819; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a statement of the amount paid in each year to the Marshal of the District of Columbia, for the expenses of holding courts within the same, since the assumption of jurisdiction by Congress over the said District; together with the amount paid, during the same period, to the Circuit Judges thereof.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House the sums of money which have been actually paid, since the peace establishment, to the General Officers and their Staff, who are attached to the army of the United States, specifying particularly on what account, to whom, and when, paid.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of granting to each state a tract of land, not exceeding one hundred thousand acres, for the endowment of an university in each state.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending, or repealing, the act passed on the 18th of April, 1814, entitled "An Act to lessen the compensation for Marshals, Clerks, and Attorneys, in the cases therein mentioned."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the annual report of the Commissioners of the Navy Pension Fund; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker, also, laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the information required by the resolution of the 31st ultimo, in relation to the introduction of slaves into the United States, and of the measures adopted to prevent the same; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of Clement B. Penrose; and the question depending yesterday, to wit: Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time? was again stated, and being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John B. C. Lucas," was read the third time;

And, on the question, Shall the said bill pass?

It was determined in the negative.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled an "An Act for the relief of Matthew Barrow;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the bill for the relief of Ether Shepley, administrator of Thomas Buckminster, late a lieutenant in the 33d regiment of United States' infantry; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the bill in behalf of the New York Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the said bill, with an amendment, to wit: Strike out the first section, containing the vital principle thereof.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendment: when Mr. Maclay moved, that the said bill and amendment lie on the table; which motion was rejected.

The question was then taken to concur with the Committee of the Whole in their amendment to strike out the first section of the said bill;

And passed in the affirmative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,
Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.
And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 10, 1820.

Mr. Clagett presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Greenfield and Lyndborough, in the state of New-Hampshire, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post office and Post roads.

Mr. Clagett also presented a petition of James Taggart;

Mr. Fay presented a petition of Jacob Snell;

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of Ann Smith; respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of sundry merchants, traders, and mechanics, of the town of Boston, and its vicinity, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron hollow ware, shot, and castings, in the county of Plymouth, and state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of sundry makers of piano fortes, organs, and other musical instruments, in the city of New York.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of sundry iron founders and proprietors of founderies in the city of New-York;

Mr. Wendover also presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of corks in the city of New-York;

Mr. Storrs presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Oneida, in the state of New-York;

Which petitions severally pray that further measures may be adopted for the security and protection of the domestic manufactures of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Andrew White, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition of Robert Champney, praying for a pension.

Mr. Monell presented a petition of James Brown, the second, alleging, that the bounty land to which he was entitled as a soldier in the revolutionary army has been fraudulently obtained by one Samuel Smith; and praying for a grant of the said land.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition of Noah Miller, junior, stating, that, during the late war with Great Britain, he, with the assistance of five persons hired by him, captured a British ship and cargo, which was condemned; and that upwards thirty thousand dollars, the proceeds of the said ship and cargo, were paid into the Treasury of the United States; that he received no part thereof; and that, while discharging his duty as a custom-house officer, he received a wound in one of his hands, which has rendered it entirely useless; that he is poor, with a family of fourteen children, and his aged parents to support, and praying for a grant of money, in consideration of his exertions in capturing the ship and cargo aforesaid, and of the loss of his hand.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of Hoel Laurence, praying payment for sundry articles of forage, stores, &c. furnished for the quartermaster's department of the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Russ presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the City of Hartford, and its vicinity, in the state of Connecticut, praying that provision may be made for the perpetual exclusion of slavery in such states as may lie west of the Mississippi, and as may hereafter be admitted into the Union.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a similar petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Baldwin presented sundry documents in support of the petition of Daniel Pettibone; which documents were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Illinois, praying that an act may be passed declaring valid the confirmations of certain titles to lands in that state by the former governors thereof, under the authority of law, and that patents may be issued therefor.

Mr. Cook also presented a petition of John Edgar, praying that his title to certain lands lying near the town of Kaskaskia, in the state of Illinois, may be confirmed.

Mr. Crowell presented a resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Alabama, requesting that additional land offices may be established in said state for the disposal of the lands of the United States, and that persons who may have settled on and improved public lands, may not be compelled to remove from such lands until they shall have made and secured their crops.

Ordered, That the said petitions and resolution be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Edward Smith, executor of the last will and testament of Philip Bush, deceased; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Isaac Drew and John Essick; and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel Dale; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Williams also made unfavorable reports on the cases of Mary Sears, Richard Mansfield; the Levy Court of Calvert county, in the state of Maryland, and of Hannah Davis; which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the United States of the 24th December last, in relation to the Danish brigantine Henrick and her cargo; and that the same, with the accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Saint Louis, in the territory of Missouri, respecting trade with the Indian tribes, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the managers appointed at a meeting of sundry persons held in the city of Washington, friendly to the system of Vaccination, by leave of the House reported a bill to incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Friday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, as follows, viz:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 14th December, 1819, requesting me to cause to be laid before it any information I may possess respecting certain executions which have been inflicted in the army of the United States, since the year 1815, contrary to the laws and regulations provided for the government of the same, I transmit a report from the Secretary of War, containing a detailed account in relation to the object of the said resolution.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 8, 1820.

The said message and report were read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a statement containing an abstract of all the returns made to his department by the collectors of the customs in the years 1818 and 1819, of registered seamen in the different ports of the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act establishing a circuit court within and for the District of Maine," in which they ask the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reducing, or entirely stopping, the expenditures on military fortifications.

Mr. Cannon also submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the law on that subject, so as to place soldiers and officers on an equality, by allowing to each an equal portion of the bounty of the government.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question to agree to the same,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to lay before this House an annual statement of the number of acres of land sold at the several land offices, from their institution to the 30th September, 1819; of the moneys accruing and the moneys received from such sales; of the sums due the government and unpaid, and of the sales of forfeitures for non-payment; keeping separate that part of the statement which relates to the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, formerly the Northwestern Territory.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post-office and Post-roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing the following post-roads: From Vincennes, in the state of Indiana, by Palmyra, the court-houses of Wayne and Jefferson counties, and Covington, to Kaskaskia, in the state of Illinois; from Kaskaskia, by the Irish settlement, Covington, Carlisle, and Perrysville, to Vandalia; from Cape Girardeau, in the territory of Missouri, by Sexton's Creek Settlement, the town of America, and Fort Massac, in Illinois, to Salem, in Kentucky.

Mr. Brevard submitted the following preamble and resolution, viz:

Whereas the constitution of the United States declares, that "Full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other; and that the Congress may,

by general laws, prescribe the manner in which such acts, records, and judicial proceedings, shall be proved, *and the effect thereof:*"

And whereas it has been enacted by Congress, in conformity with the provision of the Constitution, (after prescribing the mode in which the records and judicial proceedings of the courts of any state shall be proved and admitted in any other court within the United States) that "the said acts, records, and judicial proceedings" (authenticated in the mode prescribed) shall have such faith and credit given to them in every court within the United States as they have, by law or usage, in the courts of the state from whence the said records are or shall be taken:"

And whereas there have been, in the different courts of the several states, various and contradictory adjudications in consequence of the different constructions which have been given to the enacting words above quoted, as to the nature and degree of credit to be given to the authenticated records and judicial proceedings adduced in evidence, *and the effect thereof:*

In order, therefore, that henceforth there may be greater certainty in the law, and greater uniformity and consistency in the decisions of the courts thereupon,

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the act of Congress aforesaid, as to attain the end proposed.

The said resolution was read; when,

Mr. Livermore moved to amend the same by striking out the preamble prefixed thereto; which motion was rejected.

Mr. Livermore then moved that the said preamble and resolution lie upon the table; which was also rejected.

The question was then taken to agree to the said preamble and resolution,

And determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to consider the expediency of so modifying the act establishing a Board of Commissioners of the Navy, as to make the Secretary of the Navy, for the time being, the presiding officer of that board: *And, also,* of so limiting the tenor of the commissions of the members thereof, as to secure the accumulating experience and talents of our naval commanders in that department, by a periodical rotation in office.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House the terms on which the contract has been made for furnishing transportation to the troops ordered on the expedition to the Mandan villages, on the Missouri river: *And, also,* if any, and what, other terms may have been proposed for furnishing the same, and by whom made.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow," was read the third time; and the question was stated, "Shall it pass?"

Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ether Shepley, administrator of Thomas Buckminster, late lieutenant in the 33d regiment of United States' infantry," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 11, 1820.

Mr. Buffum presented a petition of Rufus Whipple, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Russ presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of looking-glass frames, carvers and gilders, in the city of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, praying for an increase of the duties on those articles imported into the United States.

Mr. Wendover presented a similar petition from the manufacturers of those articles in the city of New York.

Mr. Wendover also presented a petition of the manufacturers of hats in the city of New York, praying that the duties imposed on hats imported into the United States may be changed from an ad valorem to a specific duty.

Mr. Samuel Moore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Buck's county, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Forrest presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the said State;

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the State of Ohio;

Mr. Brush presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Bainbridge, in the State of Ohio;

Which petitions respectively pray that further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Brooke and Ohio, in the State of Virginia, praying that such measures may be adopted as will finally extinguish slavery in the territories of the United States; which petition was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original States.

Mr. Williams, of Virginia, presented a petition of John M'Donald, praying for a grant of the land to which he conceives himself entitled

for services as a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Danville, in the State of Virginia;

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Wayne county in the State of Ohio;

Respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, presented a petition of William Wright, stating that he has purchased a tract of land of the United States, and partly paid for the same, and that a late hurricane has totally destroyed the greater part of said land, and praying to be permitted to change his entry and location, or that a title may be made to him for the amount already paid.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, stating that they have purchased lands of the United States, paid for, and obtained patents for the same, and that claims are now set up to said lands, derived under authority of Virginia military warrants, and praying the interposition of Congress in the premises.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Michigan, late soldiers in the army of the United States, praying to be permitted to locate the lands to which they are entitled for their services in the army, in the said territory, instead of the State of Illinois and territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker presented a memorial of the Plainfield Peace Society, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that provision may be made to prevent the practice of privateering; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Otho W. Callis, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of the general assembly of the State of Illinois, praying for a grant of wood land, for the support of the saline on Shoal Creek, made an unfavorable report thereon; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of granting to each State a tract of land not exceeding one hundred thousand acres, for the endowment of an university in each State, made a report "that it is inexpedient to grant any tract of land to a State for the purpose of endowing an university;" which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, made a report on the petition of the Board of Trustees of the Washington

Infirmary, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Kent, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the benefit of the Columbian Institute for the promotion of arts and sciences in the City of Washington, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Simkins submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the act of Congress concerning the faith and credit to be given to the records and judicial proceedings of the courts of any State, authenticated and produced in evidence in any other court within the United States, *and the effect thereof.*

The said resolution was read, when

Mr. Strother moved that it lie on the table, which was rejected.

The question was then taken to agree to the same.

And passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Slocumb,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the recovery of interest on the balances admitted to be due to the United States by receivers or holders of public money, commencing at the time at which their accounts are made up, though not finally acted on, until paid: and, further, if the accounts are not rendered at the proper department, within the time prescribed by law, that they enquire into the expediency of charging interest on the whole sum in the hands of said defaulters, from the time the same was received until the accounts are thus rendered.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of altering the time for holding the courts of the judicial district of Virginia west of the Alleghany mountain.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate and fix the compensation of the clerks in the different offices,' passed the 20th of April, 1818," with an amendment; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendment was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the several orders of the day which precede the report of the Committee of Elections on the petition of Rollin C. Mallary, contesting the election and return of Orsamus C. Merrill, as one of the Representatives for the State of Vermont, be postponed until to-morrow.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said report; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker re-

sumed the choir, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had made some progress in the same, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said report.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire,

Resolved, That the law of Vermont regulating the election of Representatives to Congress, and the statement of the secretary of said State of the votes counted and rejected at the last election, together with the several documents referred to and acted upon by the Committee of Elections in the contested election between Orsamus C. Merrill and Rollin C. Mallary, be printed for the use of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a list of the clerks employed in the various offices of the Treasury Department, in the year 1819, with the compensation of each; which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 12, 1820.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Boston, and its vicinity.

Mr. Peck presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Schenectady, in the state of New York, respectively praying, that provision may be made for the exclusion of slavery in the new states to be formed in the territories west of the Mississippi; which petitions were referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Gloucester, in the county of Essex, and state of Massachusetts, praying for the erection of a light-house, on Tenpound Island, within the harbor of Gloucester, aforesaid; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of patent floor cloths, in the city of New York, praying that the importation of painted floor cloths may be prohibited, and that a duty of ten per cent. ad valorem may be imposed on that article manufactured in the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of Joshua Patrick, praying compensation for a horse and accoutrements, lost, while a volunteer in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Maryland, and District of Columbia, praying that the act autho-

rizng the company incorporated for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia, to lay out and make a road, from the line of the said district, to the Eastern Branch, *may be repealed*, for reasons set forth in the said petition; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Swearingen presented a petition of Charles Brown, praying for a pension.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of Hezekiah West, only son and heir of John West, deceased, praying compensation for his own and father's services, as soldiers, in the revolutionary army, as also for clothing and equipments furnished themselves, while in said service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Granville county, in the state of North Carolina.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Illinois, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cook also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Illinois, praying to be allowed further time to complete their payments for lands purchased of the United States.

Mr. Cook also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Crawford county, in the state of Illinois, stating, that they were unable to avail themselves of the right of pre-emption extended to them by the act of 1814; that their lands have been sold, and bought up by speculators, at very high prices, and praying for the right of pre-emption in the purchase of other public lands.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom the subject was submitted, by resolutions of the 29th ult. reported a bill, in addition to the several acts, for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith also reported a bill, extending the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes, in certain cases; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, last appointed.

Mr. Smith, from the same Committee, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820, reported the agreement of the Committee to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the said amendments be committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-day.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An

act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased," reported the said bill, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee of Elections, made a report on the petition of James Guyon, jr. contesting the election of Ebenezer Sage, one of the representatives from the state of New York; which was read and committed to the Committee of the Whole House, to which is committed the report of the same Committee, on the petition of Rollin C. Mallary, contesting the election of Orsamus C. Merrill.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John G. Bogert, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Edward Kerigan, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Beecher, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of Jacob Greer, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Cannon, from the Committee on the Militia, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of clothing the militia, when called into the service of the United States, or allowing them the amount in money, in lieu thereof, made a report, accompanied with a bill, to provide for clothing the militia, when called into the service of the United States; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, from the select committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the Legislature of Kentucky, on behalf of Christopher Miller, made a report thereon, which was read; when Mr. Robertson, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the benefit of the said Christopher Miller, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner, and approved by the President, in relation to the execution of the act of the 9th of April, 1816, "to authorize the payment for property lost, captured or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," transmitted in obedience to the resolution of the 23d ult. which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post

road from Detroit, in the county of Wayne, and territory of Michigan, to Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, and to Mount Clemens, in the county of Macomb, in the same territory.

Mr. Tracey submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to transmit to this House a statement showing the contracts made in the Engineer and Ordnance Departments, since the peace of 1815, and all contracts relating to said departments, made by any officer or agent of government: the manner of procuring the proposals for such contracts, whether, in every case, by public advertising, or otherwise: the names and residence of the contractors, and the names and residence of the sureties for such contractors as have failed in the performance of their contracts: the extent of their respective defalcations, and of the loss probable to be sustained by the government therefrom; also, stating the number of arsenals which have been constructed or commenced: the places where constructed or commenced: the amount expended upon each; also, a description of the works appertaining to each, and the estimated expense of completing them.

The said resolution was read, and, on the question to agree thereto, it was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Lathrop,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Springfield, in the county of Hampden, and commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the town of Wilbraham, in said county, to Stafford Springs, in the county of Tolland, and state of Connecticut.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, presented a memorial of Orsamus C. Merrill, whose election is contested by Rollin C. Mallery, stating, that he is advised, and verily believes, he can prove certain facts, stated in his memorial, tending to establish his right to retain his seat in the House; and praying that further time may be allowed him to take evidence in support of said facts; which memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, then moved to discharge the Committee of the Whole from the further consideration of the report of the Committee of Elections, on the petition of Rollin C. Mallery, contesting the election of Orsamus C. Merrill, and to refer the said report, together with the memorial above mentioned, to the Committee of Elections.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

It was then ordered, that the memorial aforesaid be referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the report on the contested election aforesaid.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An Act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820;" and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported their agreement to the said amendments.

The said amendments were then again read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit: "An Act for the relief of the legal representative of Philip Barbour, deceased," and "An Act in addition to the act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819." And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the report of the Committee of Elections on the petition of Rollin C. Mallary, contesting the election of Orsamus C. Merrill, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported their agreement to the resolutions recommended in the said report; and, that they had made some progress in the report of the same Committee, in the case of the contested election between Ebenezer Sage and James Guyon, Jr. and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the Committee of the Whole have leave to sit again on the said report in the case of Messrs. Sage and Guyon.

The resolutions to which the Committee of the Whole reported their agreement, are in the words following, viz:

1. Resolved, That Orsamus C. Merrill is *not* entitled to a seat in this House.

2. Resolved, That Rollin C. Mallary is entitled to a seat in this House.

The House then proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of the Whole; when,

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, moved that the said report lie on the table.

Which motion was rejected.

And the question was then taken to concur with them in their agreement to the first resolution,

And passed in the affirmative.

And so it was declared, that Orsamus C. Merrill was not entitled to a seat in this House.

The question was then stated to concur with the Committee of the Whole in their agreement to the second resolution,

And debate arising thereon,

The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 13, 1820.

Mr. Phelps presented a petition of Phineas Andrews, a lieutenant in the 6th regiment of infantry of the army of the United States, praying compensation for his services as such, which he is unable to

obtain because of the omission to place his name on the roll of the army.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of captain John Burnham, late commander of the ship *Hope*, praying to be paid the balance due him for money advanced as the price of his ransom from slavery in Algiers, by one of whose corsairs he was captured in the year 1793, with the interest now due thereon.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Street presented a petition of Joseph H. Cunningham, praying to be exonerated from his liability as one of the sureties of a certain Philip D. Spencer, a pay-master in the army in the late war with Great Britain; alleging that the officers of the government neglected to call upon the said Spencer for a settlement in proper time, and when he believes he was fully able to discharge the amount now claimed; and that he, the petitioner, has lately taken the benefit of the insolvent law of the state of New-York, and is entirely unable to satisfy the claim of the United States.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of John Bioren and Fielding Lucas, praying for the aid and patronage of Congress in publishing a sixth volume of the laws of the United States, to end with those which may be passed at the present session, and to correspond with the edition printed in pursuance of the act of the 18th of April, 1814.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Hackley,

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Simmons, presented on the 30th November, 1818, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of 294 inhabitants of Red river and Wachita, in the county and territory of Arkansas, stating that the Indian title has been unjustly extended over their settlements, and that New Madrid claims ought to be restricted; and praying for the same pre-emption rights which were granted at the last session to the inhabitants of Howard county, in the territory of Missouri; also, remonstrating against allowing the settlers within the Cherokee limits, between the Arkansas and White rivers, to make locations on their settlements.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Thomas Dobson and Son, stating, that they published, with great labor and expense, Dr. Seybert's Statistical Annals, and praying Congress to authorize the purchase of eight hundred additional copies, which now remain on hand of that work, for which they state they are willing to take a reduced price; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Barbour, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Sergeant also presented the petition of the President and Managers of the Northampton slate quarry company, praying that heavy duties may be imposed on slate imported into the United States.

The Speaker presented a petition of the Newcastle County Society, in the state of Delaware, for the promotion of National Industry, praying that further aid and protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Samuel Moore, and Mr. Rogers, severally presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of Northampton county, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sergeant presented several petitions from inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, which petitions respectively pray that the further extension of slavery in the territories west of the Mississippi may be prohibited; and that provision may be made for the exclusion of slavery in any new state hereafter to be admitted into the Union; which were referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

On motion of Mr. McCreary,

Ordered, That the petition of Alexander Roddy, presented on the 29th December, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Knox, Muskingum, and Licking, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post-route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Michigan, late soldiers in the army of the United States; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, also made reports on the petitions of William Wright and Francis Hodge; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

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

Mr. Anderson also reported a bill for the establishment of additional land offices in the state of Illinois; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Dr. Robert Carr Lane; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Charles Townsend; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Charlotte P. Trudeau; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* her petition.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act for the relief of the legal representative of Philip Barbour, deceased;

An act in addition to the act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1819;

An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820; and,

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks in the different offices," passed the 20th April, 1818; and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of reviving and continuing in force, for a limited time, so much of an act, the provisions of which partially expired on the 1st day of November last, entitled "An act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces," as relates to the gold coins of those countries.

Mr. Whitman, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Allen, of Mass. Mr. Dickinson, and Mr. Beecher, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Brush submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to consider the expediency of fixing the ratio of representation in the House of Representatives of the United States, to take effect and be computed according to the rule prescribed by the constitution, upon the census next to be taken; with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question to agree to the same,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Cocke submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House whether any, and, if any, what, revenue is derived to the government of the United States from the fur trade.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question to agree to the same,

It was determined in the negative.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole on the report of the Committee of Elections on the petition of Rollin C. Mallary, contesting the election of Orsamus C. Merrill, and the question depending yesterday, at the time of adjourn-

ment, to concur with the committee of the whole in their agreement to the second resolution recommended by the Committee of Elections, to wit:

“ Resolved, That Rollin C. Mallary *is entitled* to a seat in this House,” was again stated; and, being taken,

It passed in the affirmative, } Yeas.....116,
 } Nays.....47.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Phelps	Mr. Gross, <i>Pen.</i>
Adams	Hackley	Philson
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Pinckney
Archer	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Pitcher
Baldwin	Hardin	Plumer
Barbour	Hazard	Reed
Bateman	Hemphill	Rhea
Beecher	Hendricks	Richmond
Boden	Herrick	Ringgold
Brown	Hibshman	Robertson
Brush	Hostetter	Rogers
Bryan	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Ross
Burwell	Kendall	Russ
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Kent	Sampson
Campbell	Kinsley	Shaw
Case	Lathrop	Simkins
Clark	Little	Sloan
Cook	Lincoln	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Crowell	Linn	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Culbreth	Livermore	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Culpepper	Lowndes	Street
Cushman	Lyman	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Cuthbert	Maclay	Tarr
Darlington	McCoy	Taylor
Dennison	McCreary	Terrell
Dewitt	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Tompkins
Dowse	Marchand	Tracy
Eddy	Mason	Trimble
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Metcalf	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	R. Moore	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	S. Moore	Van Rensselaer
Ervin	Monell	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Fay	Morton	Wallace
Ford	Murray	Warfield
Forrest	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Wendover
Fuller	Overstreet	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Fullerton	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Garnett	Patterson	Wood..... 116
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Peek	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Floyd	Mr. Quarles
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Folger	Randolph
Anderson	Foot	Rankin
Ball	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Settle
Bayly	Hill	Silsbee
Buffum	Holmes	Slocumb
Burton	Hooks	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Johnson	Southard
Cannon	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Stevens
Claggett	McLane, <i>Dcl.</i>	Storrs
Cobb	Mercer	Swearingen
Cocke	Mosely	Tomlinson
Crawford	Neale	Tyler
Davidson	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Upham
Earle	Newton	Whitman..... 47
Fisher	Pindall	

The said Rollin C. Mallery then appeared and took his seat, the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act allowing Sarah Allen the bounty land and pay which would have been due to her son, Samuel Drew, had he lived, for his services as a private in the late war;" and the "Resolution for the further distribution of the Journal of the Convention which formed the Constitution of the United States," with amendments to the latter; and they have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing payment to be made for certain muskets impressed into the service of the United States;" in which amendments and last mentioned bill they ask the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the amount of moneys paid in each year for the expenses of holding courts within the District of Columbia, together with the amount paid to the circuit judges thereof, from the year 1801, to the year 1819, both inclusive, rendered in obedience to the resolution of the 7th instant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting information in relation to the illicit introduction of slaves into the United States, with a statement of measures which have been taken to prevent the same, rendered in obedience to the resolution of the 31st ult.; which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 14, 1820.

Mr. Hill presented a petition of Daniel Merrill, on behalf of himself and sundry of his companions, officers in the revolutionary army, praying compensation for their services as such, of which they say they were defrauded by their paymaster.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Thomas Leiper, praying payment of sundry loan office certificates, issued in his favor in the year 1779, which have been lost or mislaid.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Elizabeth Poe, widow of David Poe, deceased, a deputy quarter master general in the army during the revolutionary war, praying for a reimbursement of the amount of money which the deceased was, by law, compelled to pay for a quantity of forage, purchased by him for the use of, and which was actually consumed by, the said army, and for which he never received credit in the settlement of his accounts.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hibshman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western counties of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Forrest presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania; respectively praying that further aid and protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of plated ware, in the city and county of Philadelphia, praying that a duty of forty per cent. ad valorem may be imposed on plated ware imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of Joseph M. Skinner, praying compensation for a wagon and wagon furniture, impressed into the military service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain, and not returned; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Barnabas Quigley and John Mercereau, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Crane, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea also reported a bill for the relief of Samuel B. Beall, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate,

entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased."

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of James Chapline and John Brooks; and that the former be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Richard M. Esselstyn, John Caldwell, Joseph S. Dutton, John B. Smith, John Perry, Samuel Walker, and John Martin, Samuel Peterson and Hannah Peterson; which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the case of Henry Cain, which was read; when,

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, moved to amend the resolution recommended in the said report, so as to make it read, "That the claim of Henry Cain, for fifty dollars, be granted."

Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said report and amendment be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Sarah Harris and Moses White; and that they be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of James Mackay, assignee of McDaniel, accompanied with a bill for the relief of the said James Mackay, of the territory of Missouri; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of persons holding confirmed unlocated claims for land in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Campbell, from the same committee, reported a bill supplementary to "An act providing for cases of lost military land warrants, and discharges for faithful services;" which was read the first and second time, and also committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of persons holding confirmed unlocated claims for land in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Illinois, presented on the 10th instant, made a report thereon, accompanied with a bill for the relief of certain settlers in the Illinois territory, residing in the Vincennes district; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Kenawha and Mason, in the state of Virginia; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, reported a bill to alter the terms of the court of the western district of Virginia; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made an unfavorable report on the cases of Nathaniel Cousins, Samuel Gage, Elisha Cotton, Lemuel Tomlinson, Caleb Johnson, Garret Putman, Jesse Foot, Isaac Bemis, Victor Putnam, David Franklin, Stephen Thomas, Thomas Camp, Abel Blakesley, Samuel Black, Thomas Pierpoint, James Cannon, Nathaniel Edwards, Solomon Griswold, Luke Johnson, Abraham Lawrence, Bazaleel Beebec, Elias Buel, and of the surviving officers and soldiers of colonel Willet's regiment in the revolutionary army; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Daniel McDuff and Seth Weed, and that they be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of State on the petition of Jacob and Henry H. Schieffelin; which was read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Strother submitted the following resolutions, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report, *without delay*, to this House, the actual balance in the Treasury, and in the hands of the Treasurer, as agent of the Navy Department and War Department; and the amount, if any, in the Treasury subject to the control of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on the 1st of January, 1820.

2. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report, *without delay*, to this House, upon what principle he has estimated the receipts into the Treasury from the sales of the public lands for the year 1820.

3. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed, *without delay*, to report to this House, what amount of the public debt will be redeemable, according to the terms of the contract, in the years 1820, 1821, 1822 1823, and 1824; and what amount would be left of the Sinking Fund in each year, respectively, after the payment of the interest of the public debt, and the portion of the principal which may be redeemable within the year.

4. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed, *without delay*, to report to this House, the present price of the stocks, and *whether, in his opinion, if the price is above par, it will probably continue so until the period at which the stock issued in the late war shall become redeemable; and if, in his opinion, such should probably be the fact, whether it would not be advisable to apply the surplus of the*

Sinking Fund to the current expenses of the government, rather than resort to loans or taxes.

The said resolutions being read, Mr. Lowndes moved to amend the same by striking out the words *without delay*, wherever they occur; and, also, to strike out from the fourth resolution, these words: "*whether, in his opinion, if the price is above par, it will probably continue so, until the period at which the stock issued in the late war shall become redeemable; and if, in his opinion, such should probably be the fact.*"

And debate arising thereon, the said resolutions and amendment were ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing payment to be made for certain muskets impressed into the service of the United States," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the "Resolution for the further distribution of the Journal of the Convention which formed the Constitution of the United States," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of Elections on the petition of James Guyon, junior, contesting the election of Ebenezer Sage, who is returned as one of the Representatives of the state of New-York; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported their agreement to the resolutions recommended in the said report of the Committee of Elections, to wit:

1. Resolved, That Ebenezer Sage is *not* entitled to a seat in this House.

2. Resolved, That James Guyon, junior, is entitled to a seat in this House.

The House proceeded to consider the said report; and, on the question, Will the House concur with the committee of the whole in their agreement to the said resolutions?

It passed in the affirmative.

The said James Guyon, jr. then appeared, and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act for the relief of the legal representative of Philip Barbour, deceased;

An act in addition to the act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1819;

An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820; and,

An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of the clerks in the different offices," passed the 20th April, 1818.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 17, 1820.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of sundry manufacturers in, and inhabitants of, Boston;

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Steubenville, in the state of Ohio; respectively praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Richards presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of paper in the state of Vermont, praying that the duties imposed on imported paper may be changed from an *ad valorem* to a *specific* duty.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Brighton, in the state of Massachusetts;

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Steubenville, in the state of Ohio; respectively praying that the further extension of slavery, in the territories of the United States west of the Mississippi, may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of Abner Beckwith, praying for a pension.

Mr. Hardin presented a petition of Samuel Haycraft, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and, also, referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, viz:

By Mr. Street, that of Henry B. Livingston, presented on the 27th December, 1809;

By Mr. Barbour, that of William Weddeburn, presented on the 9th December, 1805;

By Mr. Hardin, that of Jesse Davis, presented on the 26th November, 1818.

Mr. Case presented a petition of Doct. Cornelius Roosa, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of the chiefs and principal men of the Muhhecunnick, or Stockbridge, nation of Indians, complaining of encroachments on their lands by the citizens of the United States, and praying that a certain tract, or quantity of land, formerly assigned to them for the use of their nation, may be located, and their title thereto confirmed; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Storrs, Mr. Southard, Mr. Cook, Mr. Pindall, and Mr. Bryan, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Strong, of New-York, presented a petition of Elijah Hulbert, praying compensation for the board and lodging of five sick soldiers, who were left at his house on a march, during the late war with Great Britain; as also for a reimbursement of moneys paid by him for medical services, and for the interment of one of them who died whilst at his house, as aforesaid.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Francis Zock, and a petition of George King, respectively praying compensation for horses which died while in the military service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Dennis Julien, praying compensation for his property, to a large amount, which was carried off and destroyed by a party of hostile Indians, in the year 1812.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Wilson, in the county of Niagara, and state of New-York;

Mr. Baker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Steuben, in the state of New-York;

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Somerset, in the state of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants on the north side of Salt river, in the territory of Missouri; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered; That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of Joseph Eckman and others, heirs at law of Jacob Eckman, deceased, stating, that the real estate of the deceased, valued at about nine thousand dollars, was sold in 1816 under circumstances of peculiar hardship, for the payment of a direct tax of fifteen dollars, and purchased in on behalf of the United States; and praying permission to redeem the same; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill extending the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes, in certain cases.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Thomas Kinnersly, printer, of the city of London, in Great Britain, stating, that he imported into the port of Philadelphia a quantity of books, and exhibited the original invoice of the same; that the collector, under the impression that the said books were not invoiced at their full value, caused them to

be appraised according to law, by which the petitioner has been compelled to pay a greater amount of duties than he alleges ought to have been paid, and praying for a return of the excess of the said duties.

Mr. Pinckney presented a petition of John Johnson, junior, an iron founder, praying that the duty imposed on English pig-iron imported into the United States may be reduced.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and also referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, viz:

By Mr. Crafts, that of Samuel Peckham, jr. presented on the 13th February, 1819;

By Mr. Tracy, that of David Beard, presented on the 25th February, 1818.

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of Hannah M. Baldwin, widow of Dr. William Baldwin, deceased, late a surgeon in the navy of the United States, praying to be placed on the Navy Pension List of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Jones, of Virginia, presented a petition of the United Agricultural Societies of Virginia, praying that no further protection be granted to manufacturers, excepting such as may be deemed essential for national defence; and that the existing duties be so reduced as to produce the greatest possible revenue; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

The Speaker laid before the House a resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, requesting that commissioners may be appointed to survey and mark a road from Wheeling, in the state of Virginia, through the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois; and that certain lands may be set apart to raise a fund for making said road; which resolution was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, praying that the claims to land of certain persons in that state, derived under the act of 3d of March, 1792, for militia services, may be examined, and that provision may be made for their confirmation; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 14th instant, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act for the relief of the legal representative of Philip Barbour, deceased;

An act in addition to an act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1819;

An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820; and,

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of the clerks in the different offices," passed the 20th April, 1818.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

An act allowing Sarah Allen the bounty land and pay which would have been due to her son, Samuel Drew, had he lived, for his services as a private in the late war; and,

A resolution for the further distribution of the Journal of the Convention which formed the constitution of the United States, and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

Mr. Speaker signed the said bill and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of James Price; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *rejected*.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel Douthet; and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Jacob Davy; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of John Sturdevant, Joshua Patrick, Frederick Falley, Morton and Johnson, Elizabeth Goodrich, and Enoch Turner, John Crutcher and Thomas Rawlings, Samuel Q. Richardson and John Haley, and John Gallagher, and others, trustees of the Shakers residing near West Union, in the state of Indiana; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Hoel Laurence; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Nathaniel Cutting and John Grimes; and that the former be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and that leave be given to withdraw the latter.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Taylor and Street; and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made reports on the petitions of Isaac Hodgson and Benjamin Hardy; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw their petitions.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of James Maxwell, reported a bill authorizing a subscription for a digest of the laws of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Storrs, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Good; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting statements of contracts made by the officers or agents of the War Department, on behalf of the United States, in the year 1819; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the progress which has been made in the civilization of the Indian tribes, and the sums which have been expended on that object, prepared in obedience to the resolution of the 6th instant; which letter and report were ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the court of the western district of Virginia," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolutions submitted by Mr. Strother, on the 14th instant, and the question recurred on the amendments proposed by Mr. Lowndes, and stated on the Journal of that day; and, being taken,

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Ford then moved further to amend the first of the said resolutions, by striking out these words: "*And in the hands of the Treasurer, as agent of the Navy Department and War Department;*" which motion was rejected.

The first, second, and third, of the said resolutions, as amended, were then agreed to, and the fourth rejected by the House.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 18, 1820.

A new member, to wit: from Virginia, William S. Archer, elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of James Pleasants, jr. appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Allen, of Mass. presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of Massachusetts and Connecticut, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Thomas F. Vaught, Post Master at Shawneetown in the state of Illinois, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Hazard presented a petition of the inhabitants of the town of Newport, in the state of Rhode Island;

Mr. Foot presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Hartford, in the state of Connecticut;

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Albany in the state of New York; respectively praying that the further extension of slavery in the territories west of the river Mississippi may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of Richard Willcox, by Guy Richards, junior, stating that he is the inventor of several useful improvements in ovens and in distillation; but, as he has not resided in the United States for the space of two years, he cannot obtain a patent, and praying that a special act may be passed authorizing patents to be issued for his said inventions.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, members of the bar of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Ohio, praying that the salary of the judge of the said district may be increased.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Michigan, complaining of many violations on the part of the British authorities of the terms of capitulation upon the surrender of Detroit, in the late war with Great Britain, in the wanton destruction of their property, and the abuse of their persons, and praying compensation for their property so destroyed, and some indemnification for their personal sufferings and privations.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of sundry cabinet furniture makers, residing in the city of New York, praying that the importation of cabinet furniture may be prohibited, and that a duty of 15 per cent. may be imposed on all furniture sold at auction.

Mr. Monell presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Chenango, in the state of New York;

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western counties of Pennsylvania; respectively praying that further aid and encouragement may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of the society of paper makers in the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, praying that a duty of 25

cents per pound on all writing, printing, and copper plate papers, and 15 cents per pound on all other kinds of paper, may be imposed on its importation into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of sundry persons of, and belonging to, the Stockbridge Nation of Indians in the state of New York, praying compensation for their services in the army of the United States in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of David Taylor, praying compensation for a large quantity of staves burned by a detachment of United States' troops in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Hackley presented a petition of Wardwell Green, praying for a pension.

Mr. M'Lane, of Delaware, presented a petition of John Kanores, late a soldier in the French corps of the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the bounty in money and land, which he says was promised him by Doctor Franklin at the time of his enlistment in France, as also, a pension in consideration of several wounds received in battle, while in the service aforesaid.

Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry merchants and underwriters of the city of Philadelphia, praying that three additional piers may be constructed at Marcus Hook in the river Delaware, for the security and protection of ships and vessels trading to and from the said city; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Penticost, presented on the 29th January, 1818, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of William Houston, late a deputy collector of direct taxes and internal duties in the state of Pennsylvania, praying to be allowed in settlement of his accounts the sum of 225 dollars, which was stolen from the mail on its way to the principal collector.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of the president and directors of the Franklin Bank of Alexandria, expressive of their wishes that but one bank may be chartered in the town of Alexandria, to which the banks now in that town may be authorized to subscribe their capital stock, but that if Congress should not be disposed to adopt that measure, they pray that the charter of the said Franklin Bank may be continued and renewed for a time sufficient to allow them to wind up its

concerns; which petition was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the following statements to wit: A statement of the payments at the Treasury during the year 1819, for the discharge of miscellaneous claims; a statement of the payments at the Treasury for the discharge of such demands of a civil nature as are not otherwise provided for; a statement of contracts made relative to oil, light-houses, buoys, &c.; a statement of contracts and purchases made by the collectors during the year 1818; and a statement of expenditures on account of sick and disabled seamen during the year 1818; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a schedule of fees proper to be allowed and taxed for the officers of the district court of the United States for the district of Vermont, prepared and transmitted by the judge of that district, in pursuance of the resolution of this House of the 22d of February 1819; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Brush, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John M'Donald; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Martha Flood, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the said Martha Flood; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee of Elections, made the following report which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

"That they have examined the certificates of election and other credentials of the following members, and find the same sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House:

From North Carolina,

Lewis Williams:

From South Carolina,

William Lowndes,

Joseph Brevard.

From Ohio,

Philemon Beecher,

Samuel Herrick."

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was recommended the bill from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow," again reported the same without amendment.

Ordered. That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of the Legislature of the state of Illinois, praying that some provision may be made for those persons who resided on the frontiers of that state between the years 1790 and 1795, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thomas Backus and Ebenezer Richards, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing an additional Land Office in the state of Indiana.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and the amendments reported by the committee of the whole being read, were severally concurred in by the House, with amendments to that proposing the 10th section to the bill.

The said bill being then further amended, Mr. Mercer moved so to amend the first section thereof, as to require the marshals, in their returns, to specify the number of persons engaged in the "*professions of law, physic, and divinity,*" in addition to those engaged in agriculture, commerce, and manufactures, which they are required by the said section to specify; which motion was rejected.

Mr. Mercer then moved to amend the tenth section, so as to require of the marshals and their assistants, in addition to the account which they are required by the said section to render of the several manufacturing establishments and their manufacturers, within their several districts, territories, and divisions, to render "*such statistical details of the agriculture of said districts, territories, and divisions, as shall ascertain the quantity of arable and inarable land in each; of the arable land, the quantity cleared, and in cultivation; and of the latter, the number of acres in each species of culture, with the average annual product per acre.*" This motion was also rejected by the House.

Mr. Storrs then moved so to amend the said tenth section as to require the marshals and their assistants to render an account of the "*dwelling houses,*" within their several districts, territories, and divisions, in addition to the account of the several manufacturing establishments and their manufacturers, which they are required to render by the said section. This motion was also rejected.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment of the United States for the year 1819, which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 19, 1820.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of William Grout;

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of Eliphalet Bates;

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of David Staples; respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and also referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims:

By Mr. Livermore, that of Joseph Roby, presented on the 22d February, 1819;

By Mr. Tomlinson, that of John Patterson, presented on the 5th January, 1819.

Mr. Folger presented sundry documents tending to prove that Daniel Pettibone is not the inventor of the art of welding cast-steel to iron; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Moseley and Mr. Stevens severally presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the city of Hartford and its vicinity, in the state of Connecticut, praying that the further extension of slavery in the territories west of the river Mississippi may be prohibited; which were committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New-York, praying that a new collection district may be formed on the southern shore of Lake Erie, in the state of Ohio, to be called the district of Geauga, and that Painesville may be established as the port of entry and delivery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Sergeant,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, and of the owners of property on the river Delaware, adjoining the incorporated limits of said city, presented on the 15th December, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Granville S. Pattison, surgeon, and lecturer on anatomy, physiology and surgery, in the city of Philadelphia, stating, that he has lately arrived in America from Scotland, and praying that the duties imposed on his "Museum of Anatomical Preparations" may be remitted; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of John Wells, presented on the 12th of February, 1818, be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Robert Moore, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Patterson, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of William B. Adams, an officer in the army in the late war with Great Britain, praying compensation for his baggage, which he lost in consequence of leaving the same behind upon a movement of the army, in obedience to the order of the commanding general.

Mr. Trimble presented a petition of Thomas Withers, praying compensation for a wagon and team, taken into the service of the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, and which was entirely destroyed in said service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Foot, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, viz:

An act allowing Sarah Allen the bounty land and pay which would have been due to her son Samuel Drew, had he lived, for his service as a private in the late war.

A resolution for the further distribution of the Journal of the Convention which formed the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing Archibald Frew a commission on certain moneys collected of him in virtue of a warrant from the Comptroller of the Treasury, made a report; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That Archibald Frew ought not to be allowed the usual commission on the sum of \$ 19,502 $\frac{3}{10}$, collected from him by warrant from the Comptroller.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petitions of John Topp, Dennis Julien, and Jacob and Henry H. Schieffelin; which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the case of Joseph Janey; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John and Joseph Henry, and of Benjamin S. Judah; and that the former be referred to the Secretary of War, and the latter to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill authorizing the sale of thirteen sections of land, lying within the land district of Canton, in the state of Ohio; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of James Brown the 2d, and Charles Miles; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

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

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Jesse Torrey; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Robert Champey, and the documents of Hezekiah West; and that the former be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and that the latter lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Michigan, presented yesterday; and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Baldwin, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill regulating the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin, from the same committee, also reported a bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill last reported.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the quartermaster general, respecting the terms of the contract for the transportation of the troops ordered up the Missouri river, rendered in obedience to the resolution of the 10th instant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Navy; relative to the harbor of Presque Isle, on Lake Erie, in the state of Pennsylvania, rendered in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 26th of February last; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion of Mr. Cuthbert,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Slave Trade be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a registry of slaves, more effectually to prevent the importation of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Hughes;" and then he withdrew.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow."

Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time; and,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....110
 { Nays.....27

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in affirmative are

Mr. Abbot

Alexander

Allen, *Mass.*

Mr. Allen, *N. F.*

Allen, *Tenn.*

Anderson

Mr. Barbour

Bateman

Bloomfield

Mr. Boden
 Brush
 Bryan
 Buffum
 Butler, *Lou.*
 Campbell
 Cannon
 Case
 Clagett
 Clark
 Cook
 Crafts
 Crowell
 Culbreth
 Cushman
 Cuthbert
 Dewitt
 Earle
 Eddy
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Fay
 Fisher
 Floyd
 Folger
 Foot
 Ford
 Fullerton
 Garnett
 Gross, *N. F.*
 Gross, *Pen.*
 Hall, *N. F.*
 Hall, *N. C.*
 Hazard
 Hibshman

Mr. Hill
 Holmes
 Hooks
 Hostetter
 Jones, *Ten.*
 Kent
 Lincoln
 Linn
 Lowndes
 Maclay
 McCoy
 McCreary
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Mason
 Meech
 Meigs
 Metcalf
 R. Moore
 S. Moore
 Monell
 Morton
 Murray
 Nelson, *Va.*
 Newton
 Overstreet
 Parker, *Mass.*
 Patterson
 Peek
 Philson
 Pitcher
 Rankin
 Reed
 Rhea
 Rich

Mr. Richards
 Richmond
 Ringgold
 Robertson
 Rogers
 Ross
 Sampson
 Settle
 Silsbee
 Sloan
 Smith, *N. J.*
 Smith, *Md.*
 B. Smith, *Va.*
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Southard
 Stevens
 Storrs
 Street
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Tarr
 Taylor
 Terrell
 Tomlinson
 Tompkins
 Tracy
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Upham
 Van Rensselaer
 Walker, *N. C.*
 Wallace
 Wendover
 Williams, *Va.*
 Williams, *N. C.*
 110

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams
 Archer, *Va.*
 Baker
 Ball
 Bayly
 Beecher
 Brown
 Burton
 Cobb

Mr. Culpepper
 Dickinson
 Forrest
 Hardin
 Herrick
 Johnson
 Kendall
 Lathrop
 Mercer

Mr. Neale
 Parker, *Va.*
 Pindall
 Quarles
 Randolph
 Sergeant
 Slocumb
 Strong, *N. F.*
 Tyler.....27

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill providing for the payment for horses and other property lost, captured, or destroyed, in the Seminole war: Whereupon,

Mr. Cobb moved to amend the said bill by striking out all thereof after the enacting clause; and, in lieu thereof, to insert the following:

“That, when any horse, mule, wagon, cart, harness, or other property, of any inhabitant or inhabitants of the United States, has been impressed, or taken by public authority, for the use of the United States, or for the use or subsistence of the army thereof, during the late war with the Seminole Indians, and the same shall have been lost, destroyed, or consumed, the owner of such property shall be paid the value thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any person who, in the late war aforesaid, has sustained damage, by the loss or destruction of any horse, mule, wagon, cart, or harness, while such property was in the military service of the United States, either by impressment or contract, by or under the authority of the same, except in cases where the risk to which the property would be exposed was agreed to be incurred by the owner; if it shall appear that such loss or destruction was without any fault or negligence on the part of the owner; or who has sustained damage by the loss of a wagon, or harness, in consequence of the impressment of the horses belonging thereto, by public authority, for the use of the army, shall be allowed and paid the value thereof.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Third Auditor of the Treasury Department to decide upon all cases arising under this act, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary for the War Department; and a certificate of his decision and adjudication in favor of any claim, duly signed by the said Auditor, shall entitle the claimant, or his legal representative, to payment of the amount thereof, at the Treasury of the United States.”

The said amendment being read, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, moved that the said bill be recommitted to a select committee; which motion was rejected.

The question then recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Cobb; and, being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk's table; and, on the question, Shall it be engrossed and read a third time?

It was also determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 20, 1820.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Hartford, and its vicinity, in the state of Connecticut, praying that the further extension of slavery in the territories of the United States west of the river Mississippi, may be prohibited, which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a

constitution, and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Tracy, presented a petition of Abraham Forbes, stating that he is a native born citizen of the United States, and at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain, resided in Canada, where he was possessed of a valuable real and personal property, which he abandoned, and entered into the military service of the United States, by which he lost all his said property, and praying such relief in the premises as Congress may in their wisdom deem equitable and just.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of John H. Robinson, praying compensation for three horses lost in consequence of being impressed into the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, as also, compensation for the services of his wagon and team, previous to the loss of his said horses.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of Jack F. Ross, praying to be allowed and paid the amount of his claims against the government for supplies furnished, and services rendered in the army in the late war with Great Britain, which claims were well authenticated, and were destroyed by fire at the burning of his house in the state of Alabama, in the year 1818.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Fay presented a petition of Peter Covenhoven, praying for an increase of his pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. McCoy presented a petition of Mary Shott, widow of Richard Shott, a soldier in the Revolutionary Army, praying that the pension granted to her late husband may be continued to her.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Archibald Felts, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Forrest presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and protection of the manufacturing interest of the country, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Floyd presented a petition of Margaret Hall, late Margaret McKenzie, stating that, in the year 1774, she was taken prisoner by the hostile Indians, and remained in captivity upwards of 20 years; that previous to her release the chiefs of the tribe, by whom she had been captured, granted her a certain tract of land, as a mark of their friendship and attachment, and praying that her title thereto may be confirmed.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that further time may be allowed to complete their payments for land purchased of the United States.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants on the west branch of White River in the state of Indiana, stating that a certain part of said branch has been included in the fractional sections of

land, and sold to individuals, by which the free navigation of the same has become obstructed, and praying that measures may be taken to preserve, to the community at large, the free navigation of the said branch.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Strother,

Ordered; That the memoria, calculations, and other documents, which have been heretofore laid before this House, by William Lambert, relative to the establishment of a first meridian in the city of Washington, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Charles S. Jones, and Richard Buckner, junior, administrators of William Jones; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of Martha Flood.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Richard Willcox, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of James Merrill, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the said Merrill, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of sundry merchants of Baltimore, and the petition of Alvin Bronson, and that they be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Kent,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House the amount of fines, penalties, and forfeitures, imposed, levied, and collected, in the District of Columbia, by order of the Circuit Court of the United States, for the said District, in each year, from the year 1801, to the year 1819, both inclusive: and that the said Secretary also state what part of the expenditure, stated in a report made by him to this House at the present session, of the expenses of the judicial system of the said District, since the assumption of jurisdiction by Congress, were incurred on account of the District Court of the United States; as also on account of the sittings of the Supreme Court of the United States within the said District.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, of South Carolina,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post-Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Columbia, South Carolina, by Richard Harrison's store in Fairfield District, to Beckhamville, in Chester District.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing a salary to the Marshal and District Attorney of the Western District of Pennsylvania, and the Northern District of New-York.

Mr. Foot submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of regulating, by law, the election and returns for Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Rogers,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the post route from Philadelphia to Athens, in Pennsylvania, that it may pass by the mouth of Durham Creek, to Easton, Pennsylvania, instead of Baison Town.

On motion of Mr. Davidson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing the following post road, in North Carolina, viz. From Wadesboro' in Anson County, to Charlotte, in Mecklenburgh County, by way of Edward Fielding's, Culpepper's Store, Jacob Austin's, Charles F. Alexander's, and Maxwell's Store, to Charlotte; and return by way of Azrai Cockburn's, and William Taylor's, to Wadesboro'.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report respecting the balances of moneys unexpended on the 27th of December last, remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, as agent of the War Department; prepared in obedience to the resolution of this House, of the 27th December last; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report, prepared in obedience to the resolution of this House, of the 20th ultimo, requiring him to state whether, in pursuance of the act of 18th March, 1818, any pensions have been granted, which, for reasons he will state, ought not to have been granted, and what course has been pursued in relation to such pensions, or those to whom they may have been granted, and the number and names of those who have been placed upon the pension list from each state under the said law: And also the regulations adopted by the War Department, in relation to the examination and admission of claims for pensions under said act; which letter and report were also ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on the 19th instant, approve and sign,

An Act allowing Sarah Allen the bounty land and pay which would have been due to her son, Samuel Drew, had he lived, for his services as a private in the late war; and

A Resolution for the further distribution of the Journal of the Convention which formed the Constitution of the United States.

Ordered, that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. J. J. Monroe also delivered in the following message in writing:

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, requesting me "to lay before it, at as early a day as may be convenient, an account of the expenditure of the several sums appropriated for building fortifications, from the year 1816 to the year 1819, inclusive; indicating the places at which works of defence have been begun; the magnitude of the works contemplated at each place; their present condition, the amount already expended; and the estimated amount requisite for the completion of each; also, the mode by which the fortifications are built—by contract, or otherwise:" I now transmit to the House a report from the Secretary of War, to whom the said resolution was referred, which, with the documents accompanying it, contains all the information required.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 19, 1820.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, that the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made on the case of Thomas Camp, be committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Ordered, that the report of the Committee of Claims, on the case of the Levy Court of Calvert county, in the state of Maryland, and the report of the same committee on the case of Hannah Davis, be, severally, committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Ordered, that the report of the Committee on Private Land Claims on the petition of Jacob Shafer, be also committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Mr. Archer, of Maryland, submitted the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be directed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the District of Columbia, as that the expenses of the jurors and witnesses attending the circuit court, in all cases except such as are cognizable in a district or other circuit court of the United States, shall be paid by the respective counties of Alexandria and Washington.

2. Resolved, That the Committee of the District of Columbia be directed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to the clerks of the circuit court the same fees, in all cases, except in causes of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, as were allowed to the clerks of the county courts within the states of Maryland and Virginia, before the cession of the said district, and also into the expediency of repealing so much of the laws of the United States as give a daily compensation to the district attorney, clerks, and marshal, for their attendance in the circuit court of the District of Columbia.

3. Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the laws in relation to the fees of clerks and marshals of the several judicial districts of the United States, of the clerk of the supreme court of the United States, and of the marshal of the District of Columbia, when attending the said courts, as gives to the said clerks and marshals a daily compensation during the session of the said courts.

4. Resolved, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be directed to enquire into the expediency of extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in all personal demands for debts to fifty dollars, exclusive of costs, allowing an appeal from the decisions of said justices, to the circuit court, and trial by jury.

The said resolutions having been read,

Mr. Whitman moved to substitute, in lieu of the first, the following, viz:

Resolved, That the communication of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 12th instant, containing a statement of the expenditures in relation to the judiciary of the District of Columbia, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of providing that all such expenditures, other than for the salaries of the judges and of the attorney and marshal, be paid and disbursed from funds to be derived from the counties in which the expenditures may accrue, respectively.

The said substitute being read, and debate arising thereon, it was,

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Ordered, that the said resolutions and substitute lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to provide for taking the fourth census, or enumeration, of the inhabitants of the United States, was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, that the title be "An Act to provide for taking the fourth census, or enumeration, of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes;" and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Jacob Purkill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported their agreement to the resolution recommended by the Committee of Claims.

The said resolution was then again read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

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

The House resolved into a Committee of the Whole, on the bill for the relief of William McIntosh; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the same without amendment.

The question was then taken, Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 21, 1820.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of James Simpson, Consul of the United States, at Tangier, in the Kingdom of Morocco, by James Riley, his Attorney, praying to be allowed the sum of four thousand

dollars a year, for his services in the capacity aforesaid, from the year 1797, the time of his appointment, and that he may be allowed house rent for the same period; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of James Sproull, a major in the army of the United States, stating that his vouchers for the expenditure of about \$230 of public money fell into the hands of the enemy, upon the capture of Fort Niagara, in the late war with Great Britain, by reason of which he is unable to settle his accounts, and praying relief from Congress.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of Marinus W. Gilbert, stating that a large amount in groceries, provisions, and clothing, which belonged to him, and lying at French Mills, in the state of New-York, were destroyed or fell into the hands of the enemy, in consequence of the impressment of his teams and other means of transportation into the service of the army of the United States, and praying to be paid the amount thereof.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea presented a petition of Joseph Morrisett, a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed the bounty in land to which he conceives himself entitled for his services aforesaid, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hardin presented a resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Kentucky, "instructing their Senators and requesting their Representatives in Congress to use their efforts to procure the passage of a law to admit the people of Missouri into the Union as a state, whether those people will sanction slavery by their constitution or not;" which resolution was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution, and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Ward," made a detailed report upon the merits of the claim of the said Ward, and recommending the rejection of the said bill; which report and bill were committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased."

Mr. Rhea also made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Samuel Haycraft and William Wedderburn, which were read and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Abner Beckwith, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Daniel Seward, presented on the 18th December, 1817.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Post-Master General, transmitting a statement of the number and names of the clerks employed in the General Post-Office, in the year 1819, with the salary paid to each: also, a list of the contracts made at his department on behalf of the United States in the same year; which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the Paymaster General, on the petition of Polly Potter, which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

A motion was made, by Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, that the House do now adjourn.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....19
Nays..... 54

The Yeas and Nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Little	Mr. Silsbee
Baldwin	Livermore	Smith, Md.
Ball	McCoy	B. Smith, Va.
Cannon	Moseley	Smith, N. C.
Ervin	Nelson, Va.	Street.....19
Ford	Overstreet	
Lathrop	Peek	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Allen, Mass.	Mr. Hill	Mr. Rich
Allen, N. Y.	Hooks	Richmond
Bateman	Hostetter	Rogers
Boden	Kent	Ross
Campbell	Kinsley	Sampson
Clark	Linn	Sergeant
Crafts	Maclay	Slocumb
Culpepper	McCreary	Smith, N. J.
Cushman	Marchand	Southard
Eddy	R. Moore	Stevens
Fay	S. Moore	Tarr
Foot	Murray	Taylor
Forrest	Parker, Mass.	Tomlinson
Fullerton	Patterson	Tucker, S. C.
Hackley	Philson	Wallace
Hardin	Pindall	Wendover
Hendricks	Rankin	Williams, Va.
Hibshman	Rhea	Wood.....54

Another motion was then made by Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, that the House do now adjourn.

And the question being taken thereon, it passed in the affirmative.

And the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 22, 1820.

Mr. Nelson, of Mass. presented a petition of John Chickering, and John M. Noyes, stating that, in the fall of the year 1813, they chartered a vessel to perform a voyage, from Newburyport to Eastport, and back again; that, on her return to Newburyport, on the 20th of December, 1813, she was seized by the commander of a gun boat, for an alleged violation of an act laying an embargo, passed on the 17th of said December, by which they sustained a loss of the whole amount of the cargo of said vessel; that they were ignorant of the existence of said act, as the same was not known at that time to any person whatever in said town, and praying to be paid the value of said cargo, their expenses, and interest thereupon.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of William Eadus, praying compensation for a store house, situated on lake Ontario, destroyed by the British forces in the late war, in consequence of its being in the occupancy of the troops of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Russ presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Connecticut, praying that slavery may not be permitted in the new states hereafter to be formed west of the river Mississippi; which was referred to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Strong, of New-York, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants, owners and masters of vessels residing in the city of Hudson, in the state of New-York, praying that the port of Hudson may be discontinued as a port of entry; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Brooke and Ohio, in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition of Conrad Wile and others, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Isaac Melchior, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Martha Flood.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of John D. Carter, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Livermore, from the Committee on the Post-Office and Post Roads, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Erastus Granger; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Post-Office and Post Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution, in-

structing the said committee to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the Post-Master General to increase the compensation of George Oury, a carrier of the mail, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of George King, William B. Adams, and Francis Zock; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing payment to be made for certain muskets impressed into the service of the United States," reported the same with amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, communicated to this House on the 5th of February, 1819, relating to applications from the British minister in behalf of certain British subjects, who had suffered in their property by proceedings to which military and judicial officers of the United States were parties, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and that the said message be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and that it be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing compensation to Hezekiah West, for his services during the revolutionary war, and for the services of his father, rendered at the same time.

Mr. Cook also submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the salaries of the judges of the district courts of Indiana and Illinois.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question to agree to the same,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Foot,

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolution submitted by him on the 20th instant, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to enquire into the expediency of passing a law regulating the election and return of members of this House; and the said resolution being read, the question was taken to agree thereto,

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims of the 12th instant, on the petition of John G. Bogert, be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations to supply the deficiency in the appropriations heretofore made for the completion of the repairs of the North and South Wings of the Capitol; for finishing the President's house, and the erection of two new Executive Offices; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the same, with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time, on Monday next.

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 24, 1820.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of a new collection district, to be composed of all the waters and shores of Penobscot river above Orphan island, with Frankfort for the port of entry, and Bangor, Hampden, and Bucksport, ports of delivery.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of sundry merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Louisville, in the state of Kentucky, praying that the said town may be made a port of delivery, and that bonds for duties may be given and made payable at the said port.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition of John Blake and others, pensioners of the United States, and residing in the eastern part of the District of Maine, praying that provision may be made for the payment of their pensions at the bank in the town of Bangor, in said district.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of colonel James Livingston, praying to be allowed five years full pay, or such other compensation as may be thought reasonable, in consideration of his distinguished services in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of that state, praying that the further extension of slavery in the territories of the United States west of the river Mississippi may be prohibited; which was committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of Whitford Gill, praying compensation for a boat captured by the enemy on Lake Ontario, while in the service of the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Ford also presented a petition of Elisha Ives, also praying compensation for a boat captured by the enemy on Lake Ontario, while in the naval service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Stephen Baxter, late paymaster to a regiment of volunteers in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, setting forth, that, in obedience to an order of the paymaster general, he forwarded to his office all his accounts and vouchers for settlement, the receipt of which he acknowledged by letter; that the said accounts and vouchers cannot now be found, having, as is supposed, been destroyed by fire at the time of the invasion and capture of the city of Washington; by reason of which loss, the proper accounting officer is unable to settle his accounts, and praying Congress to direct a settlement of the said accounts upon principles of equity and right.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New-York, praying that further aid and protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of sundry merchants, and others, of the city of New-York;

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry merchants, and others, of the city of Baltimore; respectively praying that no law may be passed imposing duties on sales at auction.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Edward Connor, formerly a captain in colonel Willet's regiment in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of James Wilson & Co. manufacturers of globes, in the city of Albany, and state of New-York, praying that high additional duties may be imposed on globes imported into the United States.

Mr. Meigs presented the petition of sundry glass cutters in the city of New-York, praying that additional duties may be imposed on cut glass imported into the United States.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New Jersey;

Mr. Maclay presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania; respectively praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that heavy duties may be imposed on the

manufactures of cotton, wool, and iron, imported into the United States; and further, that the salaries of certain officers of government, which have been recently augmented, may be reduced to the standard at which they were fixed previous to the 1st January, 1815.

Ordered, That so much of the said petition as relates to manufactures, be referred to the Committee on Manufactures; and that the residue thereof be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Joseph E. Bloomfield, on behalf of Richard S. Hackley, stating, that, in the year 1809, the said Hackley, while acting as consul of the United States at the port of Cadiz, in Spain, seized and detained, under orders from the Charge des Affaires of the United States in Spain, the American ship Vigilant, for a breach of the act laying an embargo in the United States; and praying a reimbursement of the moneys expended by him in consequence thereof, amounting to upwards of six thousand dollars; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. M'Lane, of Delaware, Mr. Linn, and Mr. Guyon, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Sergeant,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Bickley and Catharine Clark, presented on the 20th November, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Murray presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Columbia county, in the state of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Heister presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the towns of Reading and Morgantown, in the state of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Alexander presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Clarksville, in the state of Virginia; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Louisville, in the state of Kentucky, praying that a foundry for the fabrication of cannon, and a military deposit, may be established at or near said town, in aid of the canal contemplated to be made around the falls of the river Ohio; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Anderson also presented another petition of the merchants, and other citizens, of the said town of Louisville, and its vicinity, praying that two sessions annually of the district court of the United States, for the district of Kentucky, may be directed to be holden at Louisville, aforesaid; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Herrick,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment for the horse, saddle, and bridle, of James Reynolds, late a surgeon's mate of the third regiment of Ohio volunteers, which were taken from him by the

British, in violation of the articles of capitulation at the surrender of the American army at Detroit, in August, 1812, by general Hull.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Joseph Roby, William Grout, and Eliphalet Bates; and that the former be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the two latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Elizabeth Poe; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *not* granted, and that she have leave to withdraw the papers accompanying her petition.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Ezra Childs; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brush, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of William King; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Brush, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Joseph Morrisett; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, presented on the 5th instant, by Mr. Denison, as relates to a reduction of the expenses of government; and that it be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Rich,

Resolved, That the committee of the whole house be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Committee of Revolutionary Pensions on the resolution of the 15th of December last; and that the said report and resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House what sums of money have been actually paid to colonel James Johnson, in virtue of articles of agreement entered into on the 2d day of December, 1818; and, also, report what sum is now claimed by him in virtue of said articles of agreement, specifying particularly the several items; and that he also report whether public notice was given when proposals would be received for a contract to furnish transportation to the troops ordered up the Missouri river.

Mr. Cobb submitted the following proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the United States; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several states, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said constitution, to wit:—

No Senator or Representative in the Congress of the United States, shall, during the time for which he was elected, be appointed to any office under the authority of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making any alteration in the law that gives the right of franking to members and delegates of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from New Haven, in the state of Connecticut, by Derby, Huntington, and New Town, to Danbury, in the same state.

On motion of Mr. Tracy,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House what loans (if any) have been made since the peace, to private citizens, of powder, lead, and other munitions belonging to the government, by officers of any department of the army or navy; specifying the times, terms, objects, and extent, of such loans; the names of the persons by whom, and to whom, made; the different times of repayment; and, also, the amount of the ultimate loss (if any) likely to be incurred by the government in consequence thereof.

Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Clark, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Reynoldsburgh, in the state of Tennessee, to the lower Chickasaw Bluffs, in said state.

On motion of Mr. Buffum,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the post road from Keene to Richmond, New Hampshire, that the same shall pass through Winchester, New Hampshire.

On motion of Mr. Clark,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Windham, in the county of Greene, by John T. More's, in Roxbury, to Stamford, in the county of Delaware; and from the

said John T. More's, to the post office in Roxbury, in the said county of Delaware, in the state of New York.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolutions submitted by him on the 20th instant, in relation to the expenses of administering justice in the District of Columbia; and the said resolutions, together with the substitute for the first thereof, proposed by Mr. Whitman on the same day, being read, the question recurred on the adoption of the said substitute; and, being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Cobb then moved that the said resolutions lie on the table; which motion being rejected,

The first and second of the said resolutions were agreed to, as originally proposed; and the third and fourth were also agreed to, modified by the mover to read as follows, viz:

3. Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the laws in relation to the fees of clerks and marshals of the several judicial districts of the United States, and of the clerk of the supreme court of the United States, as gives to the said clerks and marshals a daily compensation during the sessions of the said courts.

4. Resolved, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be directed to enquire into the expediency of extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in all personal demands for debts to _____ dollars, exclusive of costs; allowing an appeal from the decisions of said justices to the circuit court, and trial by jury.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations to supply the deficiency in the appropriations heretofore made, for the completion of the repairs of the north and south wings of the Capitol; for finishing the President's house, and the erection of two new executive offices," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the supreme court,' approved the 3d of March, 1817;" and,

"An act to establish a district court in the state of Alabama;"

In which bills they ask the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, was again called for; whereupon,

Mr. Taylor moved that the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill, be postponed until Monday next.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....87,
Nays.....88.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hazard	Mr. Pitcher
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Hemphill	Plumer
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Hendricks	Rich
Baker	Herrick	Richards
Bateman	Hibshman	Richmond
Boden	Hiester	Rogers
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hostetter	Ross
Case	Kendall	Russ
Clagett	Kinsley	Sampson
Clark	Lathrop	Silsbee
Crafts	Lincoln	Sloan
Cushman	Linn	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Darlington	Livermore	Southard
Dennison	Lyman	Storrs
Dewitt	Maclay	Street
Dowse	Mallery	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Eddy	Marchand	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Mercer	Tarr
Fay	R. Moore	Taylor
Folger	S. Moore	Tomlinson
Ford	Monell	Tompkins
Forrest	Morton	Tracy
Fuller	Mosely	Upham
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Murray	Van Rensselaer
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Wallace
Guyon	Patterson	Wendover
Hackley	Peck	Whitman
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Phelps	Wood..... 87
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Philson	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Barbour	Mr. Buffum
Alexander	Bayly	Burwell
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Beecher	Butler, <i>Lou.</i>
Anderson	Bloomfield	Campbell
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Brevard	Cannon
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Brown	Cobb
Baldwin	Brush	Cocke
Ball	Bryan	Cook

Mr. Crawford	Mr. Lowndes	Mr. Settle
Crowell	McCoy	Shaw
Culbreth	McCreary	Simkins
Culpepper	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Slocumb
Cuthbert	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Davidson	Mason	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Earle	Meigs	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Metcalf	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Floyd	Neale	Stevens
Foot	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Strother
Fullerton	Newton	Swearingen
Garnett	Overstreet	Terrell
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Trimble
Hardin	Pinckney	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Hill	Pindall	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Holmes	Quarles	Tyler
Hooks	Randolph	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Johnson	Rankin	Warfield
Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Reed	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rhea	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Kent	Ringgold	
Little	Robertson	

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And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 25, 1820.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Eastham, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for the erection of a light-house on Billingsgate Point; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Sampson also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Scituate, in the county of Plymouth, and state of Massachusetts, interested in, and concerned with, the mackerel fishery, praying that an act may be passed regulating said fishery; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of Isaac Richer, praying compensation for a horse, saddle, and bridle, which was delivered up to the enemy at the surrender of Detroit, in the late war with Great Britain; as also, compensation for, and expenses incurred in, apprehending a deserter from the army of the United States; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented the petition of Mary Bruff, heretofore presented on the 30th December, 1816; which,

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Was also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Edwards, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Delaware county, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that the further extension of slavery in the territories of the United States west of the river Mississippi, may be prohibited; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill

to enable the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of Benjamin Wells, formerly a collector of internal duties in the state of Pennsylvania, praying to be allowed his moiety of certain fines and penalties, imposed by judicial process on informations lodged by him, while in the capacity aforesaid, the whole of which said fines and penalties were remitted, by order of the government of the United States, without the consent of the petitioner; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Warfield presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, in the state of Maryland, praying for the establishment of a post office at a place called "Utica Mills;" which was referred to the Postmaster General.

The Speaker communicated to the House a letter addressed to him as Speaker of this House, by G. M'Glassin, late a major in the army of the United States, soliciting a suspension of the individual opinion of the members of this House, in relation to the case wherein he is mentioned as having been dismissed the service for cruelty, until the circumstances of the case be laid before the public;* which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also presented a petition of Ephraim Cooper, stating that he has recently discovered a new method of raising and subsisting the silk worm, and manufacturing silk, and praying Congress to make him a grant of from twenty-five to fifty thousand dollars for his said discovery; when, as he states, he is willing to make the same public, for the benefit of the people of the United States; which, together with some accompanying disclosures on the subject, were referred to the Committee of Manufactures.

The Speaker also presented a petition of John M. Jones, stating, that he has lately discovered a new method of taking *rats and mice*, by which, with a trifling expense, any person possessed of the secret may entirely extirpate these vermin from any house, ship, or other place they may infest; and praying Congress to make him a grant of such sum of public money as they may think his discovery merits, in order that it may be made public for the benefit of the good people of the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that additional regulations may be adopted in relation to the sale of the public lands, in order to prevent speculations, and to protect the rights of poor men; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of William Stringer, representative of Francis Stringer, deceased, praying to be permitted to locate his pre-emption right to 640 acres of land, on any unlocated lands of

* *Vide* message from the President, received the 10th instant.

the United States in the state of Alabama; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Ordered, That the documents of Hezekiah West, presented at the present session, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The resolution submitted by Mr. Cobb on yesterday, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, was read the second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

The House took up the petition of Samuel Douthet, which was laid on the table on the 17th instant; which,

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, made a report on the petition of John Adlum; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a copy of the act of the legislature of Louisiana, which accompanied the letter of the collector of New Orleans to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated April 17th, 1818.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for securing to the several pensioners of the United States the benefit of their pensions, by exempting any moneys, which may be paid on account of such pensions, from foreign attachment, set-off, or other laws in the respective states, by which such moneys may be intercepted, before the actual receipt of them by such pensioners.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to procure, for the use of the Committee on the Public Lands, maps of all the states and territories which include any of the public land of the United States.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, that moneys received for postage shall be paid directly into the Treasury of the United States; and that the Postmaster General of the United States shall, annually, report to Congress a list of all contracts which he may have made, within the preceding year, for the transportation of the mail; and specify, in such report, the name and residence of each contractor, the amount to be paid him, and distance embraced in each contract; which, being read, was,

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on sundry petitions and memorials relating to the subject; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported, that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

. And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 26, 1820.

Mr. Shaw presented a petition of a convention of the friends of American manufactures, domestic industry, and internal improvements, in the county of Berkshire, and state of Massachusetts;

Mr. Murray presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania; respectively praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and protection of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar iron, pig iron, and castings, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Caroline Monteath, widow of Walter N. Monteath, deceased, late a lieutenant in the navy of the United States, praying to be placed on the navy pension list of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dowse presented a petition of Josiah Bacon, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of Shubael Conant, praying for the remission of the duties upon certain goods, wares, and merchandize, which he purchased in New York, and transported to Detroit, by way of the British province of Upper Canada; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow; and

An act for the relief of James Hughes; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel Demarest; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Abraham Forbes; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Elijah Hulbert, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the mail route from Lebanon, in Warren county, Ohio, to Xenia, in Green county, as to cause it to pass through Springsborough and Ridgeville, in Warren county, aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the post road from Clarksburgh, in Virginia, to Marietta, in Ohio, as to cause the same to pass by the way of Sistersville, and cross the Ohio river near the mouth of Middle island.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and, if any, what, further provision may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of the treaty made at Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan.

Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Beecher, and Mr. Ross, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the daily hour of meeting of this House, until otherwise ordered, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The said resolution being read, was,

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that the Senate have, in the absence of the Vice President of the United States, elected the honorable John Gaillard President of the Senate, pro tempore; and then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on sundry petitions and memorials relating to the subject; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported, that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 27, 1820.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Hill, that of Samuel Tucker, presented on the 18th of March, 1816;

By Mr. Adams, that of John Read, presented on the 6th January, 1819.

Mr. Warfield presented a petition of Henry Gross, praying for a pension.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Annapolis, in the state of Maryland, on behalf of Mrs. Mary Wells, mother of Daniel Wells, jr. who was killed in the battle near Baltimore, in the late war with Great Britain, and is believed to be the person who killed Gen. Ross, the British commander on that occasion, praying that some provision may be made for her support, in consideration of the distinguished gallantry and services of her son, on that memorable occasion.

Mr. Quarles presented a petition of John Hall, praying compensation of his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army, and for a grant of the bounty land to which he says he is entitled for said services.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sampson presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Hingham and Plymouth, in the state of Massachusetts, interested and engaged in the mackerel fishery, praying that some provisions may be made for the regulation of the said fishery.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of Stewart H. Whitehill, a manufacturer of woollen cloths, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for a loan of three thousand dollars of public money, for five years, *without interest*, to enable him to continue his business, upon his securing the repayment thereof, in a manner satisfactory to the United States, or their officers, or agents.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of Nathaniel Stewart, and a petition of Asahel Gregory, respectively praying for pensions; which were referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Robert Moore presented documents in support of the petition of John Wells; which were referred to the committee to whom the said petition has been referred.

Mr. Sloan presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country; which were referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to regulate the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes.

Mr. Cobb presented a petition of Peter Crook, a wagoner in the war with the Seminole Indians, praying compensation for two horses impressed from his team into the public service, and which have not been returned; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Sloan,

Ordered, That the petition of John Campbell and Alvin Day, presented on the 25th February, 1819, be also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Brush presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Ohio, praying that provision may be made for the relief of such purchasers of public land as may forfeit the same from their inability to complete their payments therefor; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Henry B. Livingston; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the case of Daniel Doughty; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, called *the poor man's petition*, referred on the 25th instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, respecting rights to land heretofore confirmed by the former Governors of the Northwestern Territory; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of sundry merchants of Baltimore, for compensation for vessels sunk in that harbor during the military operations in its neighborhood, in the year 1814; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of John Russell; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

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

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of War, on the petition of major John Brooks; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Floyd submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be communicated to this House, if not inconsistent with the public good, whatever information he may possess relative to the extent of territory which the instructions of the minister plenipotentiary of his catholic majesty authorized him to cede to the United States, in his negotiation with the Secretary of State, which resulted in the

treaty of the 22d of February last; and, likewise, at what period he obtained that information.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question to agree thereto, It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Foot, from the Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow;” and,

“An act for the relief of James Hughes.”

The order of the day for the House again to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, being called,

Mr. Foot moved that the order for the House again to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill, be postponed until Thursday next; which was rejected.

And the House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill, and on the several petitions and memorials upon the same subject, and thereto referred; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported, that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 28, 1820.

Mr. Parker, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Moses Wing, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Parker also presented a petition of John Polereczky, a French officer in the revolutionary war, praying to be placed on the pension list, under the provisions of the act of the 18th March, 1818.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Vermont;

Mr. Hibshman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania; respectively praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and protection of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Hall, of New York, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oswego, Onondago, Lewis, and Jefferson, in the state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sergeant presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country; which were referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to regulate the payment of duties on merchandise imported, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of William Pancoast, presented on the 28th October, 1803, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of William Russell, agent for the representatives of Michael Bonne, Louis P. Levy, and Joseph Mason, praying that the claim of the heirs of Elisha Winter, deceased, for a tract of land in the territory of Arkansas, late territory of Missouri, of one thousand arpens square, may not be confirmed without making a special reserve of the lands claimed by, and already confirmed to, and surveyed for, the petitioners; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the territory of Arkansas, praying for the right of pre-emption in the purchase of the lands on which they reside, to include their improvements; and that military warrants, or the Cherokee Indian claims, may not be extended over them; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of George Reynolds, praying for the commutation of half pay for life, by five years full pay, to which he is entitled for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army, as, also, for a grant of the land to which he is entitled for said services; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of Nathaniel Champe, on behalf of himself and the other heirs of John Champe, deceased, a sergeant major in Lee's legion, in the revolutionary army, praying for a grant of the land due for the services of their ancestor in the capacity aforesaid; as, also, for some other compensation for his perilous and distinguished services, performed by order of Gen. Washington; and that some appointment, civil or military, may be conferred on him, the petitioner, for his own services in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a list of the names of the clerks employed in the various branches of the War Department, in the year 1819, with the compensation allowed to each; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Henry Bedinger; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions

of Henry Gross, Josiah Bacon, and sundry inhabitants of Annapolis, on behalf of Mary Wells; and that the former be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, the second to the Secretary of War, and the latter to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for obtaining accurate statements of the foreign commerce of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Nicholas Jarrot and Joseph Richardson, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish a district court in the state of Alabama," reported the same with amendments; which were read, and, with the bill, committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act establishing a circuit court in and for the District of Maine."

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, to which was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the supreme court,' approved the 3d of March, 1817," reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and, with the bill, committed to the committee of the whole, last mentioned.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Phineas Andrews, Whitford Gill, Thaddeus Mayhew, and William Eadus; which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Joseph M. Skinner, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the said Joseph M. Skinner, administrator of George Skinner, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Alabama and Indiana; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the establishment of additional land offices in the state of Illinois.

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Bath court-house, in Virginia, by Anthony's creek and Frankford, to Lewisburgh.

On motion of Mr. Crafts,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post

road from Lynden to Wheelock, in the county of Caledonia, and state of Vermont; and to establish a post road from said Lynden, through Sutton, to Barton, in the county of Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the allowance of bounty land to all soldiers who enlisted in the late war with Great Britain, and who procured substitutes, in proportion to the time of service performed by them, and their substitutes, respectively; *and, also, all others, who enlisted and remained in service during the war, and regularly discharged, not already provided for by law.*

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to inform this House when the accounts of the Post Office Department were last audited, and the amount of the balance, if any, then due; *also, a statement of the quarterly amount of receipts and expenditures of that department, from the first appointment of the present Postmaster General, to the 1st day of December, 1819, inclusive.*

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be instructed to lay before this House a list of the newspapers in which the laws, resolutions, and orders of Congress are published, and have been published, during the sessions of the 14th and 15th Congress, designating the state, district, or territory in which each newspaper was published, with an estimate of the expense of such publication.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, made to-day, on the petition of Thaddeus Mayhew, be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

A motion was made by Mr. Brush, to discharge the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of William King, from the further consideration thereof, for the purpose of having the same engrossed and read a third time.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Joseph Wheaton; whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, it was

Ordered, That the said report and petition, and its accompanying documents, be referred to the Attorney General of the United States, to consider and report thereon to this House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a "Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States," in which they ask the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials on that subject thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported, that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

On motion of Mr. Culpepper,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 31, 1820.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of sundry merchants, mariners, and pilots, residing on the island of Nantucket, and elsewhere, praying for the establishment of a light-house on Sandy Point of Monamoy, at the southern extremity of Cape Cod.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of Charles Staples, praying to be allowed the usual bounty on a fishing vessel, which he is unable to obtain because of his not returning and renewing the license of said vessel, which he alleges to have been neglected through inadvertence.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Evan Morrison, praying to be allowed and paid the drawback on the exportation of a quantity of foreign merchandize, shipped from the port of Philadelphia to a foreign port, which he is unable to obtain in consequence of the sudden death of his brother, by whom the said merchandize was shipped, previous to his taking the oaths and giving the bonds required by law.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Folger presented sundry documents tending to show that Daniel Pettibone is not the inventor of the art of welding cast-steel to iron.

Mr. R. Moore presented sundry documents in support of the petition of Benjamin Wells.

Ordered, That the said documents be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry merchants, and other inhabitants, of Salem, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that the system of allowing a credit for duties on goods imported into the United States may not be changed into cash payments; that the system of drawbacks may not be abolished; and that, in the measures which may be adopted for the protection of the manufacturing interest, there may be none calculated to injure or oppress the commercial interest of the country.

Ordered, That so much of the said petition as relates to duties and drawbacks, be referred to the Committee of Commerce, and the residue to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to regulate the duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of New Haven and Fairfield, in the state of Connecticut;

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Dauphin and Northampton, in the state of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Darke, in the state of Ohio;

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Indiana; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Mr. Parker, of Virginia, presented a petition of William Brough, post master at Hampton, in Virginia, praying for additional compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of John T. David, a lieutenant in the army in the late war with Great Britain, stating, that he is unable to effect a settlement of his accounts, as assistant deputy paymaster, in consequence of the accidental loss of a part of his vouchers, occasioned by the burning of the house in which he lodged, in the city of Philadelphia, while on his way to the city of Washington to effect a settlement, and of others being so defaced as to be illegible; but that, having taken duplicate receipts, he is in possession of a complete set; which are, however, not deemed admissible at the proper department, and praying relief from Congress.

Mr. Gross, of New York, presented a petition of Josiah Winants, praying compensation for a house, situated in Plattsburgh, which was destroyed during the military operations in and near that place in the year 1814.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of Robert Sewall, praying compensation for a valuable dwelling house, together with the furniture and other property therein, which was destroyed by the British forces on their entry into the city of Washington, on the 24th of August, 1814, in consequence of being assailed by a small party of troops who had taken possession of said house.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Sarah Phillips, widow of Jacob Phillips, deceased, praying compensation for supplies furnished for the use of the revolutionary army; as, also, for a repayment of moneys advanced by the deceased for the use of said army; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of sundry coppersmiths, in the city of Philadelphia, praying that the duty of 15 per cent. ad valorem, imposed on the importation of copper in sheets, and bottoms, commonly called "brazier's copper," may be repealed.

Mr. Maclay presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania;

The Speaker presented a petition, purporting to be from one hundred and twenty-five inhabitants of the state of Ohio, (the signatures to which appear to be written by the same person,) respectively praying that further measures may be adopted for the protection and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Murray presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Union, Northumberland, and Columbia, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that the further extension of slavery in the territories west of the river Mississippi may be prohibited; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to enable the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Bayly presented a petition of William Russum and Clement Stanford, sureties of Algernon S. Stanford, deceased, a deputy collector of direct taxes and internal duties in the state of Maryland, under George Brown, principal collector, stating, that the said deputy collector, while in the discharge of his official duties, was murdered and robbed of a considerable sum of public money, by some unknown person or persons; that the principal collector has obtained a judgment against the petitioners for a large amount, on account of the defalcation of the deceased, which they are unable to discharge, and praying Congress to remit so much of the claim of the United States against the said principal collector as he is answerable for, over and above what may be made out of the estate of the said Algernon S. Stanford; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of Jonathan Elliot, stating, that he purchased one of the public lots in the city of Washington, laid off and sold in pursuance of the act of the 24th of February, 1817, and has placed buildings and other improvements thereon of considerable value; but that, "owing to the peculiar pressure of the times," he has not been able, and he fears he will not be able, to erect such a house as is required by said act, on or before the 31st of July, 1820, when said lot, with the improvements thereon, will be forfeited in consequence of a failure to erect the said house, and praying that further time may be allowed him to build the house aforesaid.

Mr. Kent also presented a similar petition of John Law.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Simkins presented a petition of Elisha Hall Bay, Theodore Gaillard, and Charles Roberts, praying that their title to certain lands in the state of Louisiana may be confirmed, so far as regards any claims which the United States may have to said lands; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Shalkins, Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, and Mr. Rankin, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Abbot presented a petition of the managers of the poor-house and hospital in Savannah, in the state of Georgia, praying for the assistance of the general government in the erection and establishment of a house sufficient for the accommodation of the poor of said city, and of sick and disabled seamen of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Hendricks presented three petitions of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana; the first praying that no alterations may be made in the price or terms of payment for the public lands; the second, that further time may be allowed to the purchasers of public lands to complete their payments; the third, that lands may be granted to the inhabitants of a part of Clarke county, commonly called Clarke's grant, section No. 16, being covered by a grant from the state of Virginia, for military service previous to the cession of that country to the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Hendricks also presented another petition of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, praying that compensation may be made to a company of mounted rangers, commanded by captain James Biggar, in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of State of the names of the clerks employed in his department, with the salary of each, during the year 1819; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the chief engineer, with sundry documents in relation to the expenditures on the Military Academy at West Point; the number and names of cadets educated at that place; and of the sums necessary to be appropriated for said academy for each of the succeeding three years, rendered in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 27th ultimo; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Benjamin S. Judah, and Samuel Tucker; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of David Staples, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to repeal the act, entitled "An act to lessen the compensation of marshals, clerks, and attorneys, in the cases therein mentioned;"

which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, to whom was referred the memorials and astronomical calculations of William Lambert, reported a joint resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made, to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol, in the city of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of John Hampton; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Campbell, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of New Madrid county, in the territory of Missouri, on behalf of Thomas Bartlett; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be *rejected*.

Mr. Campbell also made a report on the petition of John B. Regnier, accompanied with a bill for the relief of the said Regnier; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Henry Brothers, Ralph M. Pomeroy, Chickering and Noyes, John Burnham, Campbell and Day, and James Reynolds; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Baldwin submitted the following resolution and proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States be proposed to the legislatures of the several states; which, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said constitution:

That Congress shall make no law to erect or incorporate any bank, or other monied institution, except within the District of Columbia; and every bank, or other monied institution, which shall be established by the authority of Congress, shall, together with its branches and offices of discount and deposit, be confined to the District of Columbia.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Silsbee submitted the following resolutions, which were read, and agreed to by the House:

1. Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House an account of the annual receipts of hospital

money, under the act of July 16th, 1798, and March 2d, 1799, up to the 26th February, 1811; and, from that period, an account of the annual receipts under the first mentioned act, to the 30th September, 1819, distinguishing the districts within which collected, also, an account of the annual expenditures of said hospital money, the district within which expended, the hospitals erected, the places where, the regulations under which, expenditures are made, the present state of the marine hospital fund, and how invested.

2. Resolved, That the commissioners of navy hospitals be directed to lay before this House an account of the annual receipts of hospital money, under the act of March 2d, 1799, from the 26th February, 1811, to September 30, 1819, together with an account of the annual expenditures of the same; the district within which expended, the hospitals erected, the places where, the present state of the navy hospital fund, and how invested.

Mr. Silsbee, and Mr. Sampson, were appointed a committee to present the first resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, through Richmond, to Lebanon, in New-York.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of New-York,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the village of Moscow, in the county of Genessee, New York, through the villages of York, Caledonia, and Scotville, to Rochester.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the Illinois saline, in Gallatin county, to Golconda, in the state of Illinois.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for obtaining accurate statements of the foreign commerce of the United States," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 28th instant, approve and sign "An act for the relief of James Hughes."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the court of the western district of Virginia;" and then he withdrew.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and

on the several petitions and memorials upon the same subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 1, 1820.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of John Porter;

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Aaron Miller; respectively praying for pensions; which were referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Fay presented a petition of John McIntire, Lemuel Wilcox, and James Stewart, contractors to execute the stone and brick work of certain fortifications contemplated to be erected at Fort Niagara, in the state of New-York, praying compensation for losses sustained in consequence of delays on the part of the agents of the government.

Mr. Crawford presented a petition of Joshua Newsom, praying compensation for two horses impressed into the military service of the United States in the year 1818, which were lost or perished in said service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Murray presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further measures may be adopted for the encouragement and protection of domestic manufactures; and that the salaries of certain officers of government, therein specified, may be reduced to the standard at which they were fixed previous to the year 1816.

Ordered, That so much of the said petition as relates to manufactures be referred to the Committee on Manufactures, and that the residue thereof be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of George W. Jones, merchant, of Philadelphia, praying to be allowed the drawback on a quantity of East India goods exported by him, on the 29th of December last, which he is unable to obtain in consequence of not giving the bond, and taking the necessary oaths in the time prescribed by law, owing, as he alleges, to inadvertency, being constantly and laboriously engaged in attending the landing and examination of a large and valuable cargo from Calcutta, as well as to a severe domestic affliction; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Sergeant,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac W. Norris, administrator on the estate of Joseph Summerl, deceased, presented on the 14th January, 1816, be also referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. McLane, of Delaware, presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, praying the attention of Congress to their important undertaking, and

for such aid as Congress may, in their wisdom, deem sufficient to enable them to revive and prosecute their work; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Ross presented a petition of Edward Miller, praying for an increase of his pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route, which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of the trustees of the Ohio University, praying for a grant of a moiety of the sections of land reserved within the limits of the Ohio Company's purchase, for the benefit of the said university; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill authorizing the sale of part of the glebe of Rock Creek church, in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in pursuance of the resolution of this House of the 30th December, 1791, a [printed] statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States for the year 1818; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report upon the subject of prohibiting the importation of cotton, woollen, and iron manufactures, with his remarks upon the effect which such prohibition would produce, and the means of supplying the deficit in the revenue which would be thereby occasioned; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pindall submitted the following proposition of amendment to the standing rules and orders of the House; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table for one day.

Stenographers who may be desirous to report the debates, shall, previous to their admission to tables within the House, swear that they will truly, and, according to the best of their knowledge, without addition, diminution, or alteration, report the debates, or so much thereof as they shall at any time publish: that in every such report they will, as far as is practicable, adhere as well to the language as to the purport or substance of the remarks made by the members; and that they will not importune any member for, or receive from any member, directly or indirectly, advice, or any written note or memorandum, with intent therefrom to make any such report.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported, that the committee had made farther progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 2, 1820.

Mr. Case presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Orange county, in the state of New-York;

Mr. Brown presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Owen county, in the state of Kentucky; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of Daniel D. Norton, stating that, at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain, he resided in the province of Upper Canada, and joined the army of Gen. Hull, and acted as a spy; that he continued in the service in the capacity aforesaid until the month of August, 1814; that he suffered much hardship, and run many risks of his life by falling into the hands of the enemy; that his pay and bounty in land has been fraudulently obtained by a person signing himself Daniel B. Norton, and praying such relief from Congress as they may think his merits and services deserve; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Randolph presented a petition of Joseph Clarke, praying compensation for the service of his son, Joseph Clarke, deceased, in various capacities in the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, in which service he died; as, also, for pay for the military accoutrements, baggage, and other property belonging to the deceased, which fell into the hands of the enemy, and was destroyed by fire.

Mr. Trimble presented a petition of Nancy Rosebury, widow and administratrix on the estate of James Rosebury, deceased, praying compensation for a horse lost by the deceased in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of George Thompson, praying to be permitted to purchase a tract of public land, and to pay for the same in the paper-money issued by Congress in the revolutionary war; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker presented a petition of Joseph Tucker, praying for a grant of the bounty in land to which he says he is entitled for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to whom were referred the petitions from the several banks within the District of Columbia, and a resolution directing an enquiry into the expediency of prohibiting the circulation, within the said District, of notes of a denomination under five dollars, made a report thereon, accompanied with a bill concerning the banks of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Saturday next,

Mr. Rich, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Moses Cadwell and Mary Bruff; which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for obtaining a copy of the plans and field notes of the lands included in the Ohio Company's purchase.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be directed to enquire into the propriety of increasing the pension of John Duncan, who was placed on the pension list in consequence of wounds received during the revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Crafts,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Danville to Montpelier, in the state of Vermont.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to appoint a receiver of the public money, and register for the land office, of Laurence county, in the territory of Arkansas.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so changing the route from the Great Crossings, in Kentucky, to the mouth of Cedar, as to pass by Heslersville, the seat of justice of the county of Owen, in said state.

Mr. Strother submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secret Journal of the Old Congress, from the date of the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain, in the year 1783, to the formation of the present government, now remaining in the office of the Secretary of State, be published under the direction of the President of the United States; and that a thousand copies thereof be printed, and deposited in the library, subject to the disposition of Congress.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Pinckney,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider of the expediency of restoring to all the states the jurisdiction of the territory ceded by them for forts and arsenals, so far as respects the execution of their state laws for the prevention and punishment of crimes, and the recovery of debts.

Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Mercer, and Mr. McLean, of Delaware, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Foot,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Woodbury to Warren, in the state of Connecticut.

Mr. Darlington, from the Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that they had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for obtaining accurate statements of the foreign commerce of the United States," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 3, 1820.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition of Abel Turney, praying to be allowed and paid the arrearages of pension, to which he conceives himself entitled, from the commencement of his disability to the time at which he was placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Mary Burbridge, widow of major Benjamin Burbridge, of the revolutionary army, praying compensation for the services of her late husband, in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ford,

Ordered, That the petition of Pirley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks, presented on the 12th December, 1817, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Maclay presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection may be given to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Forrest presented a petition of sundry brass founders in the city and county of Philadelphia, praying that the present duty of 15 *per cent. ad valorem*, imposed on copper imported in sheets and bottoms, commonly called brazier's copper, may be repealed; and that a duty of forty *per cent. ad valorem*, may be imposed on brass ware imported into the United States.

The Speaker presented a petition of a company of Swiss, who propose settling in the United States, praying for a grant of public lands, sufficient to contain three or four thousand families, to be used

for the purposes of agriculture, as, also, for the establishment of manufactures of cotton, woollen, flaxen, and silken goods, and for the cultivation of the vine, the olive, and the mulberry tree.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Mary White, widow, and Sarah White, only child of Benjamin White, deceased, stating, that the deceased was the second officer of the American ship Wabash, and was murdered on board said ship in Mocoa roads, by some of the natives of China; that the masters of the vessels of various nations, then lying in and near the harbor of that place, raised, by voluntary contributions, a small sum of money for the relief of the petitioners, which was invested in 45 chests of tea, and a box of silks; that the said tea and silks have arrived in Baltimore, and praying for a remission of the duties thereon; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Randolph presented a representation of the president and board of managers of the American Colonization Society, stating, that they are about to commence the execution of the object to which their views have been long directed, and without a larger and more sudden increase of their funds than can be expected from the voluntary contributions of individuals, their progress must be slow and uncertain; they therefore pray that the executive department may be authorized to extend to the society such pecuniary and other aid, as it may be thought to require and deserve; and that the subscribers to the said society may be incorporated by act of Congress, to enable them to act with more efficiency in carrying on the great and important objects for which they have associated; which was read, and referred to the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to the African slave trade.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Westport, in the state of Kentucky, praying for the discontinuance of one, and the establishment of another, post route;

Mr. Brown presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pendleton county, in the state of Kentucky;

Mr. Brown also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Owen county, in the said state; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating, that the copy of the act of the Legislature of Louisiana, which accompanied the letter of the collector of New Orleans to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated April the 17th, 1818, was contained in a printed gazette; that it has been mislaid; and that, after the most diligent search, it has not been found; this letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting two statements, with such

information as he is able to give, in answer to the resolutions offered by Mr. Strother, and adopted by this House, on the 17th ult.; which were ordered to lie on the table. •

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the quartermaster general, with sundry statements of the sums claimed and paid to colonel James Johnson, for transportation for the troops of the United States ordered up the Missouri river, rendered in obedience to the resolution of the 24th ult; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of John Kanores, and Solomon Seixas; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, be not granted.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Joshua Rutledge and John Polereczky; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of the trustees of the Ohio University; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of George Thompson; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made reports on the petitions of Thomas Kinnersly and Nathaniel Cutting; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw their petitions.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Alexander Roddy and John Wilmot; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, made a report on the petitions of John Law and Jonathan Elliot, accompanied with a bill for the relief of the said Law and Elliot; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John A. Dix," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Alexander Worster.

On motion of Mr. Hill,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be directed to enquire into the expediency of providing a bell, to be suspended near the light

house on "West Quodda Head," in the District of Maine, to be rung in foggy weather, to indicate the passage for vessels into the harbors of Eastport and Lubec.

On motion of Mr. Ford,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to the collector of Cape Vincent, at the head of the river St. Lawrence, in addition to the fees and commissions allowed by law, the same annual salary which is allowed to the collector of the port of Sackett's harbor.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Knoxville, in Tennessee, by the way of Morgan court-house, to Overton court-house, in the state aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Archer, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Chesapeake, by Port Deposit, to Connewingo, in Cæcil county, Maryland.

Mr. Silsbee, from the committee appointed on the 31st ult. to present to the President of the United States the resolution of that day, respecting the receipts and expenditures of hospital money, reported, that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that he would attend to the request contained in the resolution.

An engrossed "resolution to authorize the publication of part of the secret Journal of Congress, under the articles of confederation," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Strother, and Mr. Livermore, were appointed the said committee.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported, that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.



TUESDAY, February 4, 1820.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of James W. Bailey, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Whitman also presented a document in support of the petition of Aaron Porter, presented on the 25th of November, 1818, which, together with the said petition, was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Ball presented a petition of Ephraim Gilman and James Douglass, praying compensation for a quantity of merchandize destroyed by the British in the late war, under the impression that the house which contained the said merchandize was used as a military deposite, which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Russ presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of cotton and woollen goods and iron, in the state of Connecticut, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition of Benjamin Dickerson, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Little presented a petition of two hundred and ninety inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace of said county may be extended to sums of fifty dollars; that the said justices may be authorized to issue executions on judgments rendered by them respectively; and that sundry alterations, therein specified, may be made in the judicial system of said county, which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cobb presented a petition of Andrew Low, Robert Isaac, and James M. Henry, merchants of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, trading under the firm of Andrew Low & Co. stating that merchandize imported by them into the port of Savannah, amounting to upwards of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, was destroyed at the late fire which consumed so large a portion of that city; that they had paid into the Treasury upwards of fourteen thousand dollars, duties on said goods, and that twenty seven thousand dollars yet remain to be paid, and praying that the last mentioned sum may be remitted to them, and that they may be empowered to import, free of duty, goods to an amount equal to that upon which they have so paid the duty; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, covering an abstract of the expenditures on account of the contingent expenses of the navy, during the fiscal year ending on the 30th September, 1819, rendered in pursuance of the act of the 3d of March, 1809; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Daniel Merrill; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Luther Gregory, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Isaac Richer, David Taylor, and James Leander Cathcart, which were severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Stephen Baxter, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the said Baxter, late a paymaster of the third regiment of New York volunteers; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the "resolution to authorize the publication of part of the secret journal of Congress, under the article of confederation," reported the same with an amendment, which was read, and, with the resolution, ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Simpson, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Slocumb,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House, if any, and what, progress has been made in surveying certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, and in ascertaining the latitude and longitude of the extreme points of Cape Hatteras, Cape Look Out, and Cape Fear, pursuant to a resolution, approved 19th January, 1819.

Mr. Slocumb and Mr. Burton were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Stevens,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be directed to report whether, in their opinion, it would be expedient to erect a light house on the south coast of Lake Erie, at or near the confluence of its waters with those of Sandusky Bay.

On motion of Randolph,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House such measures as, in his opinion, may be expedient to enforce the more speedy payment of public moneys due from individuals and corporate bodies to the United States.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, on the 26th ultimo, to fix the daily hour of meeting of the House at eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and the said resolution being read, was agreed to by the House.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto

committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 5, 1820.

Mr. Hill presented the petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, in the District of Maine, praying sundry alterations in a post route therein described; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Murray presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Union county, in the state of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Rogers presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Pennsylvania; respectively praying that further aid and protection may be extended to the manufacturing interests of the country.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Meigs submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, slavery in the United States is an evil of great and increasing magnitude; one which merits the greatest efforts of this nation to remedy: Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of devoting the public lands as a fund for the purpose of,

1st, Employing a naval force competent to the annihilation of the slave trade;

2dly, The emancipation of slaves in the United States; and,

3dly, Colonizing them in such way as shall be conducive to their comfort and happiness, in Africa, their mother country.

The said preamble and resolution were read; and,

On motion of Mr. Walker, of North Carolina,

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House the annual report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 7, 1820.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Gloucester, in the state of Massachusetts, engaged in the cod fishery, stating, that they conceive themselves to be exempted from militia duty, agreeably to the terms of the act of the 8th of May, 1792; but that, by a mistaken or illiberal construction of said act by the militia officers, they are compelled to perform duty as militiamen, and praying that Congress will more clearly define who are mariners, according to the intent and meaning of said act; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of James Caze and John Richaud, praying compensation for the sails of their ship called the Victory, which were stored in Hampden, in the District of Maine, and destroyed by fire by order of captain Charles Morris, of the United States' navy, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of John R. Smith and Ezra H. Bemiss, Canadian volunteers in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed the bounty in land to which they state they are entitled, but cannot now obtain, in consequence of the expiration of the act granting land to Canadian volunteers in the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Neale,

Ordered, That the case of John Manning, guardian of Caroline Fenwick, communicated to this House by the late Commissioner of Claims, on the 10th December, 1817, be also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Gross, of New-York, presented a petition of Kinner Newcomb, praying for a grant of the bounty land to which he says he is entitled for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of William Tilghman, surviving executor of the last will and testament of Anne Francis, deceased, who was executrix of the last will and testament of Tench Francis, deceased, who was purveyor of public supplies, and agent for the United States, under various appointments from the Departments of Treasury, of War, and of the Navy, stating, that the accounts of the said Tench Francis were made up, and, with the vouchers, deposited in the Treasury Department for settlement, in the year 1801; that, previous to the settlement, the said accounts and vouchers were destroyed by fire; that he again made out and rendered his account, with duplicate vouchers, which were again destroyed by fire previous to a settlement being effected; and that it is now out of the power of the executor to renew the accounts and vouchers; and praying the interposition of Congress, that the said accounts may now be closed, and that such relief may be granted to the estate and representatives

of the said Trench Francis, as shall seem expedient; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Hemphill, and Mr. Street, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Richard Biddle, administrator *de bonis non*, of the late general John Wilkins, jr. deceased, late quartermaster general of the army of the United States, praying that the proper accounting officers may be directed to settle the accounts of the deceased, on fair and equitable terms; which petition was referred to the committee last appointed on the petition of the executor of Trench Francis, deceased.

Mr. Hibshman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Little presented petitions from the makers of piano forté, harp, and other musical instruments, in the cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore, praying for an increase of the duties on those articles imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Marchand presented a petition of John Webster, formerly a collector of direct tax and internal duties, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying to be allowed and paid a moiety of the fines and penalties imposed by judicial process, for violations of the acts laying a direct tax and internal duties, under information lodged by him, which fines and penalties were remitted, by order of the President of the United States, without his consent; and, also, for compensation for his services, in the capacity aforesaid, during the years 1791, 1792, and 1793; and that he may receive credit for certain sums, therein specified, which stand charged against him at the Treasury, which he alleges he never collected.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sergeant presented a memorial of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, expressive of their satisfaction at the introduction into this House of the bill laying duties on sales at auction, and praying that the said bill may be passed into a law.

The Speaker presented a memorial of sundry other merchants of the city of Philadelphia, a copy of that presented by Mr. Sergeant.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction.

Mr. Little presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, praying that, in the admission of the territory of Missouri into the Union as a state, no condition may be exacted of the people of that territory to prohibit slavery within the same; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to enable the people of the territory of

Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of Berryman Green, administrator of the estate of Samuel Kerby, deceased, a lieutenant in the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, praying that the proper accounting officers may be directed to audit and settle the accounts of the deceased, according to the principles of equity and right, for reasons set forth at large in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of William Callender, of Boston, stating, that, after "a practice of forty years, more or less, especially within the last seven years, he has made such improvements in the art of gunnery, as never before entered into the mind of any man, either in Europe or America;" that, by his said invention, he can cast an arrow from a cannon, at a considerable distance, into the rigging of an enemy's vessel, and envelope her in flames; and "praying Congress to grant him all the favors he may have requested, and as many more as he may be thought entitled to, as a compensation for so much time spent for the good of his country."

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of sundry merchants, and other inhabitants, of the town of Blakeley, in the state of Alabama, praying that the said town may be established as a port of entry and delivery; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Thomas Storke and Sarah Phillips; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Mary Burbridge, and of the heirs of the late Baron de Kalb; which were severally ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Tucker, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was committed the bill for the relief of Thomas Carr, and others, together with the petition of said Carr and others, made a detailed report, recommending the rejection of the said bill; which report and bill were committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Nancy Rosebury, David Patterson, and Samuel White; which were severally ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, on behalf of the late company of mounted rangers, commanded by captain Biggar, and from the further consideration of the petition of Daniel D. Norton, and that the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of sundry merchants of Boston, by Henry Rice, their attorney, and of William Patterson, and others, merchants, of Baltimore, relating to claims against the Government of Hayti, in the island of St. Domingo, and that the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of State.

A motion was made by Mr. Meigs, that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 5th instant, in relation to slavery within the United States.

And the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year 1820; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to William Biggs compensation for his services as a lieutenant in the Illinois regiment, under the command of the late general Clark.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the standing rules and orders of the House of Representatives, directing the method and order of transacting business, be suspended; and that, until the passage or rejection of the bill for the admission of Missouri as a state into the Union, this House will proceed to transact no other business, but will, daily, as soon as a quorum assembles, enter upon the consideration of that subject, and will not suffer its deliberations to be interrupted by the examination of any other question whatsoever.

The question was taken, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

And determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims enquire into the expediency of allowing a pension to James Sawyer, a soldier of the revolution.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Dover, in the state of New-York, to Sharon, in the state of Connecticut.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of granting farther time to James Charlton, jr. to discharge a judgment obtained against him, in favor of the United States, in the district court of Virginia, west of the Alleghany mountain, at Wythe court-house, and allowing him such credits as he may appear to be entitled to.

Mr. Cook submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire whether the salaries of any of the judges of the district courts of the United States ought to be increased; and, if so, in what districts such increase should be made.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question to agree thereto, It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Mercer submitted the following resolution; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table for one day.

Resolved, That, until the decision of the question now depending in this House, relative to the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union, the House will not adjourn, on any day, before four o'clock in the afternoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Pindall, that, until otherwise ordered, the hour of meeting of this House, be ten o'clock in the forenoon.

And the question being taken thereon, It was determined in the negative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Attorney General of the United States, returning the petition and documents of Joseph Wheaton, referred to him by an order of this House, of the 28th ultimo, with directions to report thereon; which report he declines to make, for reasons stated in the said letter.

Ordered, That the said letter lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 28th ultimo, approve and sign "An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations to supply the deficiency in the appropriations heretofore made for the completion of the repairs of the north and south wings of the Capitol, for finishing the President's House, and the erection of two new executive offices." They have also passed bills of the following titles; to wit:

"An act to continue in force the act passed on the 20th day of April, 1818, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the 2d day of March, 1799."

"An act for the relief of Jennings O'Ba'anon." And

"An act to remit the duties on a statue, of George Washington;" in which last mentioned bills they ask the concurrence of this House: and then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a

constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, which have been thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, lists rendered to him by the Register of the Treasury of balances on his books, which appear to have been due more than three years, prior to the 30th September last; or to have remained unsettled on that day; which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 8, 1820.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to alter the terms of the court of the western district of Virginia;

An act making appropriations to supply the deficiency in the appropriations heretofore made for the completion of the repairs of the north and south wings of the capitol; for finishing the President's house, and the erection of two new Executive offices; and found the same to be correctly enrolled; when,

Mr. Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Truro, Wellfleet, and Eastham, in the state of Massachusetts, engaged in the mackerel fishery, praying that regulations may be adopted for the government of those engaged in the said fishery; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Folger also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Barnstable county, in the state of Massachusetts;

Mr. Settle presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of North Carolina, living on and near the main western road leading through Danville, in Virginia, and Salem, in North Carolina; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Mr. Boden presented a petition of Alexander Barr, post master in the town of Newville, in the state of Pennsylvania, and a petition of James Sweney, post master in the town of Fannetsburg, in the said state, respectively praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Road's.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Perez Bradford, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Samuel Jordan, also praying for an increase of pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Thomas Staniford, late a paymaster in the army of the United States, stating that he is unable to settle his accounts, in consequence of the loss and mutilation of his documents, occasioned by a fire which took place in the city of New-York, in the month of June, 1817, and praying such relief in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress may seem meet and proper.

Mr. Gross, of New-York, presented documents in support of the claim of Henry De Lord.

Ordered, That the said petition and documents be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Meigs also presented a petition of James H. Clarke, a purser in the Navy of the United States, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, the sum of eight hundred and sixteen dollars, public money, of which he was robbed, by a seaman in the service of the United States, in Marseilles, in France, to which place he was ordered by the commander-in-chief of the naval forces of the United States in the Mediterranean sea, to purchase clothing for the seamen; which petition was also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Samuel Moore and Mr. Boden, respectively, presented petitions from inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country, which were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Samuel Moore also presented a petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the bill now pending before this House, laying duties on certain sales at auction, may be enacted into a law, which was referred to the committee of the whole to which the said bill is committed.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland presented a petition of sundry merchants and inhabitants of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, praying that the present system of collecting the duties on imports may not be discontinued, for the purpose of substituting cash payments of duties in lieu thereof; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill respecting the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of George Drew, late master of the brig General Ripley, belonging to the port of Charleston, in the state of South Carolina, praying a reimbursement of the expenses incurred by him in a prosecution for an unintentional violation of the act prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Reid presented a petition of John Tanner, merchant of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, praying to be exonerated from the payment of his bonds, given to secure the duties on merchandise imported by him into the port of Savannah, which said merchandize,

together with his entire stock in trade, were consumed in the fire which destroyed a great part of that city, on the 11th ult.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of State, of the persons appointed to publish the acts, resolutions, and treaties, passed and ratified during the fourteenth and fifteenth Congresses, and such as may be passed and ratified during the present session, together with the names of their respective newspapers, and the places where they are printed, with the expense thereof; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom have been referred the petition and documents of John M'Grew, Richard Cravat, Hardy Perry, and Beley Cheney, made report thereon, accompanied with a bill for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell, from the same committee, also reported a bill to revive the powers of the commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on the rights of persons claiming lands in the district of Detroit, and to provide for the adjustment of claims to lands within the territory of Michigan; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Margaret Hall, late Margaret M'Kenzie, reported a bill for her relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the 24th of December last, recommending to the consideration of Congress the case of the Danish brigantine Henrick and her cargo, made report thereon adverse to the allowance of the claim; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit. "An act to continue in force the act passed on the 20th day of April, 1818, entitled 'an act supplementary to the act, entitled an act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the second day of March, 1799," and "An act to remit the duties on a statue of George Washington," were severally read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Jennings O'Bannon," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on sundry petitions and memorials upon that subject, and which

have been thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 9, 1820.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Salem, in the county of Essex, and state of Massachusetts, praying that the acts imposing duties on books imported into the United States, may be so modified, as that all imported books in the learned and foreign languages, whether re-printed in this country or not, and all works of science in the English language, which shall not be re-printed here within the term of one year from their original publication, shall be exempted from duties.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Elkanah Finney, on behalf of himself and others, stating, that their schooner, called the Juno, was regularly employed in the cod fishery for three months of the last season, and returned to port; that she proceeded on her second voyage, and was spoken at sea, after six weeks absence, and has not since been heard from, and is supposed to be lost; and praying to be paid the bounty allowed by law on vessels employed in the said fishery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition of Charles Hegins, late contractor for supplying rations to the troops of the United States in the state of Pennsylvania, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, for the sum of two thousand dollars, which was advanced by the Secretary of War to Jared Irwin, and charged to the petitioner, without his authority, knowledge, or consent; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Marchand presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Hemphill also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Columbia, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that the further extension of slavery in the territories of the United States west of the river Mississippi, may be prohibited; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Granville county, in the state of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Abel Turney; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Benjamin Green, administrator of Samuel Kerby, and of James W. Bailey; and that the former be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of John McIntire, and others, of John Sproull, of Aaron Porter, and of R. R. Kendall; which were severally ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of James Simpson, and of John R. Smith, and E. H. Bemis; and that the former be referred to the Secretary of State, and the latter to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Darlington, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making appropriations to supply the deficiency in the appropriations heretofore made for the completion of the repairs of the north and south wings of the Capitol, for finishing the President's house, and the erection of two new executive offices;

An act to alter the terms of the court of the western district of Virginia; and,

An act to provide for obtaining accurate statements of the foreign commerce of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the federal courts, for the Ohio district, to hold their future sessions at Columbus, the seat of government, instead of Chillicothe.

Mr. Foot submitted the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in any of the territories of the United States, otherwise than in the punishment of crimes whereof the party shall have been duly convicted: Provided, That this shall not be construed to alter the condition or civil rights of any person now held to service or labor in the said territories.

Resolved, That it be, and it is hereby, recommended to the inhabitants of the several territories of the United States, that, for the

purpose of effectually preventing the further extension of slavery, each territory, when authorized by Congress to form a constitution and state government, shall, by express provision in their constitution, prohibit involuntary servitude or slavery, otherwise than in the punishment of crimes.

The said resolution was read the first and second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Herrick submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of commissioners to view, survey, and mark a road, as a continuation of the national road, from Wheeling to the seat of government of the state of Ohio, thence to the contemplated seat of government in Indiana, thence to the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and thence to St. Charles, on the Missouri, on the nearest and best ground.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the survey of the public lands through which the said road may pass, and authorize the appropriation of the proceeds arising from the sale of each unappropriated section through which it may pass, to the opening and improving of the same.

The question was then stated, "Will the House *now* proceed to consider the said resolution?" and, being put,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, moved that the House now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 7th instant, for the suspension of the order of transacting business in the morning, until the termination of the debate on the bill for the admission of the territory of Missouri into the Union.

And, on the question to consider the said resolution,

It was determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Anthony Burk."

They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for altering the times for holding the court of the United States for the western district of Pennsylvania;

An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit in their claim to a tract of land;

An act for the relief of Anthony S. Delisle, Edward B. Dudley, and John M. Van Cleef; in which last mentioned bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on

the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 10, 1820.

Mr. Eddy presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of gold and silver work, jewelry, &c. in Providence, in the state of Rhode Island, praying that additional duties may be imposed on all gold and silver work, jewelry, &c. imported into the United States.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Isaac Champlin, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Ford presented sundry documents in support of the claim of Purley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks; which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Boden presented a petition of Henry Logan, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the bill now pending before this House laying duties on certain sales at auction, may be passed into a law; which petition was referred to the committee of the whole to whom the said bill is committed.

The Speaker presented a resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, praying that a compromise may be effected between persons holding claims to land in said state derived from the British government, and those holding claims to the same lands derived from the governments of Spain and of the United States.

Ordered, That the said resolution lie on the table.

The Speaker also presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the said state of Mississippi, praying that further time may be granted to the purchasers of public lands in that state to complete their payments.

Mr. Rankin presented another memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, a copy of that last presented by the Speaker.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

Ordered, That the petition of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, concerning the claims to land in that state, derived under grants from the British government, presented on the 19th February, 1819, be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Elihu Hall Bay, and others.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of Valentine Winfrey and Alexander Stewart, praying compensation for their horses lost in the military service of the United States; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Angus O. Fraser, and others; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to remit the duties on a statue of George Washington," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Stewart H. Whitehill, and that it be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Robert Snelson and Hannah M. Baldwin; which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of Louisiana,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be directed to enquire into the expediency of confirming the inhabitants of the parish of Ouachita in their claim to three arpens, front, of land, situated at the junction of the Bayou Liard with the river Ouachita, which has been used by the inhabitants of said parish as a public burying ground.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Carthage, Tennessee, by the way of Lancaster and Harmony Grove, to Statesville.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for altering the times for holding the court of the United States for the western district of Pennsylvania;

2. An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit in their claim to a tract of land; and,

3. An act for the relief of Anthony S. Delisle, Edward B. Dudley, and John M. Van Cleef, were severally read the first and second time, and committed, the first to a committee of the whole, to-morrow, the second to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and the latter to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state

into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported, that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 11, 1820.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Goodwin, executor of the last will and testament of Benjamin Goodwin, deceased, presented on the 15th January, 1795, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mallary presented a petition of Elijah Davis, and a petition of Sardijs Blodget, respectively praying for pensions; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Baldwin presented petitions of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the bill, now pending before this House, imposing duties on certain sales at auction, may be passed into a law; which were committed to the committee of the whole to whom the said bill is committed.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of boots and shoes in the city of Philadelphia, praying that the duties imposed on those articles imported into the United States, may be changed from an *ad valorem* to a *specific* duty.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Andrew Wilson and Rohde and Strong, manufacturers of coach steps and carriage springs, in Essex county, and state of New-Jersey, praying that the duties on those articles imported into the United States may be increased.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of plated saddlery, coach and harness furniture, in Newark, in the state of New Jersey, also praying that the duties on those articles imported into the United States may be increased.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Samuel Moore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Northampton, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that the further extension of slavery in the territories of the United States west of the river Mississippi may be prohibited; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, praying that certain alterations, which are therein described, may be made in the judicial system of said district; which petition was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of Robert Campbell, in his own right, and as administrator of Bartholomew Yates, deceased, a lieutenant in the revolutionary army, and who was killed in the battle of Princeton, praying to be allowed and paid for the services, and other emoluments, to which the deceased was entitled for his services in the capacity aforesaid; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented documents in support of the claim of the inhabitants of the parish of Ouachita to three arpens front of land on the bayou Liard; which were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel Gibbs; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Josiah H. McComas and wife, accompanied with a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of John McGrew and others.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force the act passed on the 20th of April, 1818, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the second day of March, 1799," reported the same, with an amendment; which was read, and, together with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the case of John Manning, as guardian of Caroline Fenwick, of the executor of Mrs. George Thompson, of Elisha Ives, and of John H. Robinson; which were severally ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Murfreesborough to Shelbyville, in the state of Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Richmond, Kentucky, to Estill court-house, in the same state.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to remit the duties on a statue of George Washington," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Denton, Little & Co. and of Harman Hendrick, of New-York;" and they have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the president, directors and company of the Merchant's Bank of Newport, in Rhode Island;" in which they request the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 10th instant, approve and sign

An act making appropriations to supply the deficiency in the appropriations heretofore made for the completion of the repairs of the north and south wings of the Capitol, for finishing the President's house, and the erection of two new executive offices;

An act to alter the terms of the court of the western district of Virginia.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials on that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported, that the committee had made further progress therein; and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 12, 1820.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of George Sloan, an officer in the revolutionary war, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Stone and Todd, and C. C. and I. Watson, and a petition of George Rundle and John Ella, jun. agent for Scholfield and Taylor, merchants, of the city of Philadelphia, stating, that, in the year 1819, they imported a quantity of British merchandize, which, for the want of the consular certificate required by law, they were informed by the collector of Philadelphia, was chargeable with an additional duty of fifty per cent. on the invoice price; that they then stored the said merchandize in the public warehouse, until they procured the said certificate, upon which the said collector still refused to admit the said merchandize to entry unless upon the payment of the said additional duty; and praying relief from Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that the further extension of slavery in the territories of the United States west of the river Mississippi may be prohibited; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of George Merrick, presented on the 24th November, 1818, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Bryan presented a petition of John Hutchison, postmaster at Springfield, in the state of Tennessee, praying to be allowed a commission of fifty per cent. on the proceeds of his office, for opening and closing mails which arrive and depart in the night time; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Herrick,

Ordered, That the petition of Levi Chapman, presented on the 2d December, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the president, directors and company of the Merchants' Bank of Newport, in Rhode Island," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Smith, of New-Jersey, submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That, to enable the inhabitants of the District of Columbia to determine whether it will be for their benefit that the rights of self-government be extended to them, so far as the same may constitutionally be done, and to enable them, if they shall be of such opinion, to form a frame of government for themselves, subject to the ratification of Congress, a convention of representatives of said District be, and is hereby, authorized.

Resolved, That the said convention shall be composed of twelve representatives for the city of Washington, and that part of the county of Washington east of Rock creek; of eight representatives for the town of Georgetown, and that part of the said county west of Rock creek; and of nine representatives for the town and county of Alexandria. The said representatives to be free white taxable males, above the age of twenty-one years, who shall be chosen by ballot, by the free white taxable males above the age of twenty-one years, on the first Tuesday in July next, under the superintendence of such judges, at such place in each of the said towns, and subject to such other directions, as the President of the United States may prescribe.

Resolved, That the persons so chosen shall convene at the city of Washington, in such place as shall be fixed by the President of the United States, on the first Tuesday in September ensuing; and shall organize themselves by the appointment of a president, secretary, and such other officers as may be necessary. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum; and their proceedings shall be com-

municated to the President of the United States, to be laid by him before Congress, at their next session.

The said resolution was read; when,

Mr. Strother moved that it lie on the table; which was rejected.

Mr. Cobb then moved that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials on that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported, that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering a report, and sundry statements, rendered in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 28th ult. in relation to the fiscal concerns of the General Post Office; which were ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 14, 1820.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, presented a petition of Samuel Morrill, praying for an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Stevens presented a petition of Henry Hoyt, jr. a lieutenant in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed and paid the pay and emoluments to which he is entitled, for his services in the capacity aforesaid, which is withheld because of his name being stricken off the rolls of the army, of which he states he never received information, and continued to do duty long afterwards.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of Vermont and New-York, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Gross, of New-York, presented a document in support of the petition of Kinner Newcomb; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Murray presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Little presented a petition of the owners of the alum and copperas works at Cape Sable, in the state of Maryland, by Alexander Mitchell, their agent, praying for an increase of the duty on alum and copperas imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Boden presented a petition of Charles Kettlewell, legal representative of John Kettlewell, deceased, stating, that the deceased purchased a tract of six hundred and forty acres of land, sold by the United States, lying in the state of Ohio, and paid the two first instalments thereon, and that he died a short time previous to the third instalment's becoming due, which he, the petitioner, was unable to pay, and the land became forfeited to the United States; and praying that the money paid by the deceased, on account of the said land, may be refunded; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Tarr and Mr. Sergeant, severally, presented a memorial of sundry merchants, and other inhabitants, of the city of Philadelphia, respectively praying that the bill, now pending before this House, imposing duties on certain sales at auction may be passed into a law; which petitions were referred to the committee of the whole to which the said bill is committed.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a memorial of the chamber of commerce of the city of Philadelphia, suggesting many alterations in the existing tariff of duties on imports, and recommending an increase of the duties on French brandies and silks, and that the duties on the wines of Spain and Portugal may be reduced; which memorial was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of John Bioren, of the city of Philadelphia, and of Edward De Krafft, of the city of Washington, printers, stating that they have it in contemplation to publish an edition of the Journals of the Congress of the United States, under the articles of confederation, and praying for the aid and patronage of Congress in the said publication; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hall, of North Carolina, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Columbia, in Terry county, and state of North Carolina, praying that the said town may be established as a port of entry; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

Ordered, That the petition of Jonathan Battelle, presented on the 5th of January, 1819, be also referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying "that provision may be made whereby part of the money drawn from them for the payment of lands purchased of the United States, may be expended among them, towards the internal improvement of their country; and, also, that an extension of credit

may be given to those who are indebted to the government for the purchase of lands."

Ordered, That so much of the said petition as relates to internal improvements, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals; and that the residue thereof be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the petition of a company of rangers, commanded by captain James Bigger, of the state of Indiana, presented on the 22d December, 1817, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Rankin presented a memorial of James Wilkinson, late a major-general in the army of the United States, detailing his services and sufferings in the cause of his country, from the commencement of the war of the revolution to the close of the late war with Great Britain, and praying to be indemnified against the effects of a judgment for 2,500 dollars, with costs of suit, recovered against him by general John Adair, in consequence of his having arrested the said Adair in the city of New-Orleans, in the year 1806, on a charge of his being concerned in the alleged conspiracy of Aaron Burr; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Rankin, Mr. Van Rensselaer, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Strother, and Mr. Archer, of Maryland, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of George Merrick; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *rejected*.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Dickerson, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of George Drew; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Robert Campbell, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy during the year 1820.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Anthony S. Delisle, Edward B. Dudley, and John M. Van Cleef," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also reported the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the president, directors, and company, of the Merchants' Bank of Newport, in Rhode Island," without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, last appointed.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill to continue in force, for a further time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" which was read the first and second time.

The said bill being amended, a motion was made by Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, to commit the said bill to a committee of the whole; which was rejected.

Mr. Walker then moved that the said bill be ordered to lie on the table; which, being also rejected,

The said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 15, 1820.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Jeremiah Bradbury, guardian of Parthena and Sally Sherman, minor children and only legal heirs of Ivory Sherman, deceased, a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain, praying that he may be permitted to relinquish the right of the said minors to the bounty land to which they are entitled in right of their said father, and that in lieu thereof five years half pay may be allowed and paid to them.

Mr. Case presented a petition of Joseph Whitten, praying to be paid the amount of certain certificates of public debt, issued for supplies furnished and services rendered by him in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Case,

Ordered, That the petition of William Jackson, of the state of New York, presented on the 16th of January, 1808, be also referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Dowse presented a petition of Job Hewett, praying for a grant of the bounty in land, to which he says he is entitled for his services as a sergeant in the army in the late war with Great Britain, which he cannot obtain because of an error in placing his name on the muster rolls as having enlisted for eighteen months, when he in fact enlisted for and during the war, which petition was referred to the committee on private land claims.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of Joseph W. Revere, copper-smith, in Boston, praying that additional duties may be imposed on all manufactured copper imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Case presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Orange and Sullivan, in the state of New-York, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post-office and Post roads.

Mr. Kent presented documents in relation to a claim of Israel T. Canby, representative of Ann Sprigg, for a wagon and team impressed into and lost in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims of the 27th ult. on the petition of sundry merchants of Baltimore, for compensation for vessels sunk in the harbor of that place in the late war, together with the said petition, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Little presented a petition of James H. Causten, praying further compensation for damages sustained in his vessel, sunk in the harbor of Baltimore in the late war, by order of the commanding officer, for the purpose of preventing the entrance of the enemy into the said harbor; which was also referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Neale,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry pilots for the Chesapeake Bay, and Potomac river, presented on the 28th January, 1817, be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Alexander presented a petition of Thomas Evans, a soldier of the revolution, praying for a pension; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, on the petition of Thomas Camp and others.

Mr. Abbot presented a petition of Joshua E. White, and company, merchants of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, stating that they are indebted to the United States, in a sum of about 20,000 dollars for duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported by them, which they are wholly unable to pay, owing to the loss of their entire stock in trade which was consumed in the fire, by which a large portion of that city was destroyed on the 11th ultimo; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hendricks presented two memorials of the General Assembly

of the state of Indiana, the first stating that a township of land was reserved by the act of the 19th of April, 1816, for the use of a salt spring, then recently discovered in Orange county in said state, which said salt spring is found to be useless, and praying that the said land may be sold and the proceeds applied to the making of roads and inland navigation; the second, in relation to the surveying and marking the boundary line between that state and the state of Illinois.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on the Public Lands of the 13th ultimo, on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Michigan, late soldiers in the army of the United States, together with the said petition, be re-committed to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce, reported a bill to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships, or vessels, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Newton, from the same committee, also reported a bill concerning navigation, and to repeal the act entitled "An act concerning navigation," passed on the 18th of April, 1818, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the letter from the Secretary of State of the 7th February, 1820, transmitting a list of the newspapers in which the laws of the United States are published, and an estimate of the expense of such publication, be referred to a select committee; and that the same committee enquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the acts, requiring the publication of the laws in the newspapers.

Mr. Pindall, Mr. Foote, and Mr. Mercer, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of limiting the quantity of public lands hereafter to be exposed to sale at the several land offices of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment of so much of the moneys arising from the sale of the public lands in the state of Illinois, since the first day of January, 1819, as has been reserved by law for the encouragement of learning, to said state.

On motion of Mr. Cook;

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the first section of an act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819, approved March 3d, 1819, as

pledges the fund reserved for laying out and making roads to the states of Indiana and Illinois, for the re-payment of the moneys appropriated and advanced by the United States, for constructing the United States' road from Cumberland to the Ohio river, and of appropriating the same to defray the expenses of laying out and making a road from the Ohio river opposite to Wheeling by Columbus, in the state of Ohio, and by the permanent seat of government of Indiana, on the most eligible route to Vandalia, in the state of Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post-offices and Post-roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Teestown, in Clermont county, Ohio, through Bethel, Williamsburg, and Lebanon, to Dayton, the seat of justice for Montgomery county in said state.

An engrossed bill entitled "An act to continue in force for a further time, the act entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Commissioners of Navy Hospitals, rendered in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 31st ult. shewing the receipt and expenditure of the moneys accruing to the Navy Hospital fund: which report was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, rendered in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 4th instant, requiring him "to report such measures as, in his opinion, may be expedient to enforce the more speedy payment of public moneys due from individuals and corporate bodies, to the United States;" which was also ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorise the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states; and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 1820.

Another member, to wit, from New-Jersey, Charles Kinsey, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hill presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of a light-house on Monhigan island, in the said district; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Case presented a petition of Alexander Beatey, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of William B. Irish, son and executor of the last will and testament of Nathaniel Irish, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the commutation of half pay for life to which the deceased was entitled for his services as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Harrisburg, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country; and that the salaries of such public officers as have been increased since the year 1815, may be reduced to the standard at which they were at that time.

Ordered, That so much of the said petition as relates to manufactures be referred to the Committee on Manufactures, and that the residue be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of James Greer, armourer, in the city of Philadelphia, stating, that he is the inventor of a new method of boring gun-barrels, which he is willing to transfer to the government of the United States, and praying that provision may be made for the purchase of the same; which petition was referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Ross presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Clermont, Warren, and Montgomery, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of James Shields, praying for the right of pre-emption in the purchase of the lands on which he has settled, and made considerable improvements, lying in a tract lately purchased from the Indians, within the state of Indiana.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Illinois, praying for further time to complete their payments for lands purchased of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Cook also presented sundry resolutions adopted at a meeting of the inhabitants of Pope county, in the state of Illinois, expressive of their wishes that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country; which were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of W. Laprade, an officer in the army in the late war, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, for a sum of public money, placed in his hands for the pur-

pose of raising recruits, and of which he was robbed; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a list rendered to him by the Register of the Treasury, of balances standing on what are called the *Books of Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury*, of balances which have remained unsettled, or appear to have been due, three years prior to the 30th of September, 1819; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, from the 4th of March, 1789, to the 30th of June, 1819, with several explanatory statements, &c. rendered in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 6th ultimo; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to amend "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize certain insane persons to be placed on the pension list, and the guardians to receive pensions.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also reported a bill to amend an act making reservation of certain public lands for naval purposes, passed 1st of March, 1817; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Denton, Little, and company, and of Harman Hendricks, of New-York; and

An act for the relief of the heirs of Anthony Burk; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cobb, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, made a detailed report on the subject of the expenditures on the said buildings, accompanied by a bill making further appropriations for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol and other public buildings; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Neville to Bethel, in the county of Clermont, Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Gross, of New-York,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the places of holding the district court for the northern district of the state of New-York, that

one term thereof may be holden at the village of Sandy-Hill, in the county of Washington.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road in the state of Indiana, from Palestine, in the county of Lawrence, by the way of Hindostan to Portersville, in the county of Dubois.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 10th instant, approve and sign "An act to provide for obtaining accurate statements of the foreign commerce of the United States."

The Senate have passed bills, which originated in this House, of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of William McDonald, administrator of James McDonald, deceased, late captain in the army of the United States;" and "An act for the relief of Ether Shepley, administrator of Thomas Buckminster, late lieutenant in the 33d regiment of United States' infantry," with an amendment to each; in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 17, 1820.

Mr. Forrest presented a petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the bill now pending before this House laying duties upon certain sales at auction, may be passed into a law; which was referred to the committee of the whole to whom the said bill is committed.

Mr. McCoy presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Campbell, Rockbridge, and Bath in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route, which was referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That the petition of Josiah Bullock, presented on the 18th of January, 1816, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of Gaudry and Dufour, mer-

chants of Savannah, in the state of Georgia; praying for the remission of the duties owing by them on a quantity of Madeira Wine, which wine was destroyed at the late fire in that city.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of War on the petitions of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, on behalf of Capt. Bigger's company of Rangers, and of Daniel D. Norton, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent of the nett proceeds arising from the sales of the public lands within the same; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Caroline Monteath, widow of Lieutenant Monteath, late of the United States Navy, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims of the 7th ultimo, on the petition of Luther Chapin, and the report of the same committee of the 11th ultimo, on the petition of John Perry, be severally committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post-Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Cote-Sans-Dessein, by way of Smith's Store to Franklin, all in the Territory of Missouri.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to bills from this House of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Ether Shepley, administrator of Thomas Buckminster, late lieutenant in the 33d regiment of the United States Infantry;" and "An act for the relief of William McDonald, administrator of James McDonald, deceased, late captain in the army of the United States," were read, and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills reported, that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Denton, Little, and company, and of Harman Hendricks, of New York; and,

An act for the relief of the heirs of Anthony Burk.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 18, 1820.

Mr. Hill presented a petition of George Ulmer, an officer of the revolutionary army, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Joshua Woodman, praying for a pension.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of William M'Farland, praying for an increase of pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Ephraim F. Gilbert, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained in consequence of entering into a contract with the agent of the government, to furnish stone for fortifications contemplated to be erected at Fort Niagara, owing, as he alleges, to the discontinuance of the work on the said fortifications; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented petitions from merchants and other inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the bill now pending before this house, laying duties on certain sales at auction, may be passed into a law; which were referred to the committee of the whole to which the said bill is committed.

On motion of Mr. Sergeant,

Ordered, That the petition of Henry Probasco, presented on the 9th of February, 1819, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Tyler presented a memorial of the "Virginia Society for promoting Agriculture," in opposition to the several petitions and memorials which have been presented to Congress at the present session, for additional duties upon the importation of foreign manufactured goods, by way of protection to the manufacturing interest of the country; which memorial was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of duties on merchandise imported, and for other purposes.

Mr. Beecher presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that provision may be made whereby a part of the money drawn from them for the payment of their lands, may be expended among them towards the internal improvement of the country; and that an extension of credit may be allowed to those indebted to government for the purchase of lands.

Ordered, That so much of said petitions as relate to internal improvements be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and that the residue thereof be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Robert Campbell, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, viz.

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

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit in their claim to a tract of land, made a detailed report thereon, recommending the passage of the said bill.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph H. Cunningham, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Ephraim Gilman and James Douglass, of Josiah Winant, and of Levi Chipman, which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Jacob Kunkopot and others, of the nation of Stockbridge Indians, residing in the state of New-York, accompanied with a bill for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the report of the same committee on the case of William Henderson.

Mr. Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made reports on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Annapolis, on behalf of Mary Wells, and of William Cogswell, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz.

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

Mr. Smyth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the reverend Aaron J. Booge, reported the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the petition of Aaron J. Booge, late a chaplain in the army of the United States, praying that a law may be passed for appointing chaplains to the army, ought not to be granted."

The said resolution was read and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Smyth, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of Berryman Green, administrator of Samuel Kerby, deceased, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of sundry fishermen of Gloucester, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee of Elections, made a further report, in part, that they have examined the certificates of election and other credentials of the following members, and find the same sufficient to entitle them to seats in this house:

From the state of New Jersey,
Charles Kinsey.

From the state of Virginia.
William S. Archer.

Mr. Cook submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to each of the officers and privates, or their legal representatives, of the Illinois regiment, organized by the state of Virginia, for the reduction of the British posts northwest of the river Ohio, during the revolutionary war, who have received no share of the land set apart by that state for that regiment, a quantity of land equal to the amount already received by a part of that regiment, and according to the principles upon which that allowance was regulated by the laws of Virginia.

Mr. Foot, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to remit the duties on a statue of George Washington," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when

Mr. Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Meigs moved the House to take into consideration the resolution submitted by him on the 5th instant, in relation to slavery, which had been ordered to be laid on the table, and proceeded to discuss the merits of his proposition, whereupon Mr. Speaker decided that until the House determined to consider the said resolution, it was not in order to debate it.

From this decision Mr. Meigs prayed an appeal to the House; and, on the question, is the decision of the Speaker correct ?

It passed in the affirmative.

The question being then taken, will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union," with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his secretary, notifying, that the President did this day approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Denton, Little, and company, and of Harman Hendricks, of New-York, and

An act for the relief of the heirs of Anthony Burk.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. J. J. Monroe also delivered in at the Speaker's table a message, in writing, from the President of the United States, and withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form

a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported, that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

The message this day received from the President of the United States was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In conformity with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 24th January, 1820, requesting me "to inform the House what loans (if any) have been made since the peace, to private citizens, of powder, lead, and other munitions, belonging to the government, by officers of any department of the army or navy; specifying the times, terms, objects, and extent, of such loans; the names of the persons by whom, and to whom, made; the different times of repayment, and also the amount of the ultimate loss (if any) likely to be incurred by the government in consequence thereof," I now transmit a report from the Secretary of War, which, with the accompanying documents, contains all the information that can be furnished on the subject.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington. February 8, 1820.

Ordered, That the said message and documents lie on the table. And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 19, 1820.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Daniel Lathrop, late postmaster at Waterbury, in the state of Vermont, stating, he was about to remove from that place in the year 1812, of which he advised the postmaster general, and, at the same time, resigned his appointment; and as he did not receive any instructions upon the subject, he placed the office under the direction of a certain Joseph Lewis, who was a reputable citizen of that place, and removed to another part of the state; that he is now called upon by the postmaster general to pay one hundred and sixty-five dollars, a defalcation which has taken place since he left the office, on the ground that, as he committed its management to said Lewis, he is answerable for his conduct, and praying for such relief in the premises as Congress may think proper to grant; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Baker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Tioga, in the state of New-York, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bloomfield presented a petition of sundry coppersmiths in the state of New-Jersey, praying that the duties on the importation of copper bolts, spikes, and nails, may be repealed, and that heavy duties may be imposed on copper bottoms and tops for stills or kettles, and on copper of all descriptions, except old copper, and copper in pigs or cakes, which they also pray may be admitted free of duty.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition of sundry merchants and other inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the bill, now pending before this House, imposing duties on certain sales at auction, may be passed into a law.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of Catharine Burns, administratrix of the goods, &c. of Thomas Burns, deceased, praying to be paid for eighteen head of beef cattle, taken by the commanding officer of Fort Dearborn, at Chicago, for the use of his troops, shortly before the evacuation of that post, in August, 1812; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cannon submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House a statement of the whole number that have been educated at the Military Academy since its first establishment, from the District of Columbia, also, from each state and territory in the Union; the number now at said academy from the district, and from each state and territory, and the number that are now in the army or navy of the United States that have been educated at said academy, and the place or appointment each fills in said army or navy; also, the number now at said academy that are orphans of those who have fallen in defence of their country, or died in its service during the late war; and the district, state, or territory (*if there are any*) they are from; also, to state the whole amount, including pay, subsistence, and every other expenditure made by the general government on account of said institution, from its first establishment up to the present time.

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Smithland, Kentucky, by the town of America, in Illinois, to the town of Cypress, on the Mississippi, near the iron banks in the state of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Upham,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the mail route from Farmington to Rochester, in the state of New Hampshire.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union;" and the said amendments being read,

Mr. Taylor moved that the House disagree to the same; when,

Mr. Scott moved that the said bill and amendments be committed to the committee of the whole house to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Alexander Smyth then moved that the consideration thereof be postponed until Monday the 28th instant; and, the question being taken to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Smyth then also moved that the consideration of the said amendments be postponed until Monday next; which being also rejected,

The question recurred on the motion submitted by Mr. Scott, to commit to the committee of the whole; and, being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....70,
Nays..... 107.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbot

Alexander

Allen, *Ten.*

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*

Archer, *Va.*

Barbour

Bayly

Bloomfield

Brevard

Brown

Bryan

Burwell

Butler, *Lou.*

Cannon

Cobb

Cocke

Crawford

Crowell

Culbreth

Culpepper

Cuthbert

Earle

Edwards, *N. C.*

Mr. Ervin

Floyd

Garnett

Hall, *N. C.*

Hardin

Hooks

Johnson

Jones, *Va.*

Jones, *Ten.*

Kent

Kinsey

Little

Lowndes

McCoy

McCreary

McLane, *Del.*

McLean, *Ken.*

Mercer

Metcalf

Neale

Nelson, *Va.*

Newton

Overstreet

Pindall

Mr. Quarles

Rankin

Reed

Rhea

Ringgold

Robertson

Shaw

Simkins

Slocumb

B. Smith, *Va.*

A. Smyth, *Va.*

Smith, *N. C.*

Strother

Swearingen

Terrell

Tucker, *Va.*

Tucker, *S. C.*

Tyler

Walker, *N. C.*

Warfield

Williams, *Va.*

Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Mass.*

Mr. Allen, *N. Y.*

Baker

Mr. Baldwin

Ball

Mr. Bateman	Mr. Hall, N. Y.	Mr. Philson
Beecher	Hazard	Pitcher
Boden	Hemphill	Plumer
Brush	Hendricks	Rich
Buffum	Herrick	Richards
Burton	Hibshman	Richmond
Butler, N. H.	Hiester	Rogers
Campbell	Hill	Ross
Case	Holmes	Russ
Clagett	Hostetter	Sampson
Clark	Kendall	Sergeant
Cook	Kinsley	Settle
Crafts	Lathrop	Silsbee
Cushman	Lincoln	Sloan
Darlington	Linn	Smith, N. J.
Davidson	Livermore	Smith, Md.
Dennison	Lyman	Southard
Dewitt	Maclay	Stevens
Dickinson	Mallary	Storrs
Dowse	Marchand	Street
Eddy	Mason	Strong, Vt.
Edwards, Con.	Meech	Strong, N. Y.
Edwards, Pen.	Meigs	Tarr
Fay	R. Moore	Taylor
Fisher	S. Moore	Tomlinson
Folger	Monell	Tompkins
Foot	Morton	Tracy
Forrest	Moseley	Upham
Fuller	Murray	Van Rensselaer
Fullerton	Nelson, Mass.	Wallace
Gross, N. Y.	Parker, Mass.	Wendover
Gross, Pen.	Parker, Va.	Whitman
Guyon	Patterson	Wood.....107
Hackley	Phelps	

A motion was then made by Mr. Alexander Smyth, that the said amendments lie on the table; which was rejected.

The question then recurred on the motion made by Mr. Taylor, to disagree to the said amendments; whereupon,

Mr. Simkins moved to postpone the consideration of the said bill and amendments until Tuesday next.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 21, 1820.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Henry Burden, the inventor of a new and useful improvement in the construction of the plough, stating that, as he has lately removed into this country from the

British dominions in Europe, and as he has not yet become a citizen by naturalization, he cannot obtain a patent for his invention, and praying that a special act may be passed directing the issuing of a patent for his said invention; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Carey Marcellus, praying for a pension.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Catharine Robertson, praying compensation for iron work, services rendered, and supplies furnished, by her former husband, Jacob Ritter, in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Parker, of Virginia,

Ordered, That the petition of Richard G. Morris, presented on the 21st of December, 1815, be also referred to the Committee of Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Isaac Macaulay, manufacturer of patent floor cloths and oil cloths, in the city of Philadelphia, praying a specific duty of fifty per cent. per square yard, be imposed on all floor cloths and matting, that a protecting duty be imposed on oil cloths, and that the present duties on carpeting, hearth rugs, carpet bordering, and fringe, be increased; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufacturers.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, presented a petition of Betsey Cooke, widow of George Cooke, deceased, who died while in the militia service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed and paid the pension granted by law to the widows of those who died in the military service of their country.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of Caleb Palmer, stating that, during the late war with Great Britain, his house, in the state of Ohio, was occupied by a detachment of troops in the service of the United States, in consequence of which it was destroyed by the enemy, and praying compensation therefor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the claim of Hezekiah West; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Daniel Goodwin, executor of Benjamin Goodwin, deceased; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Alexander Beatey and Elijah Davis, and that they be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Daniel Converse, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill altering the place of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Ohio; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of John R. Smith and Ezra H. Bemiss; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

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

Mr. Smyth, from the same committee, also reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be prepared, and laid before Congress, a system of regulations for the government of the Military Academy at West Point.

The said resolution was read; and, on motion of Mr. Rhea, it was

Ordered, That it be committed to the Committee on Military Affairs, with instructions to prepare and report such a system.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Luzerne, by Edinburgh, to Galway, in New-York.

Mr. Reid submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to impart to this House any communications touching the Florida treaty which may have been received from the minister plenipotentiary of the United States at the court of Spain, and which have not been heretofore communicated, and the communication of which, in his opinion, may not be prejudicial to the interests of the United States.

Mr. McCoy moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Cook on the 18th instant, in relation to the bounty lands promised to colonel Clarke's regiment of Virginia troops in the revolutionary war.

And, on the question, Will the House now consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Kingston, in Roan county, by way of William White's on Poplar creek, to Clinton, in Anderson county, in the state of Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post

road from Richmond, in Kentucky, by "The Big Hill," to the "Hazel Patch," in the same state.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit in their claim to a tract of land," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 22, 1820.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing a report on the petition of James Simpson, consul of the United States at Tangier, in the kingdom of Morocco; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Commissioners of the Navy Pension Fund, upon the subject of the resolution of this House of the 2d of March, 1819, instructing them to use all the means in their power to coerce payment of the balances due to the fund, from all persons who may be found indebted to the same, &c.; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Holmes presented a representation, signed by "John Holmes, Martin Kinsley, Mark Langdon Hill, James Parker, Joshua Cushman, and Ezekiel Whitman," members of this House from that part of the state of Massachusetts hitherto known as "The District of Maine," respectfully urging Congress, for the reasons therein stated, as speedily as possible to decide the question of the admission of the said district into the Union as a separate, sovereign, and independent state; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Washington, in the state of Connecticut, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of Robert Young, judge of the orphans' court of the county of Alexandria, and of Richard Bland Lee, judge of the orphan's court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that Congress will be pleased to cause an enquiry to be made into the present organization and condition of the said courts, and that such alterations and amendments may be made in the existing system, as to the wisdom of Congress may seem

meet and proper; which petition was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Kent also presented a petition of the corporation of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, stating that they have perceived that, by the 12th section of the bill now pending before this House, "concerning the banks of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," the issue, or re-issue, of the notes of the corporation are prohibited from and after the 1st of January, 1821, and alleging that the said corporation is not able or prepared to redeem and pay off its notes by the time specified in the said section, and praying for an extension of the time for the liquidation of their said notes; which petition was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill aforesaid.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of E. Carter, widow of William B. Carter, deceased, a soldier in the army in the late war, and who died in the service, praying for a grant of the bounty in land to which she is entitled in virtue of the services of her husband, in the capacity aforesaid.

The Speaker presented to the House a letter addressed to him by the trustees of the town of Saint Charles, in the territory of Missouri, in relation to the right of the inhabitants of that town to the commons adjacent thereto.

Ordered, That the said petition and letter be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Mercer also presented a petition of Thomas Flatford, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The Speaker presented a petition of Samuel Andrews, also praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of a separate surveyor for the public lands within the state of Illinois, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is not expedient that a separate surveyor should be appointed for the public lands within the state of Illinois.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, who were also instructed to enquire into the expediency of limiting the quantity of public lands hereafter to be exposed to sale, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is not expedient to pass any law limiting the quantity of public lands hereafter exposed to sale at the different land offices.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Reid; and the said resolution being modi-

ned by the consent of the mover, was agreed to, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to impart to this House any communications touching the Florida treaty which have not been heretofore communicated, and the communication of which, in his opinion, may not be prejudicial to the interests of the United States.

Mr. Reid, and Mr. Floyd, were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the War Department be directed to transmit to this House copies of the respective contracts heretofore made with James Johnson, Alexander McRae, Elias Earle, and Peter Townsend, for the delivery of powder, arms, cannon, or shot, together with an account of the moneys advanced on the said contracts, respectively, and at what periods, and whether, and how far, the said contracts have been respectively fulfilled on the part of the contractors.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending to the widow and children of captain O. H. Perry, the provision which is now made by law for the widows and children of naval officers who died from wounds received in action.

On motion of Mr. Slocumb,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, by Waynesborough and Stantoneburgh, to Tarborough.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Resolved, That provision be made, by law, for the support of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq. of the United States' navy, and for the education of his children.

Mr. Randolph, Mr. Lowndes, and Mr. Hazard, were appointed a committee to prepare and report a bill pursuant to the above resolution.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to enquire into the expediency of augmenting the pension of Ambrose Lewis, who was placed on the pension list by an act of the 24th April, 1816.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act altering the place of holding the circuit and district court in the district of Ohio," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? When,

Mr. Brush moved that the said bill lie on the table; which, being rejected,

The question recurred on the passage of the bill; and, being put, It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John O'Connor, deceased;" and "An act further to extend the charter of the city of Washington;" in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union;" and the question recurred on the motion made on the 19th instant, by Mr. Taylor, to *disagree* to the said amendments;

And, debate arising thereon,
The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 23, 1820.

Mr. Plumer presented a petition of Jostah Starling, and other inhabitants, of Portsmouth, in the state of New-Hampshire, praying that an act may be passed authorizing them to redeem certain lands sold for the direct tax, and purchased on behalf of the United States; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill extending the time for the redemption of lands sold for direct taxes, in certain cases.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of Ebenezer Forrist, praying for a pension.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of William McGready, also praying for a pension; which petitions were referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Charles Gillman, stating that he performed great services as an express, and obtained important information of the state and situation of the enemy, by order of Gen. Washington, in the Revolutionary war, and that he is now in great distress, and praying relief.

Mr. Metcalfe presented a petition of George Shephard, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army, and for a grant of the bounty in land to which he conceives himself entitled for said services.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Boden presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the borough of Carlisle, in the county of Cumberland, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of three hundred and sixty inhabitants of Georgetown, and that part of the county of Washington lying west of Rock creek, in the District of Columbia, praying for certain

alterations in the judicial system of the said district, which are therein described.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Hall, of North Carolina, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Stauntonsburgh, in the county of Edgecomb, and state of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cuthbert presented a petition of John Shellman, merchant, of the city of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, praying to be exonerated from the payment of certain bonds, given by himself and others, for him to secure the payment of the duties, amounting to \$ 2,132, on merchandize imported by him, which said merchandize, together with the whole of his stock in trade, and other property, was consumed in the fire which destroyed a large portion of that city on the 11th ultimo.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1820.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of the heirs and representatives of colonel Hugh Hughes, deceased; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of William Jackson, of the state of New-York; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel Andrews, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States to appoint a receiver of the public moneys and register of the land office for the district of Lawrence county, in the Arkansas territory; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of a company of Swiss emigrants, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting statements of his accounts for the year ending on the 30th September, 1819; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brush submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for surveying, marking, and permanently establishing, the northern boundary line of the state of Ohio, beginning at a point north of the most northerly cape of the Miami Bay; running thence, due west, to intersect the western line of said state.

The said resolution was read; when,

Mr. Cook moved to amend the same, by adding, as follows: "And, also, of running the boundary line between Indiana and Illinois."

Ordered, That the said resolution and amendment lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Trimble,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of changing the post route from Mount Sterling to Prestonsburg, in Kentucky, so as to cause the same to pass by the Olympian Springs, and the Beaver Iron Works, in Bath county.

On motion of Mr. Culpepper,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Laurenceville, in Montgomery county, by McNeel's store, and Nicholas Nall's, in Moore county, to Pittsborough, in Chatham; and to return by D. Moffit's, in Randolph county, to Laurenceville, in North Carolina.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of State on the petition of James Simpson, received yesterday, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to remit the duties on a statue of George Washington."

Mr. Foot also reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Ether Shepley, administrator of Thomas Buckminster, late lieutenant in the thirty-third regiment of United States' infantry;" and "An act for the relief of William McDonald, administrator of James McDonald, deceased, late captain in the army of the United States," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John O'Connor, deceased," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to extend the charter of the city of Washington," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was then read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the

state of Maine into the Union;" and the question again recurred on the motion made by Mr. Taylor on the 19th instant, to *disagree* to the said amendments.

A division of the question on the said motion was called for;

And, on the question, Will the House *disagree* to so much of the said amendments as is comprised in the words following, to wit:

"And to enable the people of Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states:

"SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the inhabitants of that portion of the Missouri territory included within the boundaries hereinafter designated, be, and they are hereby, authorized to form for themselves a constitution and state government, and to assume such name as they shall deem proper:"

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....93,
 { Nays.....72.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Guyon	Mr. Murray
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Hackley	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Beecher	Hazard	Patterson
Boden	Hemphill	Phelps
Brush	Hendricks	Philson
Buffum	Herrick	Pitcher
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hibshman	Plumer
Campbell	Hill	Rich
Case	Holmes	Richards
Clagett	Hostetter	Richmond
Cook	Kendall	Rogers
Crafts	Kinsey	Ross
Cushman	Kinsley	Sampson
Darlington	Lathrop	Sergeant
Dennison	Lincoln	Silsbee
Dewitt	Linn	Sloan
Dickinson	Livermore	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Dowse	Lyman	Southard
Eddy	Maclay	Stevens
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Storrs
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Mallery	Street
Fay	Marchand	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Folger	Mason	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Forrest	Meech	Tarr
Fuller	R. Moore	Taylor
Fullerton	S. Moore	Tomlinson
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Monell	Tompkins
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Moseley	Tracy

Mr. Upham	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Whitman
Van Rensselaer	Wendover	Wood..... 93

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Earle	Mr. Pinckney
Alexander	Edwards, N. C.	Rankin
Allen, Ten.	Ervin	Reed
Anderson	Fisher	Rhea
Archer, Md.	Floyd	Ringgold
Archer, Va.	Garnett	Settle
Baldwin	Hardin	Shaw
Ball	Hooks	Simkins
Barbour	Johnson	Slocumb
Bayly	Jones, Va.	Smith, Md.
Bloomfield	Jones, Ten.	B. Smith, Va.
Brevard	Kent	A. Smyth, Va.
Brown	Little	Smith, N. C.
Bryan	Lowndes	Strother
Burton	McCoy	Swearingen
Burwell	McCreary	Terrell
Butler, Lou.	McLean, Ken.	Trimble
Cannon	Meigs	Tucker, Va.
Cobb	Mercer	Tucker, S. C.
Cocke	Metcalf	Tyler
Crawford	Neale	Walker, N. C.
Culpepper	Newton	Warfield
Cuthbert	Overstreet	Williams, Va.
Davidson	Parker, Va.	Williams, N. C. 72

The question was then taken, Will the House disagree to the residue of the amendments of the Senate to the said bill? (except so much thereof as is comprised within the ninth section)

And also determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....102,
 { Nays.....68.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams	Mr. Campbell	Mr. Edwards, Con.
Allen, Mass.	Case	Edwards, Pen.
Allen, N. Y.	Clagett	Fay
Anderson	Cook	Folger
Baldwin	Crafts	Ford
Beecher	Cushman	Forrest
Bloomfield	Darlington	Fuller
Boden	Dennison	Fullerton
Brown	Dewitt	Gross, N. Y.
Brush	Dickinson	Gross, Pen.
Buffum	Dowse	Guyon
Butler, N. H.	Eddy	Hackley

Mr. Hall, N. F.	Mr. Mason	Mr. Sampson
Hazard	Meech	Sergeant
Hemphill	Meigs	Silsbee
Hendricks	R. Moore	Sloan
Herrick	S. Moore	Southard
Hibshman	Monell	Stevens
Hill	Morton	Storrs
Holmes	Moseley	Street
Hostetter	Murray	Strong, Vt.
Kendall	Nelson, Va.	Strong, N. F.
Kinsey	Parker, Mass.	Tarr
Kinsley	Patterson	Taylor
Lathrop	Phelps	Tomlinson
Lincoln	Philson	Tompkins
Linn	Pitcher	Tracy
Livermore	Plumer	Trimble
Lyman	Rich	Upham
Maclay	Richards	Van Rensselaer
McLane, Del.	Richmond	Wallace
McLean, Ken.	Rogers	Wendover
Mallary	Ross	Whitman
Marchand	Russ	Wood.....102

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Ervin	Mr. Reed
Alexander	Fisher	Rhea
Allen, Tenn.	Floyd	Ringgold
Archer, Md.	Garnett	Robertson
Archer, Va.	Hall, N. C.	Settle
Ball	Hardin	Simkins
Barbour	Hooks	Slocumb
Bayly	Johnson	Smith, N. J.
Brevard	Jones, Ten.	Smith, Md.
Bryan	Kent	B. Smith, Va.
Burton	Little	A. Smyth, Va.
Burwell	Lowndes	Smith, N. C.
Butler, Lou.	McCoy	Strother
Cannon	McCreary	Swearingen
Cobb	Mercer	Terrell
Cocke	Metcalf	Tucker, Va.
Crowell	Neale	Tucker, S. C.
Culbreth	Newton	Tyler
Culpepper	Overstreet	Walker, N. C.
Cuthbert	Parker, Va.	Warfield
Davidson	Pinckney	Williams, Va.
Earle	Quarles	Williams, N. C. 68
Edwards, N. C.	Rankin	

The question was then taken, Will the House disagree to the said ninth section, (being the last of the said amendments,) contained in the words following, to wit:

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That, in all that territory ceded by France to the United States, under the name of Louisiana, which lies north of thirty-six degrees and thirty minutes north latitude, excepting only such part thereof as is included within the limits of the state contemplated by this act, slavery and involuntary servitude, otherwise than in the punishment of crimes whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall be, and is hereby, forever prohibited: Provided, always, that any person escaping into the same, from whom labor or service is lawfully claimed in any state or territory of the United States, such fugitive may be lawfully reclaimed, and conveyed to the person claiming his or her labor or service, as aforesaid;

And also determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....159,
Nays.....18.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Culbreth	Mr. Hazard
Adams	Cushman	Hemphill
Alexander	Cuthbert	Hendricks
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Darlington	Herrick
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Davidson	Hibshman
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Dennison	Hill
Anderson	De Witt	Holmes
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Dickinson	Hooks
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Dowse	Hostetter
Baker	Earle	Johnson
Ball	Eddy	Jones, <i>Va.</i>
Barbour	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Bateman	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Kendall
Beecher	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Kent
Boden	Ervin	Kinsley
Brevard	Fay	Lincoln
Brown	Fisher	Linn
Brush	Floyd	Livermore
Bryan	Folger	Lowndes
Buffum	Foot	Lyman
Burton	Ford	Maclay
Burwell	Forrest	McCoy
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Fuller	McCreary
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Fullerton	McLane, <i>Del.</i>
Campbell	Garnett	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Cannon	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Mallary
Case	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Marchand
Clagett	Guyon	Mason
Cobb	Hackley	Meigs
Cook	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Metcalf
Crawford	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	R. Moore
Crowell	Hardin	S. Moore

Mr. Monell	Mr. Richmond	Mr. Taylor
Morton	Robertson	Terrell
Moseley	Rogers	Tomlinson
Murray	Ross	Tompkins
Neale	Russ	Tracy
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Sampson	Trimble
Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Sergeant	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Newton	Settle	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Overstreet	Silsbee	Tyler
Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Simkins	Upham
Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Slocumb	Van Rensselaer
Patterson	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Phelps	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>	Wallace
Philson	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Warfield
Pinckney	Southard	Wendover
Pitcher	Stevens	Whitman
Plumer	Storrs	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Rankin	Street	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Reed	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>	Wood.....159
Rhea	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>	
Rich	Strother	
Richards	Swearingen	
Those who voted in the negative, are		
Mr. Baldwin	Mr. Kinsey	Mr. Ringgold
Bayly	Lathrop	Shaw
Bloomfield	Little	Sloan
Cocke	Meech	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Crafts	Mercer	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Culpepper	Quarles	Tarr..... 18

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, stating that, in the list of balances due to the government more than three years, or which remained unsettled on the books of the Register of the Treasury on the 1st of October last, and transmitted by him (the Comptroller) to this House, at the present session of Congress, he has perceived that Thomas Worthington, a collector of internal revenue, stands charged with \$4,464, when, in fact, the balance against him is only forty-four dollars and sixty-four cents; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Baldwin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 24, 1820.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying that a road from the Penobscot river, at or near Bangor, and continuing through the interior country to some point near Robinsonstown, on the Schoodic river, in said district, may be laid out and made at the expense of the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Phelps presented a petition of Andrew Hillyer, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Richards presented a petition of Samuel Willington, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Case presented a petition of Jonas Rumsey, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Elias Ransom, praying compensation for his buildings, and other property, which were situate in Buffalo, in the state of New-York, which were destroyed by the British forces in the late war, the said buildings being, at the time of destruction, in the occupancy of the troops of the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bateman presented a petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the bill, now pending before this House, imposing duties on certain sales at auction, may be passed into a law; which was referred to the committee of the whole to whom the said bill is committed.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Fredericksburgh, Gallatin county, state of Kentucky, praying for the establishment of a post route.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing a report of the Third Auditor of the Treasury, and of the Commissary General of Subsistence, in relation to "the expense of furnishing the army with rations for one year, ending on the 14th of April, 1818, exhibiting the average cost per ration, and also the average cost per ration for one year, under the provisions of the act of the 14th of April, 1818, entitled, "An act to regulate the staff of the army," rendered in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 17th day of December last; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 1st of March, 1819, "directing him to transmit to Congress, at an early period in the next session, a gene-

ral statement of the condition of the Bank of the United States and its offices, similar to the return made to him by the bank; and a statement exhibiting, as nearly as may be practicable, the amount of capital invested in the different chartered banks in the several states, and the District of Columbia; the amount of notes issued by those banks, and in circulation; the public and private deposits in them; the amount of loans and discounts made by them, and remaining unpaid; and the total quantity of specie they possess; and, also, to report such measures as, in his opinion, may be expedient to procure and retain a sufficient quantity of gold and silver coin in the United States, or to supply a circulating medium in place of specie, adapted to the exigencies of the country, and within the power of the government;" which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill designating the ports within which, only, foreign armed vessels shall be permitted to enter; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Storrs, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the Muhheconnuck, or Stockbridge nation of Indians, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill confirming the title of the Mohiccan, or Stockbridge nation of Indians, to certain lands; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the establishment of additional land offices in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Abigail Fernald; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Reid, from the committee appointed on the 22d instant, to present to the President of the United States the resolution adopted on that day, requesting further information in relation to the Florida treaty, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that he would attend to the request contained in the said resolution.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit in their claim to a tract of land; and

An act further to extend the charter of the city of Washington; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Quarles,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Whithy court-house, Kentucky, to Monticello, by the way of Colonel Ross', also in Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That an act of the legislature of the state of Georgia, entitled "An act to grant certain powers to the commissioners of pilotage for the port of Darien, and to authorize them to collect tonnage duty on vessels," be referred to the Committee on Commerce, and that said committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of giving the consent of Congress to the operation of said act.

On motion of Mr. Strother,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances under which powder and lead have been loaned by the War Department, or by any of the officers of the United States' army, to certain individuals, and into the causes and extent of delinquencies in the paymaster's and quartermaster's departments, and that they be authorized to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Strother, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, and Mr. Robertson, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Tracy,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the War Department be directed to communicate to this House copies of any agreements which may have been made with the firm of Stull and Williams, or their surety or sureties, relative to the loan to the said Stull and Williams, of powder, by the War Department, or the repayment thereof; and also to inform this House whether any moneys, and what sums, have been advanced to the said Stull and Williams, or to their surety or sureties, on any contract or contracts made with them, or either of them, relative thereto; and, also, to state the fund from which said advances have been made.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare, and lay before this House, a statement of the annual amount of the contingent expenses thereof, from the commencement of the present form of government to the 30th of November last, distinguishing the expense of stationary, printing, fuel, lights, furniture, attendants, and their assistants, with a statement of the amount and nature of the perquisites of each.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storrs reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 25, 1820.

Mr. Edwards, of Penn. presented a petition of John Aikin & Sons, coppersmiths, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that further and

higher duties may be imposed on manufactured copper imported into the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Susannah Taylor, widow of William Huston, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a grant of the bounty in land, to which she is informed she is entitled for the services of her said husband, in the capacity aforesaid; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Baldwin also presented a petition of William Morrow, late a captain in the army of the United States, stating, that, by the death of captain Sprogal, late of the 22d infantry, in December, 1813, he became entitled to promotion from a lieutenancy to a captaincy, but, for reasons unknown to him, his promotion did not take place until September, 1814, by which, he says, he lost his pay, subsistence, and emoluments, for a period of nearly nine months, and praying that the deficiency, for the time aforesaid, may be made good to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report from the Engineer Department, containing the rules and regulations for the government of the Military Academy at West Point, and a list of Cadets which were attached to the said Academy on the 1st of January, 1815, and of such as have been appointed between that day and the 30th September, 1819, with the states and territories whence they came, &c. containing all the information required by, and rendered in obedience to, the resolution of the 26th of February, 1819; which letter and report were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Polly Potter, of Susan Washington Martin, and of Richard G. Morris; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were severally concurred in by the House, as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners respectively be *rejected*.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Daniel Averill, of William Wyatt, of Robert Boyles, of Perez Bradford, and of Peter Dempsey, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Charles Kettlewell; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and accompanying papers.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act for the relief of the legal representatives of John O'Conner, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That William Jackson, of the state of New York, have leave to withdraw the documents accompanying his petition.

Mr. Cook submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of enabling those soldiers of the late war, who are entitled to a land bounty, and have not received the same, to obtain certificates in lieu thereof, for such sum as may be deemed reasonable, making such certificates receivable only in payment for public lands offered for sale by the United States.

The said resolution was read, and on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the same?

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Rogers,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Allentown, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, via Emaus, to Miller's town, in said state.

On motion of Mr. Smyth,

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to William Esenbeck the bounty in land and money, claimed by him as a deserter from the British army in 1776, under an act of the Congress of the United States.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 26, 1820.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of Samuel R. Trevett, commander of the revenue cutter *Search*, on behalf of himself and the other officers of said cutter, praying for an increase of their compensation; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Thomas Tripe, praying for an extension of his patent right in a new and useful improvement in diving machines; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oneida, Jefferson, and Oswego, in the state of New-York, praying that a military road may be made from Sackett's Harbor to Rome,

in said state; which petition was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

Ordered, That the petitions from sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, presented at the last session, praying that a military road may be made from Williamsport, in that state, to the Painted Post, in the state of New-York, be also referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Lyman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Otsego, in the state of New-York, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Green county, in the state of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Cocke presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Monroe and McMinn, in the state of Tennessee;

Mr. Allen, of Tennessee, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Tennessee; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of Levi Cantrall, by his attorneys, Van Zandt and Rockwell, praying compensation for his horse lost in the military service of the United States, in the year 1813; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of John Stipp, junior, praying for the remission of the duties on his distillery, in Champaign county, in the state of Ohio, (for which he gave bonds, and upon which judgments have been obtained,) which duties he has become unable to pay by reason of an accident which has for ever deprived him of the use of his legs; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Ether Shepley, administrator of Thomas Buckminster, late a lieutenant in the thirty-third regiment of United States' infantry.

An act for the relief of William McDonald, administrator of James McDonald, late captain in the army of the United States.

An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit in their claim to a tract of land; and,

An act further to extend the charter of the city of Washington.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Naval Expenditures, submitted to the House certain documents in relation to the expenditures of public moneys in the naval department, and to a retrenchment of expenditures in said department; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That John Robertson, of South Carolina, have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing an additional national armory, made a report unfavorable to the establishment of an additional armory; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robert Moore, from the committee appointed on the petition of John Wells, made a report thereon; and, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of the said John Wells; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of captain Stanton Sholes.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 24th instant, approve and sign "An act to remit the duties on a statue of George Washington."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Bowie, Kurtz, and others," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John O'Connor, deceased, was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Storrs, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

The order of the day, for the House again to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, was again called; when,

Mr. Hill moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which motion being rejected,

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill, petitions, and memorials; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, petitions, and memorials.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 28, 1820.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That the petition of William Lawrence, presented on the 4th December, 1817, be referred to the Secretary of War, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of Lydia Parkurst, Jared Parkurst, Elisha Parkurst, and Phinehas Parkurst, widow and children of Phinehas Parkurst, deceased, a surgeon on board the United States' brigantine *Resistance*, in the revolutionary war, praying to be allowed and paid the wages due for the services of the deceased, in the capacity aforesaid; as, also, for his share of three rich and valuable prizes, sent into Martinico, in the West Indies, consigned to the agent of the United States at that place.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Gilbert Willett, late assistant quartermaster general in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Strong, of Vermont, presented a petition of Levi Bellows, distiller, in the state of Vermont, praying to be exonerated from the payment of the sum of 2,892 dollars, duties imposed on his distillery, in consequence of his having already paid large sums by way of duties on said distillery, and of his utter inability to pay the same; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Everiste Mauri, a native of Venice, in Italy, and a naturalized citizen of the United States, stating that it is his intention to attempt the establishment of a colony of Venetians in the United States, for the purpose of cultivating the vine, and raising the silk-worm, and praying for a grant of one hundred and sixty acres of land to each male emigrant of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, at the minimum price, with an extended credit, and under such other terms and conditions as Congress may think proper to prescribe.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of James Times, praying to be permitted to change his entry of a tract of land in the state of Indiana, having, by mistake, entered a tract of land different from that he intended to enter, and on which he is actually located, and on which he has made considerable improvements.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Clark presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Delaware, in the state of New-York, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Case presented a petition of Jabez Wakeman, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Sergeant presented a schedule of fees of office proper to be allowed and taxed in the courts of the United States in the district of Pennsylvania, approved and signed by Richard Peters, judge of the district court of that district; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Culbroth presented a petition of Greenbury Griffin, praying compensation for a vessel captured by the British forces in the Chesapeake Bay, in the late war, while transporting the mail from Queens-town to Baltimore; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Ross presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that provision may be made whereby part of the money drawn from them for the payment of lands purchased of the United States, may be expended among them, towards the internal improvement of their country; and, also, that an extension of credit may be given to those who are indebted to the government for the purchase of lands.

Ordered, That so much of said petition as relates to internal improvements be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and that the residue thereof be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Crowell presented a document in support of the petition of Nathan Branson; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Moses White, executor of the last will and testament of Moses Hazen, and of Catharine Robertson; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, be *rejected*.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jonas Rumsey, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thomas Staniford; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed for the purpose, reported a bill for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, and for the education of his children at the public charge; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Storrs, from the committee appointed on the 10th of December last, to enquire and report whether any of the public moneys appropriated by Congress for the pay and subsistence of the regular army of the United States, since the 4th of March, 1815, have been applied to the support of any army, or detachment of troops, raised without the consent of this House, or the authority of Congress, made a report thereon; which was read, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill respecting the military establishment of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smyth, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Morrow; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smyth also reported a bill authorizing grants of bounty land, in certain cases; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing pensions to Ezekiel Walker and Joseph Colby, respectively, who were soldiers in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Hardin submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe, as stock, in the company incorporated by the legislature of Kentucky to cut a canal round the falls in the Ohio river, any number of shares not exceeding five hundred.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the compensation of losses occasioned by the impressment and application of private property to the military service of the United States, during the late Seminole war.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Ether Shepley, administrator of Thomas Buckminster, late lieutenant in the thirty-third regiment of United States' infantry; and

An act for the relief of William McDonald, administrator of James McDonald, deceased, late captain in the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate *insist* on their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union;" and then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider their disagreement to the said amendments; when,

Mr. Taylor moved that the House *insist* on their disagreement; and, the question being stated thereon,

Mr. Lowndes moved that the said bill and amendments lie on the table; which being rejected,

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Taylor; when,

Mr. Culpepper moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow; which was rejected.

And the question again recurred on Mr. Taylor's motion to insist on the disagreement to the said amendments.

A division of the question on the said motion was called for;

And, on the question, Will the House *insist on their disagreement* to all the said amendments, except the ninth section thereof?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....97,
Nays.....76.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hazard	Mr. Philson
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Hemphill	Pitcher
Bateman	Hendricks	Plumer
Beecher	Herrick	Rich
Boden	Hibshman	Richards
Brush	Hiester	Richmond
Buffum	Hill	Rogers
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Holmes	Ross
Campbell	Hostetter	Russ
Case	Kendall	Sampson
Clagett	Kinsey	Sergeant
Cook	Lathrop	Silsbee
Crafts	Lincoln	Sloan
Cushman	Linn	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Darlington	Livermore	Southard
Dennison	Lyman	Stevens
Dewitt	Maclay	Storrs
Dickinson	Mallery	Street
Dowse	Marchand	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Eddy	Mason	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Meech	Tarr
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Meigs	Taylor
Fay	R. Moore	Tomlinson
Folger	S. Moore	Tompkins
Foot	Monell	Tracy
Ford	Morton	Upham
Forrest	Moseley	Van Rensselaer
Fuller	Murray	Wallace
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Wendover
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Whitman
Guyon	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Wood..... 97
Hackley	Patterson	
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Phelps	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Mr. Archer, <i>Md.</i>
Alexander	Anderson	Archer, <i>Va.</i>

Mr. Baldwin	Mr. Garnett	Mr. Rhea
Ball	Hardin	Ringgold
Barbour	Hooks	Robertson
Bloomfield	Johnson	Settle
Brevard	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Shaw
Brown	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Simkins
Bryan	Kent	Slocumb
Burton	Little	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Burwell	Lowndes	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	McCoy	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Cannon	McCreary	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cobb	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Strother
Cocke	Mercer	Swearingen
Crawford	Metcalf	Terrell
Culbreth	Neale	Trimble
Culpepper	Newton	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cuthbert	Overstreet	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Davidson	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Tyler
Earle	Pinckney	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Pindall	Warfield
Ervin	Quarles	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Fisher	Randolph	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Floyd	Rankin	
Fullerton	Reed	

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The question was then taken, Will the House insist on their disagreement to the ninth section of the said amendments?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....160,
Nays.....14.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Bryan	Mr. Darlington
Adams	Buffum	Davidson
Alexander	Burton	Dennison
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Burwell	Dewitt
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Dickinson
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Dowse
Anderson	Campbell	Earle
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Cannon	Eddy
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Case	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>
Ball	Clagett	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>
Barbour	Clark	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>
Bateman	Cobb	Ervin
Beecher	Cook	Fay
Boden	Crafts	Fisher
Brevard	Culbreth	Floyd
Brown	Cushman	Folger
Brush	Cuthbert	Foot

Mr. Ford	Mr. Marchand	Mr. Sampson
Forrest	Mason	Sergeant
Fuller	Meigs	Settle
Garnett	Metcalf	Silsbee
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	R. Moore	Simkins
Gross, <i>Pca.</i>	S. Moore	Slocumb
Guyon	Monell	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Hackley	Morton	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Moseley	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Hardin	Murray	Southard
Hazard	Neale	Stevens
Hemphill	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Storrs
Hendricks	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Street
Herrick	Newton	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Hibshman	Overstreet	Strother
Hiester	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Swearingen
Hill	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Taylor
Holmes	Patterson	Terrill
Hooks	Phelps	Tomlinson
Hostetter	Philson	Tompkins
Johnson	Pinckney	Tracy
Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Pindall	Trimble
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Pitcher	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Kendall	Plumer	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Kent	Quarles	Tyler
Kinsey	Randolph	Upham
Kinsley	Rankin	Van Rensselaer
Lincoln	Reed	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Linn	Rhea	Wallace
Livermore	Rich	Warfield
Lowndes	Richards	Wendover
Lyman	Richmond	Whitman
Maclay	Ringgold	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
McCoy	Robertson	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
McCreary	Rogers	Wood..... 160
McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Ross	
Mallary	Russ	



Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Baldwin	Mr. Lathrop	Mr. Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Bloomfield	Little	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Cocke	Mercer	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Culpepper	Shaw	Tarr..... 14
Fullerton	Sloan	

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate ask a conference on the subject matter of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state

of Maine into the Union," and have appointed managers at the said conference on their part; and then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and on the several petitions and memorials upon that subject, and thereto committed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the said bill, with amendments.

Mr. Lowndes submitted the following proposition of amendment, to be added to the first rule under the head *Of Decorum and Debate*; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table for one day:

"And if any member shall not confine himself to the question under debate, and shall be called to order, if the decision of the Speaker, or of the House upon appeal, be against the member thus deviating from the question, such member shall not be, at that time, permitted to proceed, without the special leave of the House."

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 29, 1820.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of Jacob Groscost, praying compensation for a horse lost in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain; as, also, for damages sustained by his wagon and team while in said service, owing, as he alleges, to a want of forage.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of Elijah Glover, stating that, in the year 1813, he was regularly appointed a contractor for supplying certain detachments of the militia of the state of Ohio, then in the service of the United States, with provisions and forage; that he purchased and paid for, out of his private funds, large quantities, and distributed them to the troops, for which he has not been allowed in the settlement of his accounts; and praying to be paid for the same, together with compensation for his personal services in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of Peter Cardelli, a native of the ancient city of Rome, now resident in the city of Washington, a sculptor by profession, praying that an act may be passed to secure to him, and other sculptors within the United States, the benefit of their labors, by granting them an exclusive property, for fourteen years, in their models, or casts; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of James Times; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

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

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be directed to report a bill, authorizing the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to erect a Masonic Hall, in this city, by lottery.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing the following post routes in the state of Alabama, to wit: From Tuscaloosa to Columbus, in Marion county, by the court-house; from Cahawba, by Joseph Britton's, Old Town, Falls of Cahawba, King and Smith's store, Shelby court-house, David McLaughlin's, St. Clair court-house, Vincent Bennet's, through the Cherokee nation, to James Patterson's, thence to Washington, in Rhea county, Tennessee; from Burnt Corn Spring to Conecuh court-house, and to Fort Crawford; from Huntsville to Jackson court-house, to Lowry's Ferry, thence to Washington, in Rhea county, Tennessee; from Cahawba to Portland, Canton, Prairie Bluffs, Black's Bluffs, to Foster's, thence to Fort Claiborne; from Moresville, in Cotaco county, to Melton's Bluff, Courtland, Bainbridge, to the Big Spring, in Franklin county.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an abstract of the official emoluments and expenditures of the officers of the customs for the year 1819; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendment proposed yesterday by Mr. Lowndes to the rules of the House; which, being read,

Mr. Randolph moved to add to the said amendment the following, viz: *Provided, that, in such case, the words in question shall be reduced to writing, and that the member thus called to order shall be at liberty, if he shall so choose, to explain the same.*

Mr. Mercer then moved that the amendment of Mr. Lowndes, together with the addition proposed thereto by Mr. Randolph, be laid upon the table; which, being rejected,

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed until to-morrow.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the message from the Senate asking a conference upon the subject matter of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union;" whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference asked by the Senate upon the subject matter of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments depending to the bill aforesaid, and that managers be appointed to the same on their part.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Parker, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Kinsey, be the managers at the said conference on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 28th instant, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Pettit in their claim to a tract of land; and

An act further to extend the charter of the city of Washington.

The Senate have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes,'" and then he withdrew.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states; and, the said amendments being read, were concurred in by the House, with the exception of the following: "*And shall ordain and establish, that there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the said state, otherwise than in the punishment of crimes whereof the party shall have been duly convicted: Provided, always, that any person escaping within the same, from whom labor or service is lawfully claimed in any other state, such fugitive may be lawfully reclaimed, and conveyed to the person claiming his or her labor, or service, as aforesaid: Provided, nevertheless, that the said provision shall not be construed to alter the condition or civil rights of any person now held to service or labor in the said territory.*"

The question was then stated to concur in the said amendment; when,

Mr. Storrs moved to amend the same by striking out these words: "*And shall ordain and establish that;*" and, in lieu thereof, to insert the following, to wit:

"*And be it further enacted, that the following propositions be, and the same are hereby, offered to the said convention, for their free acceptance or rejection, to be incorporated into the constitution of the said state, as articles of compact between the said state and the United States, viz: "That there be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the said state, otherwise than in the punishment of crimes whereof the party shall have been duly convicted: Provided, always, that any person escaping within the same from whom labor or service is lawfully claimed in any other state, such fugitive may be lawfully reclaimed, and conveyed to the person claiming his or her labor or service, as aforesaid: Provided, nevertheless, that the said provision shall not be construed to alter the condition or civil rights of any person now held to service or labor in the said territory."*

And, on the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Storrs,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....82,
Nays..... 98.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander

Allen, *Ten.*

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*

Archer, *Va.*

Baldwin

Ball

Barbour

Bloomfield

Brevard

Brown

Bryan

Burton

Burwell

Butler, *Lou.*

Cannon

Cobb

Cocke

Crawford

Crowell

Culbreth

Culpepper

Cuthbert

Davidson

Earle

Edwards, *N. C.*

Ervin

Mr. Fisher

Floyd

Fullerton

Garnett

Hall, *N. C.*

Hardin

Hill

Holmes

Hooks

Jones, *Va.*

Kent

Little

Lowndes

McCoy

McCreary

McLane, *Del.*

McLean, *Ken.*

Mason

Meigs

Mercer

Metcalf

Neale

Nelson, *Va.*

Newton

Overstreet

Parker, *Va.*

Pinckney

Pindall

Mr. Quarles

Rankin

Reed

Rhea

Ringgold

Robertson

Settle

Shaw

Simkins

Slocumb

Smith, *Md.*

B. Smith, *Va.*

A. Smyth, *Va.*

Smith, *N. C.*

Storrs

Strother

Swearingen

Terrell

Trimble

Tucker, *Va.*

Tucker, *S. C.*

Tyler

Walker, *N. C.*

Warfield

Williams, *Va.*

Williams, *N. C.* 82

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Mass.*

Allen, *N. Y.*

Baker

Bateman

Beecher

Boden

Brush

Buffum

Butler, *N. H.*

Campbell

Case

Claggett

Clark

Cook

Crafts

Mr. Cushman

Darlington

Dennison

Dewitt

Dickinson

Dowse

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *Penn.*

Fay

Folger

Foot

Ford

Forrest

Fuller

Gross, *N. Y.*

Mr. Gross, *Penn.*

Guyon

Hackley

Hall, *N. Y.*

Hazard

Hemphill

Hendricks

Herrick

Hibsham

Hiester

Hostetter

Johnson

Jones, *Ten.*

Kendall

Kinsey

Kinaley

Mr. Lathrop	Mr. Patterson	Mr. Southard
Lincoln	Phelps	Stevens
Linn	Philson	Street
Livermore	Pitcher	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Lyman	Plumer	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Maclay	Randolph	Tarr
Mallary	Rich	Taylor
Marchand	Richards	Tomlinson
Meech	Richmond	Tompkins
R. Moore	Rogers	Tracy
S. Moore	Ross	Upham
Monell	Russ	Van Rensselaer
Morton	Sampson	Wallace
Moseley	Sergeant	Wendover
Murray	Silsbee	Whitman
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Sloan	Wood..... 98
Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	

The question was then taken to concur with the committee of the whole house in the amendment above stated,

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....94,
 { Nays.....86.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Edwards, Penn.	Mr. Livermore
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Fay	Lyman
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Folger	Maclay
Baker	Ford	Mallary
Bateman	Forrest	Marchand
Beecher	Fuller	Meech
Boden	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	R. Moore
Brush	Gross, <i>Penn.</i>	S. Moore
Buffum	Guyon	Monell
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hackley	Morton
Campbell	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Moseley
Case	Hazard	Murray
Clagett	Hemphill	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Clark	Hendricks	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Cook	Herrick	Patterson
Crafts	Hibshman	Phelps
Cushman	Hiester	Philson
Darlington	Hostetter	Pitcher
Dennison	Kendall	Plumer
Dewitt	Kinsey	Rich
Dickinson	Kinsley	Richards
Dowse	Lathrop	Richmond
Eddy	Lincoln	Rogers
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Linn	Ross

Mr. Russ
 Sampson
 Sergeant
 Silsbee
 Sloan
 Smith, N. J.
 Southard
 Stevens

Mr. Street
 Strong, Vt.
 Strong, N. F.
 Tarr
 Taylor
 Tomlinson
 Tompkins
 Tracy

Mr. Upham
 Van Rensselaer
 Wallace
 Wendover
 Whitman
 Wood..... 94

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot
 Alexander
 Allen, Ten.
 Anderson
 Archer, Md.
 Archer, Va.
 Baldwin
 Ball
 Barbour
 Bloomfield
 Brevard
 Brown
 Bryan
 Burton
 Burwell
 Butler, Lou.
 Cannon
 Cobb
 Cocke
 Crawford
 Crowell
 Culbreth
 Culpepper
 Cuthbert
 Davidson
 Earle
 Edwards, N. C.
 Ervin
 Fisher

Mr. Floyd
 Foot
 Fullerton
 Garnett
 Hall, N. C.
 Hardin
 Hill
 Holmes
 Hooks
 Johnson
 Jones, Va.
 Jones, Ten.
 Kent
 Little
 Lowndes
 McCoy
 McCreary
 McLane, Del.
 McLean, Ken.
 Mason
 Meigs
 Mercer
 Metcalf
 Neale
 Nelson, Va.
 Newton
 Overstreet
 Parker, Va.
 Pinckney

Mr. Pindall
 Quarles
 Randolph
 Rankin
 Reed
 Rhea
 Ringgold
 Robertson
 Settle
 Shaw
 Simkins
 Slocumb
 Smith, Md.
 B. Smith, Va.
 A. Smyth, Va.
 Smith, N. C.
 Storrs
 Strother
 Swearingen
 Terrell
 Trimble
 Tucker, Va.
 Tucker, S. C.
 Tyler
 Walker, N. C.
 Warfield
 Williams, Va.
 Williams, N. C.

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A motion was then made by Mr. Taylor further to amend the said bill by striking out these words: "And the said state, when formed, shall be admitted into the Union upon an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatever;" and, in lieu thereof, to insert, "And if the same (that is, the constitution) shall be approved by Congress, the said territory shall be admitted into the Union as a state, upon the same footing as the original states."

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....49,
 { Nays.....125.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Guyon	Mr. Richards
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Hackley	Richmond
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Hemphill	Rogers
Buffum	Herrick	Ross
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hostetter	Sergeant
Clark	Kinsley	Storrs
Crafts	Lathrop	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Cushman	Lyman	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Darlington	Maclay	Tarr
Dennison	Marchand	Taylor
Dowse	Meech	Tracy
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Morton	Van Rensselaer
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Murray	Wallace
Fay	Patterson	Wendover
Folger	Phelps	Wood..... 49
Forrest	Philson	
Fuller	Rich	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Crawford	Mr. Hill
Alexander	Crowell	Holmes
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Culbreth	Hooks
Anderson	Culpepper	Johnson
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Cuthbert	Jones, <i>Va.</i>
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Davidson	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Baker	Dewitt	Kendall
Baldwin	Dickinson	Kent
Ball	Earle	Kinsey
Barbour	Eddy	Little
Bateman	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Lincoln
Beecher	Ervin	Linn
Bloomfield	Fisher	Livermore
Boden	Floyd	Lowndes
Brown	Foot	McCoy
Brush	Ford	McCreary
Bryan	Fullerton	McLane, <i>Del.</i>
Burton	Garnett	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Burwell	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Mallary
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Gross, <i>Penn.</i>	Mason
Campbell	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Meigs
Cannon	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Mercer
Case	Hardin	Metcalf
Clagett	Hazard	R. Moore
Cobb	Hendricks	S. Moore
Cocke	Hibshman	Monell
Cook	Hiester	Moseley

Mr. Neale	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Stevens
Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Russ	Street
Newton	Sampson	Swearingen
Overstreet	Settle	Terrell
Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Shaw	Tomlinson
Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Silsbee	Tompkins
Pinckney	Simkins	Trimble
Pindall	Sloan	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Pitcher	Slocumb	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Plumer	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Tyler
Randolph	Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Rankin	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>	Warfield
Reed	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Rhea	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Ringgold	Southard	125

The question was then taken, Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....93,
Nays..... 84.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Folger	Mr. Meech
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Ford	R. Moore
Anderson	Forrest	S. Moore
Baker	Fuller	Monell
Bateman	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Morton
Beecher	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Moseley
Boden	Guyon	Murray
Brush	Hackley	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Buffum	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hemphill	Patterson
Campbell	Hendricks	Phelps
Case	Herrick	Philson
Clagett	Hibshman	Pitcher
Clark	Hiester	Plumer
Cook	Hill	Rich
Crafts	Hostetter	Richards
Cushman	Kendall	Richmond
Darlington	Kinsey	Rogers
Dennison	Kinsley	Ross
Dewitt	Lathrop	Russ
Dickinson	Lincoln	Sampson
Dowse	Linn	Sergeant
Eddy	Lyman	Silsbee
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Maclay	Sloan
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Mallery	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Fay	Marchand	Southard

Mr. Stevens	Mr. Taylor	Mr. Van Rensselaer
Street	Tomlinson	Wallace
Strong, <i>Vt.</i>	Tompkins	Wendover
Strong, <i>N. F.</i>	Tracy	Whitman
Tarr	Upham	Wood..... 93

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Floyd	Mr. Pinckney
Alexander	Foot	Pindall
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Fullerton	Quarles
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Garnett	Randolph
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Rankin
Baldwin	Hardin	Reed
Ball	Holmes	Rhea
Barbour	Hooks	Ringgold
Bloomfield	Johnson	Robertson
Brevard	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Settle
Brown	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Shaw
Bryan	Kent	Simkins
Burton	Little	Slocumb
Burwell	Livermore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Lowndes	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Cannon	McCoy	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Cobb	McCreary	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cocke	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Storrs
Crawford	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Strother
Crowell	Mason	Swearingen
Culbreth	Meigs	Trimble
Culpepper	Mercer	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cuthbert	Metcalf	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Davidson	Neale	Tyler
Earle	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Newton	Warfield
Ervin	Overstreet	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Fisher	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 84

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1820.

Mr. Quarles announced the death of David Walker, a member of this House from the state of Kentucky; whereupon,

1. Resolved unanimously, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of David Walker, deceased, late a Representative from the state of Kentucky.

2. Resolved, That the said David Walker having communicated to the Speaker of this House, and to the honorable James Barbour, of the Senate, shortly before his death, his wish that he might be buried without pomp or parade, attended by a few only of his friends;

in compliance with his wish, this House will, on this occasion, not conform to the practice, which has heretofore prevailed, of adjourning to attend the funeral of a deceased member.

3. Resolved further, That, in conformity to the spirit of the same wish of the deceased, the members of this House will depart from the usage of wearing crape for one month, with the exception of those who may voluntarily choose to conform to said usage.

Mr. Quarles, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hardin, Mr. M'Lean, of Kentucky, Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Trimble, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Culbreth, were appointed a committee pursuant to the first resolution.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it will adjourn to meet at 12 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Vernon, in the county of Wyndham, and state of Vermont;

Mr. Neale presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of St. Mary, in the state of Maryland;

Mr. Hall, of North Carolina, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants in the vicinity of Croom's ferry, in North Carolina; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Lubec, in the District of Maine, and of places lying on the waters of Passamaquoddy river, in the said District, praying for an alteration in the mail route from Portland to Lubec; which petition was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut, presented a petition of Sally Ellis, widow of Giles Ellis, deceased, late a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain, on behalf of herself and the children of the deceased, praying to be allowed and paid five years' half pay, as a commutation of the bounty in land to which they are entitled for his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of William Elliott, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Gross, of New York, presented a petition of George B. R. Gove, praying that the moiety belonging to the United States, of a forfeiture incurred by him in the importation of a quantity of dry goods, from the British province of Canada, and which has been remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury, may be paid to him, and that the damage which he has sustained in consequence of the seizure and condemnation of his goods, which he declares to have been illegally and collusively done, may be made good to him, or that the duties, the payment of which he secured by bonds, may be remitted; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the cases of Samuel Wellington, of Joseph Colby, and of Ezekiel Walker, and that the former be referred to the Secretary of War, and the two latter to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be also discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Wardwell Green, of Dean Weymouth, of John Read, of Moses Smith, of Benjamin Randall, and of John Patterson, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, made a report on the petition of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons in the District of Columbia; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That leave be given to *withdraw* the said petition.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Wells, and that it be referred to a select committee; and Mr. R. Moore, Mr. Marchand, Mr. Hardin, Mr. Sloan, and Mr. Philson, were appointed the said Committee.

Mr. Cannon, from the Committee on the subject of the Militia, reported a bill to establish an uniform mode of discipline and field exercise for the Militia of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill "providing for clothing the militia when called into the service of the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, communicating the information required by the resolution of the 24th ult. in relation to a loan of gunpowder made to the firm of Stull and Williams, of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, communicating information required by the resolution of the 24th ult. in relation to the contracts heretofore made with James Johnson, Alexander M' Rae, Elias Earle, and Peter Townsend, for the delivery of powder, arms, cannon, or shot; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the pensions of Elias Barrow, Caleb Atherton, and Shephard Packard, invalids, disabled by known wounds received in the war of the revolution.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Nathan Babbit, heretofore presented to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Whitman submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to enquire, and report to this House, what right, if any, Commodore

Stuart had, by law, or otherwise, to require that men, whose term of enlistment expired while on the Mediterranean station, should either re-enlist or forfeit the right "to any claims or provision, as distressed seamen, from the Consuls of the United States in Europe;" and what right existed at the Departments of the Treasury and Navy "to refuse remuneration for such claims," as stated in a letter under date of the 27th January, 1820, addressed by the Secretary of the Navy to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act altering the place of holding the Circuit and District Court in the district of Ohio."

They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the better regulation of the trade with the Indian tribes;

An act for the relief of Robert Purdy;

An act in addition to an act entitled "An act regulating the Post Office establishment;"

An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge;

An act for the relief of Labedoyere de Kermion;

An act for the relief of Joseph M'Neil; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," was read the third time; and debate arising,

The previous question was called for, and being demanded by a majority of the members present, it was taken in the form prescribed by the rules and orders of the House, to wit:

"Shall the main question be *now* put?"

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, to wit: *Shall the bill pass?*

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 91,
Nays.....82.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Cushman	Mr. Gross, N. Y.
Allen, N. F.	Darlington	Gross, Pen.
Baker	Dennison	Guyon
Bateman	Dewitt	Hackley
Beecher	Dickinson	Hall, N. F.
Boden	Dowse	Hazard
Brush	Eddy	Hemphill
Buffum	Edwards, Con.	Hendricks
Campbell	Edwards, Pen.	Herrick
Case	Fay	Hibshman
Clagett	Folger	Hiester
Clark	Ford	Hill
Cook	Forrest	Hostetter
Crafts	Fuller	Kendall

Mr. Kinsey	Mr. Patterson	Mr. Stevens
Kinsley	Phelps	Street
Lathrop	Philson	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Lincoln	Pitcher	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Linn	Plumer	Tarr
Lyman	Rich	Taylor
Maclay	Richards	Tomlinson
Marchand	Richmond	Tempkins
Meech	Rogers	Tracy
R. Moore	Ross	Upham
S. Moore	Russ	Van Rensselaer
Monell	Sampson	Wallace
Morton	Sergeant	Wendover
Moseley	Silsbee	Whitman
Murray	Sloan	Wood.....91
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	
Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Southard	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Fullerton	Mr. Randolph
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Garnett	Rankin
Anderson	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Reed
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Hardin	Rhea
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Holmes	Ringgold
Baldwin	Hooks	Robertson
Barbour	Johnson	Settle
Bayly	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Shaw
Bloomfield	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Simkins
Brevard	Kent	Slocumb
Brown	Little	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Bryan	Lowndes	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Burton	McCoy	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Burwell	McCreary	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Storrs
Cannon	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Strother
Cobb	Mason	Swearingen
Crowell	Meigs	Terrell
Culbreth	Mercer	Trimble
Culpepper	Metcalf	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cuthbert	Neale	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Davidson	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Tyler
Earle	Newton	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Overstreet	Warfield
Ervin	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Fisher	Pinckney	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Floyd	Pindall	
Foot	Quarles	

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.
And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 2, 1820.

James Woodson Bates appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat as the delegate from the territory of Arkansas; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of Philip Lefavour, William Cruff, Richard Parker, and John Bray, fishermen, praying to be allowed the bounty granted by law to persons employed in the cod fishery, which is withheld for reasons detailed in the petition.

Mr. Sergeant presented a memorial and petition of William Bayard, of the city of New-York, merchant, in behalf of himself and others, holders of property in the three per cent. stocks of the United States, representing, that the proceeds of the sale of the public lands in the Western Territory were, by the act of the 4th of August, 1790, pledged, in the most formal and solemn manner, towards sinking or discharging the said stocks; that the holders of the said stocks, since its first creation, have done no one act tending to show that they had given up, in any degree, their reliance on the faith of the government, so expressly pledged originally, that the proceeds of the said western lands should be applied to extinguish their stocks; on the contrary, they have retained their full faith and reliance on the promises of the government, and still retain it; they, therefore, pray that Congress will take their case into consideration, and make such provision as justice may require.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Barnstable, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that a lighthouse may be erected on the south side of the harbor of Barnstable; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Lathrop presented a petition of Hezekiah Hutchins, a soldier of the revolution, praying for a pension.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of Joseph Dunlap, praying compensation for provisions, and other necessaries, furnished a detachment of troops in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Pinckney presented a petition of Mary Cassin, administratrix of Patrick Cassin, deceased, stating that she is in possession of a number of certificates issued to soldiers in the late war, for the balance of pay due them, for which payment is refused at the War Department, and praying that provision may be made for the liquidation of the said certificates.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Lathrop presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Massachusetts, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to regulate

the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Greene county, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented sundry resolutions of the General Assembly of the state of Louisiana, remonstrating against any change in the system heretofore, and now, existing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, which may have for its object the abolition of the credit now allowed, and the substitution of cash payment for lands purchased of the United States; which resolutions were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of James Mitchum, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James W. Lowe, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee appointed upon the subject, reported a bill to restore to all the states, which have, in cessions, omitted to retain the same, the jurisdiction of the territory ceded to the United States for forts, arsenals, dockyards, and barracks, so far as respects the execution of their state laws, for the prevention and punishment of crimes, and recovery of debts; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill to authorize the President of the United States to appoint a receiver of the public moneys, and register of the land office, for the district of Lawrence county, in the Arkansas territory; and the said bill being amended, was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reviving, and continuing in force, an act, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received during the revolutionary war," passed April 10th, 1806, which act was afterwards revived, and continued in force for the term of six years, by an act of the 25th of April, 1812, as in said act declared, and is since expired.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Ordered, That four thousand copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury upon the subject of the currency of the country, be printed for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Bateman,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of requiring, by law, the marshals of the several districts in selling real estate by virtue of execution, to hold

such sale in the city or county in which such real estate shall be situate.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be required to communicate to this House the state of the bank of the United States on the first days of March, June, and December, last.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Montgomery, in Illinois, by Brownsville and Gill's Ferry, to Jackson, in Missouri territory.

On motion of Mr. Hooks,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the propriety of providing by law for an equitable adjustment of the accounts of Andrew McIntire, deceased, late collector of direct tax and internal duties in the sixth collection district of North Carolina, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Hooks, Mr. Slocumb, and Mr. Settle, were appointed the said committee.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the better regulation of the trade with the Indian tribes;
2. An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act regulating the post-office establishment;
3. An act for the relief of Robert Purdy;
4. An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duvergé;
5. An act for the relief of Labedoyere De Kermion; and
6. An act for the relief of Joseph McNeil; were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the first to the Committee on Indian Affairs, the second to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth, to the Committee of Claims.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, which was read, and is as follows, viz:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 4th of February last, requesting to be informed what progress has been made in surveying certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, and in ascertaining the latitude and longitude of the extreme points of Cape Hatteras, Cape Look Out, and Cape Fear, according to a resolution of the 19th of January, 1819, I have to state, that it is intended to carry the resolution of the 19th of March into effect in the present year. The co-operation of the board of engineers with naval commissioners being necessary in executing that duty, and the board having been engaged last year in surveying the eastern coast of our Union, it would have interfered with previous arrangements, and been attended with increased expense, had they been withdrawn from

it. The board will, however, be employed during the present summer in the regular execution of its duties in the survey of the coast of North Carolina, when instructions will be given it to afford the necessary aid to carry the resolution of the 19th of January, of the last year, into effect.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 1, 1820.

Ordered, That the said message lie on the table.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1820; as, also, on the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820; and on the bill making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1820; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act establishing a circuit court within and for the District of Maine;

An act to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to provide for reports of decisions of the supreme court," approved the third of March, 1817; and

An act to establish a district court in the state of Alabama; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storrs reported the first and last mentioned bills, with amendments to each, and asked leave for the committee of the whole to sit again on the second mentioned bill.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill, and that the said first and last mentioned bills, with the amendments reported thereto, lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," with amendments; they have, also, passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Goetz and Carl W. Westphal, and of the heirs of Abraham Neppes, deceased;" in which amendments and bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Holmes, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend a conference with the managers appointed on the part of the Senate, upon the subject matter of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the

bill of this House, entitled "An act providing for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union," made the following report:

1st. That they recommend to the Senate to recede from their amendments to the said bill.

2d. That they recommend to the two Houses to agree to strike out of the fourth section of the bill from the House of Representatives, now pending in the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," the following proviso, in the following words: "And shall ordain and establish, that there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, otherwise than in the punishment of crimes whereof the party shall have been duly convicted: Provided, always, that any person escaping into the same, from whom labor or service is lawfully claimed in any other state, such fugitive may be lawfully reclaimed, and conveyed to the person claiming his or her labor or service, as aforesaid: Provided, nevertheless, that the said provision shall not be construed to alter the condition or civil rights of any person now held to service or labor in the said territory."

And that the following provision be added to the bill:

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That, in all that territory ceded by France to the United States, under the name of "Louisiana," which lies north of thirty-six degrees and thirty minutes north latitude, not included within the limits of the state contemplated by this act, slavery and involuntary servitude, otherwise than in the punishment of crimes whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall be, and is hereby, for ever prohibited: Provided, always, that any person escaping into the same, from whom labor or service is lawfully claimed in any other state or territory of the United States, such fugitive may be lawfully reclaimed, and conveyed to the person claiming his or her labor or service, as aforesaid.

The said report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And the House then took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states;" and the said amendments being in exact conformity to the report, or recommendations, of the committee of conference herein recited,

The question was stated to concur with the Senate in the said amendments, when a division of the said question was called for; and, debate arising on the question to concur in the first of the said amendments,

The previous question was called for; and, being demanded by a majority of the members present, it was taken in the form prescribed by the rules and orders of the House, to wit:

Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, to wit: Will the House concur with the Senate in so much of the said amendments as proposes to strike out from the fourth section of the bill the provisions prohibiting slavery or involuntary servitude in the contemplated state, otherwise than in the punishment of crimes, as recited in the report of the committee of conference,

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....90,
Nays.....87.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Floyd	Mr. Pindall
Alexander	Foot	Quarles
Allen, Ten.	Fullerton	Randolph
Anderson	Garnett	Rankin
Archer, Md.	Hall, N. C.	Reed
Archer, Va.	Hardin	Rhea,
Baldwin	Hill	Ringgold
Barbour	Holmes	Robertson
Bayly	Hooks	Settle
Bloomfield	Johnson	Shaw
Brevard	Jones, Va.	Simkins
Brown	Jones, Ten.	Slocumb
Bryan	Kent	Smith, N. J.
Burton	Kinsey	Smith, Md.
Burwell	Little	B. Smith, Va.
Butler, Lou.	Lowndes	A. Smyth, Va.
Cannon	McCoy	Smith, N. C.
Cobb	McCreary	Stevens
Cocke	McLane, Del.	Storrs
Crawford	McLean, Ken.	Strother
Crowell	Mason	Swearingen
Culbreth	Meigs	Terrell
Culpepper	Mercer	Trimble
Cuthbert	Metcalf	Tucker, Va.
Davidson	Neale	Tucker, S. C.
Earle	Nelson, Va.	Tyler
Eddy	Newton	Walker, N. C.
Edwards, N. C.	Overstreet	Warfield
Ervin	Parker, Va.	Williams, Va.
Fisher	Pinckney	Williams, N. C. 90

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Boden	Mr. Clark
Allen, Mass.	Brush	Cook
Allen, N. Y.	Buffum	Crafts
Baker	Butler, N. H.	Cushman
Bateman	Campbell	Darlington
Beecher	Clagett	Dennison

Mr. Dewitt	Mr. Lathrop	Mr. Richards
Dickinson	Lincoln	Richmond
Dowse	Linn	Rogers
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Livermore	Ross
Fay	Lyman	Russ
Folger	Maclay	Sampson
Ford	Mallery	Sergeant
Forrest	Marchand	Silsbee
Fuller	Meech	Sloan
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	R. Moore	Southard
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	S. Moore	Street
Guyon	Monell	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Hackley	Morton	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Moseley	Tarr
Hazard	Murray	Taylor
Hemphill	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Tomlinson
Hendricks	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tracy
Herrick	Patterson	Upham
Hibshman	Phelps	Van Rensselaer
Hiester	Philon	Wallace
Hostetter	Pitcher	Wendover
Kendall	Plumer	Whitman
Kinsley	Rich	Wood..... 87

The question was then stated to concur with the Senate in their other amendment, to wit: to add to the bill a new section, as the eighth section thereof, a copy of that recommended in the report of the committee of conference, and herein recited; when,

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the said section, by inserting therein, after the word *act*, where it first occurs, the following words: "*And, also, in all that tract of country which lies west of the state of Louisiana, and of a line drawn from the north-west corner of the state of Louisiana to the south-west corner of the state contemplated by this act.*"

And, debate arising on the said amendment offered by Mr. Taylor,

The previous question was called for; and, being demanded by a majority of the members present, it was taken in the form prescribed by the rules and orders of the House, to wit:

Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, to wit: Will the House concur with the Senate in their amendment to add to the bill the said additional section, as the eighth section thereof, and which is herein before recited,

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....134,
Nays.....42.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Mr. Anderson	Mr. Baker
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Baldwin

Mr. Bateman
 Bayly
 Beecher
 Bloomfield
 Boden
 Brevard
 Brown
 Brush
 Bryan
 Butler, *N. H.*
 Campbell
 Cannon
 Case
 Claggett
 Clark
 Cocke
 Cook
 Crafts
 Crawford
 Crowell
 Culbreth
 Culpepper
 Cushman
 Cuthbert
 Darlington
 Davidson
 Dennison
 Dewitt
 Dickinson
 Dowse
 Earle
 Eddy
 Edwards, *Pen.*
 Fay
 Fisher
 Floyd
 Foot
 Ford
 Forrest
 Fuller
 Fullerton
 Gross, *Pen.*
 Guyon

Mr. Hackley
 Hall, *N. F.*
 Hardin
 Hazard
 Hemphill
 Hendricks
 Herrick
 Hibshman
 Hiester
 Hill
 Holmes
 Hostetter
 Kendall
 Kent
 Kinsey
 Kinsley
 Lathrop
 Little
 Lincoln
 Linn
 Livermore
 Lowndes
 Lyman
 Maclay
 McCreary
 McLane, *Del.*
 McLean, *Ktn.*
 Mallery
 Marchand
 Mason
 Meigs
 Mercer
 R. Moore
 S. Moore
 Monell
 Morton
 Moseley
 Murray
 Nelson, *Mass.*
 Nelson, *Va.*
 Parker, *Mass.*
 Patterson
 Philson

Mr. Pitcher
 Plumer
 Quarles
 Rankin
 Rich
 Richards
 Richmond
 Ringgold
 Robertson
 Rogers
 Ross
 Russ
 Sampson
 Sergeant
 Settle
 Shaw
 Silsbee
 Sloan
 Smith, *N. J.*
 Smith, *Md.*
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Southard
 Stevens
 Storrs
 Street
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Strong, *N. F.*
 Strother
 Tarr
 Taylor
 Tomlinson
 Tompkins
 Tracy
 Trimble
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Upham
 Van Rensselaer
 Wallace
 Warfield
 Wendover
 Williams, *N. C.*
 Wood..... 134

Those who voted in the negative, are,
Mr. Abbot
 Adams
 Alexander
 Allen, *Mass.*
 Archer, *Va.*

Mr. Barbour
 Buffum
 Burton
 Burwell
 Butler, *Lou.*

Mr. Cobb
 Edwards, *N. C.*
 Ervin
 Folger
 Garnett

Mr. Gross, <i>F. N.</i>	Mr. Newton	Mr. Slocumb
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Overstreet	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Hooks	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Johnson	Pinckney	Swearingen
Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Pindall	Terrell
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Randolph	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
McCoy	Reed	Tyler
Metcalf	Rhea	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Neale	Simkins	Williams, <i>Va.</i>42

The amendment to the title to add the words, "and to prohibit slavery in certain territories," was then also concurred in.

And so all the amendments being concurred in, the bill was passed by the two Houses.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 3, 1820.

The Journal of the proceedings of the House on yesterday being read,

Mr. Randolph moved the House to re-consider their vote of yesterday, by which they concurred in the first amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill from this House, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states."

Mr. Speaker declared the motion out of order, until the call for petitions from the members from each state, and from the delegates from the territories, as well as the reports from the standing and select committees, shall have been gone through, and disposed of, as is required by the rules and orders of the House.

From which decision of the Speaker, Mr. Randolph appealed to the House.

And, on the question, Is the decision of the Speaker correct?

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Joseph E. Sprague, praying compensation for his services as a commissioner, appointed by the circuit court of the United States for the first circuit, to examine witnesses in certain causes, then pending in the supreme court, wherein the United States were claimants; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Newburyport, and its vicinity, in the state of Massachusetts, owners of vessels employed in the fisheries, and others concerned therein, praying that the second, third, and fourth sections of the act of the 29th of July, 1813, allowing a bounty on the exportation of certain pickled fish, may be repealed, and that the allowance made to the owners of vessels employed in the cod fishery, may be ex-

tended to those employed in the *mackerel* fishery; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Boden presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the borough of Carlisle, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Speaker having announced, that "Petitions are in order from the members from Virginia," Mr. Randolph rose, and moved the House to retain in their possession the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," until the period shall arrive, at which, according to the rules of the House, a motion to re-consider the vote of yesterday on concurring in the first amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill aforesaid, would be in order.

Mr. Speaker declared the said motion out of order, for the reasons assigned on a former motion of the same gentleman, on this day.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Alexander A. White, praying for a confirmation of his title to a tract of land lying in the state of Louisiana; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Charles Henry du Pasquier, and others, Swiss emigrants in the United States; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Evariste Mauri; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Anderson also made a report on the petition of James Shields, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Livermore, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made an unfavorable report on the petitions of Joseph Timberlake, of John Hutchinson, of Thomas Macy, of Alexander Barr, of James Swehey, of William Brough, of Thomas F. Vaught, of Joseph E. Sprague, and of sundry inhabitants of Georgetown, in the state of Delaware, on behalf of the post-master at that place; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Livermore, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act, en-

titled "An act regulating the post-office establishment," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate ask a further conference upon the subject matter of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill of this House, entitled "An act providing for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union," to which they have appointed managers on their part; and then he withdrew.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the said message; whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the further conference asked by the Senate upon the subject matter of the disagreeing votes on the amendments depending to the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Taylor, be appointed managers at the said conference on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Randolph, of the majority on that question, moved the House to reconsider their vote of yesterday, in which they concurred in the first amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill of this House, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states."

The Speaker, having ascertained the fact, informed the House that the proceedings of yesterday, on that bill, had been officially communicated to the Senate by the Clerk; whereupon,

Mr. Randolph moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in carrying the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," after a member from Virginia had given notice of his intention to move a reconsideration of the question decided last evening, in which the said member, viz: Mr. Randolph, voted in the majority on one of the amendments thereto, the Clerk is guilty of a breach of the privileges of a member of this House, under the rules thereof.

The question was taken, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Randolph then submitted the following proposition, viz:

"That so much of the 37th Rule as allows a reconsideration of any question, by motion of a member of the majority on such question, on the day succeeding that on which such question be taken, be expunged."

The said proposition was read, and ordered to lie on the table for one day.

On motion of Mr. Gross, of New-York,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

The House then took up, and proceeded to consider, the proposition to amend the rules and orders of the House, submitted by Mr. Lowndes on the 28th ultimo, and the amendment thereto proposed by Mr. Randolph, stated on the Journal of that day.

The question recurred on the said amendment; when,

Mr. Pindall moved that the proposition of Mr. Lowndes, and the amendment offered by Mr. Randolph, be referred to the Committee of Elections; which, being rejected,

Mr. Pindall moved that the said proposition and amendment be postponed indefinitely; which, being also rejected,

Mr. Randolph withdrew his said amendment.

And the question was then taken, Will the House agree to the proposition to amend the rules and orders as submitted by Mr. Lowndes, in the words following, viz:

"And if any member shall not confine himself to the question under debate, and shall be called to order, if the decision of the Speaker, or of the House upon appeal, be against the member thus deviating from the question, such member shall not be, at that time, permitted to proceed, without the special leave of the House;"

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....63,
Nays.....87.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Mr. S. Moore
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Folger	Monell
Anderson	Fuller	Overstreet
Baldwin	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Bloomfield	Hackley	Pitcher
Boden	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Plumer
Brush	Hendricks	Rankin
Buffum	Herrick	Robertson
Campbell	Hill	Rogers
Cannon	Hooks	Sergeant
Case	Kendall	Simkins
Clark	Kinsley	Sloan
Cocke	Lathrop	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cook	Linn	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Crowell	Livermore	Southard
Culpepper	Lowndes	Stevens
Darlington	Maclay	Tompkins
Dennison	McCreary	Upham
Dewitt	Mallary	Wallace
Dickinson	Mason	Whitman
Dowse	Meech	Wood..... 63

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Mr. Brown
Alexander	Barbour	Bryan
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Bayly	Burton

Mr. Burwell	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Richmond
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Lincoln	Ringgold
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Lyman	Ross
Clagett	McCoy	Russ
Cobb	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Sampson
Crafts	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Settle
Cushman	Marchand	Shaw
Cuthbert	Mercer	Slocumb
Davidson	Metcalf	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Earle	R. Moore	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Morton	Storrs
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Murray	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Floyd	Neale	Strother
Ford	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Swearingen
Forrest	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Tarr
Fullerton	Newton	Taylor
Garnett	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Terrell
Guyon	Patterson	Tomlinson
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Phelps	Tracy
Hardin	Philson	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Hazard	Pindall	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Hemphill	Quarles	Tyler
Hibshman	Randolph	Warfield
Hieater	Reed	Wendover
Holmes	Rhea	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Hostetter	Richards	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 87

Mr. Holmes, from the managers on the part of this House to attend a further conference with the managers on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments depending to the bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Walter Channing," in which they ask the concurrence of this House: The Senate concur in the report of the last committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union," viz:

That the Senate recede from the said amendments, and that the bill be amended by striking out the word "next," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty," in which amendment they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the said message; whereupon,

Resolved, That this House concur in the amendment recommended by the committee of conference.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Walter Channing," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Gætz and Carl W. Westphal, and the heirs of Abraham Nepped, deceased," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to appoint a receiver of public moneys, and a register of the land office, for the district of Laurence county, in the territory of Arkansas," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act altering the place of holding the circuit and district court in the district of Ohio;

An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;"

An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union; and

An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and to prohibit slavery in certain territories; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 6, 1820.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of Joseph Durfee, a lieutenant colonel in the army of the revolution, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Moseley,

Ordered, That the petition of Andrew Law, presented on the 1st of February, 1816, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of John Maxon;

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of James Cation; respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Samuel Moore presented a petition of Isaac Lewis, praying for an increase of pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Samuel Stones, attorney in fact for Messrs. Benjamin Gott & Sons, of Leeds, in England, stating that the said Messrs. Gott & Sons, in the year 1819, shipped, by direction of the petitioner, a considerable quantity of goods, wares, and

merchandize, for the account of a merchant in the city of Philadelphia, which, upon its arrival in that port, being unaccompanied by the consular certificate required by law, could not be admitted to entry, unless upon the payment of an additional duty of fifty per cent.; that the said merchandize was then stored in the public warehouse; and that, upon the arrival of the said certificate, the collector still refused to admit the same to entry, unless upon payment of said duty, and praying relief in the premises; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. McCoy presented a petition of Elizabeth Braden, stating that she is the mother of George Braden, deceased, who enlisted in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, for five years, or during the war, and who died of wounds received in battle; that the said George, being an illegitimate child, she cannot obtain the pay and bounty in money and land to which he was entitled at the time of his death; and praying that an act may be passed authorizing the said pay and bounty to be paid and granted to her.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Arkansas, praying for the right of pre-emption in the purchase of the lands on which they reside.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Abbot presented a petition of Lemuel Wotten, praying compensation for a wagon and team lost in the military service of the United States during the war with the Seminole Indians; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Joseph Whitten; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved. That the prayer of the petitioner be *not* granted.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, reported a bill to revive and continue in force an act, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war, and for other purposes;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Jeremiah Bradbury, guardian of Parthena and Sally Sherman, of Gilbert Willett, of Joseph Durfee, of Charles Gilman, of Charles Brown, of Seth Weed, and of Sally Ellis; and that the former be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, the second, third, and fourth, to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the three latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was recommitted the bill in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, reported the same, with an amendment; which,

together with the said bill, was committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made reports on the petitions of William Smith, of Abraham Montague, and of Job Hewett; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitions of William Smith, and of Abraham Montague, and that Job Hewett have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Joseph Bruce, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz, and others," made a report thereon, recommending that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the said bill and report lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 3d instant, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act altering the place of holding the circuit and district court in the district of Ohio;

An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;"

An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union; and

An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and to prohibit slavery in certain territories.

Mr. Hooks, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill for the relief of Ann McIntire, widow and administratrix of Andrew McIntire, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Slocumb submitted the following resolution, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, be authorized to close this session, by adjournment of their respective Houses, on Monday, the _____ day of _____ next.

Mr. Cocke submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the naval establishment of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House copies of all contracts which have been made for the building

or repairing fortifications, arsenals, or magazines, since the year 1815; and, also, that he report the amount of moneys actually paid, to whom, and when, and whether public notice was actually given of said contracts, and what surety was given, in what amount, and whether the surety is still solvent, and whether the contracts have been faithfully performed.

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the location of unsatisfied warrants, (issued to the troops of the Virginia state line, for services during the revolutionary war,) on some of the unappropriated lands of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry at the mouth of Pearl river, in the state of Mississippi.

Mr. Pindall moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 1st of February last, proposing an amendment to the rules of the House, in relation to the admission of stenographers within the Hall.

And, on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of John Brooks, and the petition of George Merrick, with their accompanying documents.

Mr. Brush moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 23d ultimo, proposing an enquiry into the expediency of designating and marking the northern boundary of the state of Ohio.

And, on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the post-office establishment,'" was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 3d instant, approve and sign "An act for the admission of the state of Maine into the Union;" on the 4th instant, "An act altering the place of holding the circuit and district court in the district of Ohio;" and "An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and, on this day, "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and to prohibit slavery in certain territories."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1820; as, also, on the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820, and the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported the former of the said bills, with amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the two remaining bills.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 7, 1820.

Mr. Parker, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Kennebeck and Lincoln, in the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of Handy Bushnell, a soldier of the revolution, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Samuel Royer, praying payment for a quantity of army supplies, purchased and paid for by him, during the revolutionary war; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Fullerton, and Mr. Maclay, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Levi Hollingsworth, coppersmith, in Baltimore, praying that a duty may be imposed on sheathing copper imported into the United States, and that the duty imposed on sheet copper may be changed from an *ad valorem* to a *specific* duty; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Crawford presented a petition of James Rabb, praying compensation for eight horses impressed into the military service of the United States, and lost during the late war with the Seminole Indians; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of Charles P. Lisle, praying to be exonerated from his liability as the surety of a certain John Kinney, on two bonds given to secure the duties on a quantity of sugar imported into the United States in the year 1819, as he has become insolvent, and is wholly unable to pay the said bonds, the said Kinney having lately also become insolvent; which petition was also referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of the President and Corporation of Worthington College, in the state of Ohio, praying for a grant of public land lying in said state, for the support of their institution.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of Philip McGuire, praying that a patent may be issued to him for a quarter section of land purchased of the United States, without the payment of the balance claimed on said land, for the reasons set forth in his petition.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, who were instructed by resolution of the 5th of January last, "to enquire into the expediency of suspending, for a limited time, so much of the standing appropriation of one million of dollars for the increase of the navy, as may be consistent with the public service; and whether any other reduction of the expenses of the navy can be made, consistent with the public service," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing the information required by the resolution of the 20th of January last, of the amount of fines, penalties, and forfeitures, imposed, levied, and collected, in the District of Columbia, by order of the circuit court of the United States for said District, for each year, from the year 1801 to 1819; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements shewing the state of the Bank of the United States on the 25th of February, 1819, the 27th of May, and the 29th of November last, made in obedience to the resolution of the 2d instant; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of War on the petition of William Lawrence; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to Mivard Sanders the value of a horse lost by him in the north-western campaign, during the late war.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making provision for the more convenient execution of the laws within the territory of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from St. Charles to Marthasville, Montgomery court-house, Loutre Island, Cote Sans Dessien, Nashville, Smithton, John Grayum's, Franklin, Spanish-Needle-Prairie, Chareton, William W. Monroe's, Grand River, Bloomfield, Missouriiton, Bluffton, to Fort Osage; and to return by Mount Vernon, Little-Osage-bottom, and Jefferson, to Chareton.

On motion of Mr. McCreary,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route between Chester court-house and Lancaster court-house, in South Carolina, to pass by the Cedar Shoals and McDonald's ferry.

On motion of Mr. Rogers,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Stroudsburg, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, to Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, in said state.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of New-York,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to enquire into the expediency of building a light-house at or near the mouth of Genesee river, on Lake Ontario.

Mr. Pindall moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 1st of February last, proposing an amendment to the rules of the House in relation to the admission of stenographers within the Hall.

And, on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Slocumb moved that the House do now consider the joint resolution submitted by him yesterday, to fix a day for the termination of the present session of Congress.

And, on the question, Will the House proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was also determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes," with amendments.

They have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Richard Willcox;

An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille; and

An act for the relief of John Pellett; in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendments reported from the committee of the whole to the bill making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1820; which, being read,

Mr. Cobb moved the following order:

Ordered, That the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1820, be re-committed to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instructions so to amend the same, as to conform the appropriations to a reduction of one-fourth of the officers, men, and guns, now in active service.

The said order being read,

Mr. Johnson moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word *means*; which was rejected.

The question was then put to agree to the order proposed by Mr. Cobb,

And determined in the negative.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole were then concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 8, 1820.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry engravers in the cities of Philadelphia and New-York, praying that heavy duties may be imposed on engraved copper plates imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Slocumb presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of Snowhill and Hookerstown, and their vicinities, in Greene county, North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of Sylvanus Philips, assignee of Henry Curter, a petition of Solomon Bodwell, a petition of Nathaniel Bassett, and a petition of Joseph Stillwell, Harold Stillwell, and John Stillwell, respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Arkansas may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Handly Bushnell, and of Joshua Yeomans, and that they be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions; from those of James Mitchum, of William Elliott, of James Cation, of James Sawyer, and of Isaac Lewis, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War; and from the petition of John Maxon, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Peter Bryan Bruin; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Campbell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah and David Hunt, and Joseph Forman, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the heirs of Abijah Hunt, and William Gordon Forman; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill

making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Richard Wilcox;
2. An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille; and
3. An act for the relief of John Pellett; were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the first to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill of this House of the same title, and the two latter to the Committee of Claims.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes," were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1820," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act regulating the post office establishment,'" and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820; as, also, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820, and on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, which was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, which, with the accompanying documents, will shew that the act of the 20th of May, 1812, respecting the northern and western boundaries of the state of Ohio, has been executed.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 8, 1820.

Ordered, That the said message and documents lie on the table. And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 9, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Archer, of Maryland, have leave of absence from the service of this House until the 21st instant.

Mr. Gross, of New-York, presented a petition of John Hunsdon, praying compensation for property used and destroyed by the troops of the United States, stationed at the French Mills, in the state of New-York, in the late war with Great Britain, as, also, for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Gross also presented a document in support of the petition of George B. R. Gove.

Mr. Samuel Moore presented a petition of Anthony Kennedy, stating that a tract of land belonging to him was sold for the payment of the direct tax thereon imposed, that he redeemed the same in the manner prescribed by law, and that, upon calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury to refund the surplus money, he was referred to the collector by whom the said land had been sold; that the said collector died without paying the said surplus, and praying the same may be paid out of the public Treasury.

Ordered, That the said document and petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of Peter Cler, a soldier in the French corps of the revolutionary army, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lawrence, in the state of Ohio, on behalf of Robert McCorkel, stating that the said McCorkel, who was a soldier of the revolution, having purchased a tract of public land, and paid the three first instalments thereon, has, by various misfortunes, become unable to pay the last instalment, and praying that the said last instalment may be remitted, and that a patent may be issued for the said land.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker communicated to the House a letter from the governor of the state of Ohio, enclosing an act passed by the general assembly of that state, entitled "An act respecting a navigable communication between Lake Erie and the Ohio;" and a resolution passed by the said general assembly, asking a donation of, grant, or right of pre-emption in the purchase of, certain lands, agreeably to the provision of the said act; as, also, for the right of pre-emption to purchase twelve sections of land, for the purpose of establishing seats of justice thereon for new counties which have been formed; which letter, with the said act and resolution, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Silabee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred, on the 18th ult., the petition of sundry fishermen of Gloucester, in the state of Massachusetts, reported a bill to amend the second section of the act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia through-

out the United States;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Rankin, from the committee, to whom was referred the petition of James Wilkinson, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill for the relief of general James Wilkinson; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made a report upon the state of the relations between the United States and Spain, accompanied by a bill to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of Louisiana,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House any information he may possess, relative to the progress that has been made in building the light-house at the mouth of the Mississippi river.

On motion of Mr. Foot,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to examine and report to this House, whether, in their opinion, cents, or copper coins, are by law made a *tender*, and whether the existing laws regulating the coins of the United States require amendments.

Mr. Strong, of Vermont, submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House such information as he may think proper relating to the progress, proceedings, and final accomplishment, of the Commissioners appointed agreeably to the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th articles of the treaty of Ghent, in ascertaining and settling the boundary line between the United States and Great Britain, in conformity to the second article of the treaty of 1783, and whether it is ascertained that the fortification at Rouse's Point, (so called,) on Lake Champlain, near the 45th degree of north latitude, is within the boundary limits of the government of Great Britain, and what has been the amount of the expenditure in erecting said fortification; and, also, to give such further information as he may think proper as to the whole amount of the expenditure already accrued to the United States, in carrying into effect said treaties, subsequent to the appointment of said commissioners, including their annual salaries or perquisites.

Mr. Pindall moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the first of February last, proposing an amendment to the rules of the House in relation to the duties of stenographers admitted within the Hall.

And, on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the engrossed resolution to authorize the publication of part of the secret Journal of Congress under the articles of confederation; and, the amendments reported thereto by the select committee being read, were concurred in by the House, and the said resolution was ordered to be re-engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, which was read, and is as follows:

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I transmit to the House of Representatives, in pursuance of their resolution of the 22d of last month, a report of the Secretary of State, with the papers containing the information requested by that resolution.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 8th March, 1820.

Ordered, That the said message and documents be committed to the Committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820; as, also, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820, and on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 10, 1820.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of John H. Jones, stating that his agent entered into a contract with a deputy quartermaster-general to supply a thousand bushels of corn for the army of the United States, in the winter of 1814 and 1815, which said corn was to be delivered as called for; that the said corn was not called for, but was left in the possession of the petitioner until an opportunity to sell it to advantage was lost, by which, he alleges, he sustained great injury; and praying relief.

Mr. Bayly presented a petition of Solomon Frazier, late commanding officer of the third division of Commodore Barney's flotilla, in the late war with Great Britain, praying to be paid for three retained rations per day, during the period of nine months; as, also, for compensation for a trunk of clothes lost in said service.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of Joseph Vance, praying compensation for a number of beef cattle lost by the imprudence of the

commanding officer of the escort, while driving to the place appointed for their delivery to the agent of the United States, in the year 1819.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Warfield presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and of Montgomery county, in the state of Maryland, praying that so much of an act of Congress of the last session as authorizes a turnpike company to make a road from Tenny-Town to Georgetown, and to collect toll thereon; as, also, to erect toll gates on the roads leading from Tenny-Town to Brookville, and to Leesburgh, may be repealed, for reasons set forth in the petition; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Harrisburgh, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

Mr. Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Daniel McDuff; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the case of William Esenbeck, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Webster, and that it be referred to the select committee appointed on the petition of Benjamin Wells.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Charles Hegins, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands; and

An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payments thereon; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills were read the first and second time, and severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

An engrossed "Resolution to authorize the publication of part of the Secret Journal of Congress under the articles of confederation," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Bowie & Kurtz, and others," together with the said bill, be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the report of the same committee, of the 3d of January last, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Eli Hart."

Mr. Cannon submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the committee of the whole House who have under consideration the bill making appropriations for the military establishment for the year 1820, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of abolishing the military academy at West Point, in the state of New-York; also, of repealing all laws in relation to said academy, from and after the first day of May next, and exposing to sale, to the highest bidder, all the property of the United States in and about the same, in such manner as may be directed by the President of the United States.

The said resolution being read, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, moved that it lie on the table; which motion was rejected.

And the question was taken to agree to the same,

And passed in the affirmative.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, which he delivered in at the Speaker's table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820; as, also, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820, and the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, which committee of the whole have this day been instructed to enquire into the expediency of abolishing the military academy at West Point; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported that the committee had gone through the former of the said bills, and made several amendments thereto, and directed him to ask leave to sit again on the two remaining bills; as, also, that they had come to the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to abolish the military academy at West Point.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said *two* last mentioned bills.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 11, 1820.

The message received yesterday from the President of the United States was read, and is as follows, viz:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress a report from the Director of the Mint, of the operations of that institution during the last year.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 10, 1820.

Ordered, That the said message and report lie on the table.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the system established by law of allowing a credit for the duties on goods, wares, and merchandize, imported into the United States, may not be changed to a cash payment of said duties; which petition was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to regulate the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; and

An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act regulating the post office establishment."

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Jenifer T. Sprigg, presented at the last session of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Moore,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from New Hope, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, by Mitchel's, Lumberville, Point Pleasant, and Erwina, to Romig's Ferry, in the same county.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the appointment of commissioners to view and mark out a road, as the continuation of the national road, from Wheeling, in Virginia, to the seat of government of the state of Ohio, thence to the contemplated seat of government of the state of Indiana, thence to the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and thence to St. Charles, on the Missouri river, on the nearest direction, and on the best ground that can be selected.

On motion of Mr. Reid,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of changing the post route from Augusta, in Georgia, to Savannah, in the same state, in such manner as that the mail stage shall pass through the town of Waynesborough, in the county of Burk.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the report of the Committee of Claims, made on the 28th of January last, on the peti-

tion of Phinehas Andrews, and the resolution therein contained being read, as follows, viz:

Resolved, *That the claim (of Phinehas Andrews) be rejected,*

Mr. Culpepper moved that the said resolution be amended so as to read, *That the claim is reasonable, and ought to be granted;* which motion was rejected.

And the question was then taken to concur in the resolution recommended by the Committee of Claims,

And passed in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, that the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to revive and continue in force an act, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war, and for other purposes," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be re-committed to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from so much of the resolution of the general assembly of the state of Ohio, referred to them on the 9th instant, as relates to a pre-emption in the purchase of lands for sites of court-houses for certain counties in that state, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill making further appropriations of money for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, and for other purposes, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendments reported yesterday by the committee of the whole to the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820, and concurred in a part of the said amendments.

The question was then taken to concur with the committee of the whole in filling the blank attached to the item "*For the quartermaster's department,*" with the sum of "*five hundred thousand dollars,*"

And determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 13, 1820.

Mr. Storrs presented documents in support of the petition of Robert Swartwout, which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of sundry merchants, and other inhabitants, of Pittsburg, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that the bill now pending before this House imposing duties on certain

sales at auction, may be passed into a law; which petition was referred to the committee of the whole to which the said bill is committed.

Mr. Baldwin also presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of coach lace, in the town of Newark, in New-Jersey, praying that additional duties may be imposed on that article imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Ordered, That the petition of John Maxon be re-committed to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Herrick presented sundry documents in support of the petition of Daniel Converse; which were referred to the Committee of Claims, to which committee the said petition was also re-committed.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolution submitted by him on the 1st ultimo, proposing an amendment to the rules of the House in relation to the duties of stenographers admitted within the Hall; and the said resolution being again read at the Clerk's table, the question was taken to agree thereto,

And determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to appoint a receiver of the public moneys, and a register of the land office, for the district of Laurence county, in the Arkansas territory."

They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nichols;

An act for the relief of Gabriel Godfroy; and

An act for the relief of Joseph Lefevre; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House again took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820; when,

Mr. Holmes moved to fill the blank attached to the item "*For the quartermaster's department,*" with the sum of "*four hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....77,
Nays..... 85.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Brown	Mr. Crowell
Allen, N. F.	Brush	Cushman
Allen, Ten.	Butler, Lou.	Cuthbert
Baldwin	Case	Dennison
Bloomfield	Clark	Dewitt
Boden	Cook	Dickinson

Mr. Dowse
 Earle
 Eddy
 Ervin
 Folger
 Ford
 Fullerton
 Gross, *N. F.*
 Guyon
 Hall, *N. F.*
 Hazard
 Hendricks
 Hibshman
 Hill
 Holmes
 Hostetter
 Jones, *Ten.*
 Kinsey
 Kinsley
 Little

Mr. Lyman
 Maclay
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Mason
 Meech
 Meigs
 Metcalf
 S. Moore
 Nelson, *Va.*
 Newton
 Parker, *Mass.*
 Parker, *Va.*
 Patterson
 Philson
 Pinckney
 Pitcher
 Quarles
 Rankin
 Rhea
 Rich

Mr. Rogers
 Sampson
 Sergeant
 Silsbee
 Simkins
 Smith, *N. J.*
 Smith, *Md.*
 B. Smith, *Va.*
 A. Smyth, *Va.*
 Street
 Strong, *N. F.*
 Strother
 Swearingen
 Tompkins
 Wallace
 Wendover
 Whitman
 Williams, *Va.*
 Wood..... 77

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams
 Alexander
 Allen, *Mass.*
 Baker
 Barbour
 Bateman
 Bayly
 Beecher
 Bryan
 Buffum
 Burwell
 Butler, *N. H.*
 Campbell
 Cannon
 Clagett
 Cobb
 Cocke
 Crafts
 Crawford
 Culpepper
 Darlington
 Davidson
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Edwards, *Pen.*
 Edwards, *N. C.*
 Fay
 Fishers
 Floyd
 Foot

Mr. Forrest
 Gross, *Pen.*
 Hall, *Del.*
 Hemphill
 Herrick
 Hiester
 Hooks
 Johnson
 Kendall
 Lathrop
 Lincoln
 Linn
 Livermore
 Lowndes
 McCoy
 McCreary
 McLane, *Del.*
 Mallery
 Marchand
 R. Moore
 Monell
 Morton
 Murray
 Neale
 Nelson, *Mass.*
 Overstreet
 Phelps
 Pindall
 Plumer

Mr. Reed
 Richards
 Richmond
 Robertson
 Ross
 Russ
 Settle
 Shaw
 Sloan
 Slocumb
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Southard
 Stevens
 Storrs
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Tarr
 Taylor
 Terrell
 Tomlinson
 Tracy
 Trimble
 Tucker, *Va.*
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Upham
 Walker, *N. C.*
 Warfield
 Williams, *N. C.*

Mr. Trimble then moved that the said blank be filled with the sum of *four hundred and eighty thousand dollars*.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative, { Yeas.....77,
Nays.....84.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Mr. Pinckney
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Guyon	Pitcher
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rankin
Baldwin	Hazard	Rhea
Beecher	Hendricks	Rich
Bloomfield	Hibshman	Rogers
Boden	Hill	Sampson
Brush	Holmes	Sergeant
Case	Hostetter	Silsbee
Clark	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Simkins
Cook	Kinsey	Sloan
Crowell	Little	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cushman	Lyman	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Cuthbert	Maclay	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Darlington	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Dennison	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Street
Dewitt	Mason	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Dickinson	Meech	Strother
Dowse	Meigs	Swearingen
Earle	Metcalf	Tompkins
Eddy	S. Moore	Trimble
Ervin	Newton	Wallace
Fisher	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Wendover
Ford	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Fullerton	Patterson	Wood..... 77
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Philson	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Mr. Fay
Alexander	Campbell	Floyd
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Cannon	Folger
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Clagett	Foot
Baker	Cobb	Forrest
Barbour	Cocke	Hall, <i>Del.</i>
Bateman	Crafts	Hemphill
Bayly	Crawford	Herrick
Brown	Culpepper	Hiester
Bryan	Davidson	Hooks
Buffum	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Johnson
Burwell	Edwards, <i>Penn.</i>	Kendall
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Kent

Mr. Lathrop	Mr. Overstreet	Mr. Southard
Lincoln	Phelps	Stevens
Linn	Pindall	Storrs
Livermore	Plumer	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
McCoy	Quarles	Tarr
McCreary	Reed	Taylor
Mallary	Richards	Terrell
Marchand	Richmond	Tomlinson
R. Moore	Robertson	Tracy
Monell	Ross	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Morton	Russ	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Murray	Settle	Upham
Neale	Shaw	Walker, <i>N. C.</i>
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Slocumb	Warfield
Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 84

On motion of Mr. Cobb, the said blank was then filled with the sum of "four hundred and fifty thousand dollars;" when,

Mr. Strother moved to add, "exclusive of any estimates for the expenses of transportation for the support of the detachment of the army of the United States now at the Council Bluffs, beyond that post."

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 14, 1820.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry merchants and underwriters in the city of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, praying to be indemnified for spoliations committed on their property on the high seas, by French cruisers, between the years 1793 and 1798, under the authority of illegal orders and decrees issued by the government of France, their claims upon which for redress were relinquished by the government of the United States in the convention of the 30th of September, 1800.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of Joseph Dunlap, praying compensation for damages committed on his growing crop of grain, and fencing, by the troops of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill concerning the Military Academy; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to appoint a receiver of the public moneys, and a register of the land office, for the district

of Laurence county, in the Arkansas territory," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Slocumb,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire, and report to this House, whether any, and, if any, what, measures are necessary to be taken for the greater security of debts due the United States in consequence of certain loans of powder, lead, and other munitions belonging to government having been made to private citizens, by any officer of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House any information which may have been received by the Department of State, or other executive department, of the amount of claims of the citizens of the United States for Spanish spoliations upon their property and commerce, or those for which the Spanish government are held responsible.

Mr. Cobb, and Mr. Strong, of New-York, were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the satisfaction of unlocated warrants, which have issued to officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment; and, also, for the emanation of patents, in cases where locations have been made, and patents not obtained.

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Beecher, Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Sloan, were appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Bloomfield submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That brigadier general Boyd, of the army of the United States in the late war with Great Britain, be admitted within the House of Representatives.

The said resolution being read, Mr. Floyd moved that it lie on the table; which was rejected.

The question was then taken to agree thereto,

And passed in the affirmative.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nichols;

An act for the relief of Gabriel Godfroy; and

An act for the relief of Joseph Lefevre, were read the first and second time, and severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House again took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820; when,

A motion was made by Mr. Cocke, that the said bill lie on the table; which was rejected.

And the question was then taken to concur in the amendment to fill the blank attached to the item, "For fortifications," with the sum of "eight hundred thousand dollars,"

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....103,
Nays.....51.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander

Archer, Va.

Baldwin

Barbour

Bateman

Bayly

Bloomfield

Boden

Brown

Brush

Buffum

Butler, Lou.

Case

Cobb

Cook

Crawford

Crowell

Cushman

Cuthbert

Darlington

Davidson

Dennison

Dewitt

Dickinson

Dowse

Earle

Edwards, Con.

Fisher

Floyd

Folger

Ford

Fuller

Fullerton

Gross, N. F.

Mr. Adams

Allen, Ten.

Baker

Mr. Gross, Penn.

Guyon

Hackley

Hall, Del.

Hibshman

Hill

Holmes

Hooks

Hostetter

Johnson

Kent

Kinsey

Kinsley

Lathrop

Little

Linn

Lowndes

Lyman

Maclay

McLane, Del.

McLean, Ken.

Mason

Meech

Meigs

S. Moore

Monell

Neale

Nelson, Mass.

Nelson, Va.

Newton

Parker, Mass.

Parker, Va.

Patterson

Phelps

Philson

Mr. Beecher

Bryan

Burwell

Mr. Pinckney

Pindall

Rankin

Reed

Rhea

Rogers

Settle

Silsbee

Simkins

Slocumb

Smith, N. J.

Smith, Md.

B. Smith, Va.

A. Smyth, Va.

Smith, N. C.

Southard

Stevens

Storrs

Street

Strong, N. F.

Strother

Swearingen

Tarr

Terrell

Tompkins

Trimble

Tucker, Va.

Wallace

Warfield

Wendover

Whitman

Williams, Va.

Wood..... 103

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Butler, N. H.

Cannon

Clagett

Mr. Cocke	Mr. Kendall	Mr. Richards
Crafts	Lincoln	Richmond
Culpepper	Livermore	Ross
Eddy	McCoy	Russ
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	McCreary	Sampson
Fay	Mallary	Shaw
Foot	Marchand	Sloan
Forrest	Metcalf	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	R. Moore	Taylor
Hardin	Morton	Tracy
Hazard	Murray	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Hemphill	Overstreet	Upham
Herrick	Plumer	Walker
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rich	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 51

The question was also taken to concur with the committee of the whole in their amendment to fill the blank attached to the item, "For the Military Academy at West Point, for fuel, maps, plans, books, and apparatus, and contingent expenses," with the sum of "eighteen thousand three hundred and twenty-two dollars;" as, also, in their amendment to fill the blank attached to the item, "For completing the buildings," [at West Point,] with the sum of "two thousand five hundred dollars,"

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....112,
Nays.....42.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Crowell	Mr. Hazard
Alexander	Cushman	Hill
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Cuthbert	Holmes
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Darlington	Hostetter
Baker	Davidson	Johnson
Baldwin	Dennison	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Barbour	Dewitt	Kent
Bateman	Dickinson	Kinsey
Beecher	Eddy	Kinsley
Bloomfield	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Lathrop
Boden	Edwards, <i>Penn.</i>	Little
Brown	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Lincoln
Brush	Fisher	Linn
Bryan	Foot	Lowndes
Buffum	Ford	Lyman
Burwell	Fuller	McLane, <i>Del.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Case	Guyon	Mallary
Cobb	Hackley	Marchand
Cook	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Mason
Crawford	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Meech

Mr. Meigs	Mr. Rich	Mr. Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
R. Moore	Richmond	Strother
S. Moore	Rogers	Swearingen
Monell	Russ	Taylor
Morton	Sampson	Terrell
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Shaw	Tompkins
Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Silsbee	Tracy
Newton	Simkins	Trimble
Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Slocumb	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Patterson	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Wallace
Phelps	Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Warfield
Pinckney	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>	Wendover
Pitcher	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>	Whitman
Plumer	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Rankin	Southard	Wood..... 112
Reed	Storrs	
Rhea	Street	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Fullerton	Mr. Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Gross, <i>Penn.</i>	Philson
Bayly	Hardin	Pindall
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Herrick	Richards
Campbell	Hibshman	Ross
Cannon	Hooks	Settle
Clagett	Kendall	Sloan
Cocke	Livermore	Stevens
Crafts	McCoy	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Culpepper	McCreary	Tarr
Fay	Metcalf	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Floyd	Murray	Upham
Folger	Neale	Walker
Forrest	Overstreet	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 42

The question was taken to concur with the committee of the whole in their amendment to fill the blank attached to the item, "*For cannon and shot, to fulfil existing contracts, and for the purchase of flints, and timber for travelling carriages,*" with the sum of "*forty-three thousand dollars,*"

And determined in the negative.

The said blank was then filled with the sum of "*fifty-three thousand dollars.*"

The question was then taken to concur with the committee of the whole in striking out the following item, "*For completing the arsenal at Augusta, in Georgia,*"

And determined in the negative.

The item being thus reinstated, the blank attached to it was filled with the sum of "*twenty-seven thousand dollars.*"

The question was then taken to concur with the committee of the whole in their amendment to fill the blank attached to the following

item, viz: "For the annual allowance to the revolutionary pensioners, under the act of the 18th of March, 1818," with the sum of "two millions seven hundred and sixty-six thousand four hundred and forty dollars,"

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....94,
Nays.....57.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Gross, <i>N. P.</i>	Mr. Newton
Adams	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Guyon	Patterson
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Phelps
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hardin	Pinckney
Baker	Hazard	Pitcher
Baldwin	Hemphill	Plumer
Bateman	Hibshman	Rhea
Bayly	Hill	Richmond
Bloomfield	Holmes	Rogers
Boden	Kendall	Russ
Brush	Kent	Sampson
Buffum	Kinsley	Shaw
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Lathrop	Silsbee
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Little	Sloan
Case	Lincoln	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Clagett	Livermore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Clark	Lyman	Southard
Cook	Maclay	Stevens
Cushman	McCreary	Storrs
Cuthbert	Mallary	Street
Darlington	Mason	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Davidson	Meech	Taylor
Dennison	Meigs	Tompkins
Dickinson	R. Moore	Tracy
Eddy	S. Moore	Upham
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Monell	Wallace
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Morton	Wendover
Fay	Murray	Whitman
Folger	Neale	Wood..... 94
Forrest	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	
Fuller	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Burwell	Mr. Crawford
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Campbell	Crowell
Barbour	Cannon	Culpepper
Beecher	Cobb	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>
Brown	Cocke	Ervin
Bryan	Crafts	Fisher

Mr. Floyd	Mr. McLean, Ken.	Mr. Slocumb
Foot	Metcalf	B. Smith, Va.
Fullerton	Overstreet	A. Smyth, Va.
Hall, Del.	Parker, Va.	Smith, N. C.
Hooks	Philson	Strother
Hostetter	Pindall	Swearingen
Johnson	Rankin	Tarr
Jones, Ten.	Reed	Terrell
Kinsey	Rich	Tucker, Va.
Linn	Richards	Tucker, S. C.
Lowndes	Ross	Walker
McCoy	Settle	Williams, Va.
McLane, Del.	Simkins	Williams, N. C. 57

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole being gone through, the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 13th instant, approve and sign "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the post-office establishment.'"

The Senate have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1820." They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Mary Cassin, widow and administratrix of Patrick Cassin, deceased;

An act for the relief of Robert Swartwout; and

An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde; in which last mentioned bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on this day, approve and sign "An act to provide for taking the fourth census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, "relative to the progress that has been made in building the light-house at the mouth of the Mississippi," rendered in obedience to the resolution of the 9th instant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 1820.

Mr. Case presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Goshen, in the state of New-York, praying for an alteration in a post route.

Mr. Case also presented a memorial and remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the village of Florida, in the county of Orange, and state of New-York, remonstrating against any alterations in the mail route from Newbury to Easton.

Ordered, That the said petition, and memorial, and remonstrance, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1820," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered; That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Anthony Kennedy, of Henry Probasco, and of Charles P. Lisle, and that leave be given to withdraw the said petitions.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Joshua Woodman and Sardis Blodget, and that the former lie on the table, and that the latter be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Ordered, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Lubec, in the District of Maine, referred on the 1st instant, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of W. Laprade; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

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

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting statements of the sums which have been actually paid, since the peace establishment, to the general officers and their staff, specifying particularly on what account, to whom, and when paid, rendered in obedience to the resolution of the 7th of January last; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hooks,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to enquire into the expediency of having buoys placed on certain parts of the coast and inlets of the state of North Carolina, to direct vessels into the different channels.

Accompanying the above resolution, is a letter from the Governor of North Carolina to Mr. Hooks, enclosing a report of the civil engineer of that state, showing the necessity of placing buoys on its coast and inlets.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry at the mouth of Pascagoula, in the state of Mississippi.

. On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to lay before this House the amount of money received under the act providing for the deduction of two per cent. from the sale of prizes captured by private armed vessels, and condemned under the laws of the United States of America, for the benefit of the disabled officers and seamen of such private armed vessels; also, the number of invalids, together with the amount of the pensions charged upon that fund, as well as the amount paid to the widows and children of such officers and seamen, slain in such service, and the amount of the balance, if any, remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, of the above fund, unapplied.

Mr. Slocumb moved that the House do now proceed to consider the Joint Resolution submitted by him on the 6th instant, to fix a period for the termination of the present session of Congress.

And, on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of Mary Cassin, widow and administratrix of Patrick Cassin, deceased;
2. An act for the relief of Robert Swartwout;
3. An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde; were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the first and third to the Committee of Claims, and the second to the Committee of Ways and Means.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the President of the United States to appoint a receiver of the public moneys, and a register of the land office, for the district of Laurence county, in the Arkansas territory; and

An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1820.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820; also, on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, and the bill making further appropriations of money for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 16, 1820.

Mr. Silsbee presented the petition of Sarah Crowninshield, widow of William Crowninshield, deceased, stating her advanced age, and extreme indigence, and praying that the pension granted her late husband may be continued to her.

Mr. Crafts presented the petition of John Hunter, the 2d, of Bakersfield, in the state of Vermont, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of Cornelius Huson, of Queensburg, in the state of New-York, praying compensation for two horses lost in the public service, during the late war with Great Britain; as, also, for a pension, in consequence of disease contracted in the military service during said war.

Ordered, That so much of the said petition as relates to compensation for lost horses, be referred to the Committee of Claims, and the residue thereof to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. McLane, of Delaware, presented the petition of Martin Kennedy, of Newcastle, in the state of Delaware, praying an equitable adjustment of his claims upon the government for supplies of provisions furnished various corps, during the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Pinckney presented the petition of Mary Cassin, widow and administratrix of Patrick Cassin, late of South Carolina, deceased, praying payment of certain certificates for soldiers' pay.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Reid,

Ordered, That the petition of James Wood, heretofore presented, on the 31st of December, 1816, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Purdy," made a detailed report thereon, recommending that the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

Ordered, That the said bill and report be laid on the table.

Mr. Beecher, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported "A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to cause the laws of the Michigan territory to be printed, and distributed;" was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, tomorrow.

Mr. Cobb, from the committee appointed on the 14th instant, to present to the President of the United States his resolution of that

date, reported that the committee had performed that duty, and were informed by the President that the subject would be promptly attended to.

On motion of Mr. Ervin,

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so far altering the law for selling real estate for taxes, in the said District, as to allow to minors the right of the equity of redemption, two years after they shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, by complying with the conditions now required by law.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Sparta, Tennessee, by the way of Allen's Ferry and Liberty, to Statesville.

Mr. Foot submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing, or amending, the act, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of the clerks in the different offices," passed April 20, 1818.

The said resolution being read, was amended, by striking out the Committee of Ways and Means, and inserting a select committee.

And, the question being taken on agreeing to the said resolution, as amended,

It was determined in the negative.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820; also, on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, and the bill making further appropriations of money for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 17, 1820.

On motion of Mr. Clagett,

Ordered, That the petition of Ebenezer Fletcher, heretofore presented on the 30th November, 1818, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Moses Elias Levy, stating that he has lately arrived in the United States, and intends to become a citizen thereof, as soon as the laws upon the subject of naturalization will permit; and praying that he may, in the mean time, be

authorized to purchase and hold real estate in the territories of the United States.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of Job Stanbery, of the state of Ohio, stating that, in December, 1814, he purchased a warrant for 200 acres of land, issued to the administratrix of Pownel Deming, which he transmitted to a friend at Washington for examination; that the said warrant was put in the mail to be returned to him, and has not since been heard of, and praying for a renewal thereof.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John T. David; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Frederick Goetz and Carl W. Westphal, and of the heirs of Abraham Neppes, deceased;" and "An act for the relief of Gabriel Godfroy," made reports thereon, and recommending that the said bills be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the said bills and reports, severally, lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, also, reported the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Mary Cassin, widow and administratrix of Patrick Cassin, deceased," without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Swartwout," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cuthbert,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Powelton, in Georgia, through Mount Zion and Eatonton, to Monticello, in the same state.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making compensation to William Pemberton, for the loss of his horse in the military service of the United States, in the year 1813, in Shelby's campaign.

Mr. Robertson submitted the following joint resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress be, and the same is hereby, given to a compact, or agreement, made and concluded by and between the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, at Frankfort, in Kentucky, on the second day of February, 1820, to adjust and establish the boundary line between them, and for other purposes.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to authorize the Secretary of State to cause the laws of the Michigan territory to be printed and distributed, was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be "An act to authorize the Secretary of State to cause the laws of the Michigan territory to be printed and distributed, and for other purposes;" and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, which is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

It being stipulated by the fourth article of the articles of agreement and cession, entered into on the 24th of April, 1802, with the state of Georgia, that the United States should, at their own expense, extinguish, for the use of that state, as soon as it might be done on reasonable terms, the Indian title to all lands within its limits, and the legislature of Georgia being desirous to make a further acquisition of said lands at this time, presuming that it may be done on reasonable terms; and it being also represented that property of considerable value, which had been taken by the Creek and Cherokee Indians from citizens of Georgia, the restoration of which had been provided for by different treaties, but which has never been made; it is proposed to hold a treaty with those nations, and more particularly with the Creeks, in the course of this summer; for the attainment of these objects, I submit the subject to the consideration of Congress, that a sum adequate to the expenses attending such treaty may be appropriated, should Congress deem it expedient.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 17, 1820.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, which is as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit to Congress a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with statements of the annual expenditures made in the construction of the road leading from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio, from the year 1806 to the year 1820.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 17, 1820.

The said message was read, and also ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820; also, on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, and the bill making further appropriations of money for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported the former of the said bills, with amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the two latter bills.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said two last mentioned bills.

The House then took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820; and, the said amendments being read at the Clerk's table, were, in part, concurred in, and, in part, disagreed to, by the House.

The question was taken to concur with the committee of the whole in the last amendment depending to the said bill, to fill the blank attached to the following item, viz: "For completing the contracts for constructing the road from Washington, Pennsylvania, to Wheeling, made during the year 1817," with the sum of "one hundred and forty one thousand dollars."

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....90,
Nays.....66.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Lathrop
Alexander	Eddy	Little
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Ervin	Lincoln
Anderson	Fisher	Lowndes
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Fuller	Lyman
Bayly	Fullerton	Maclay
Beecher	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	McCreary
Bloomfield	Guyon	McLane, <i>Del.</i>
Brown	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Brush	Hardin	Mason
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Hazard	Mercer
Campbell	Hendricks	Metcalf
Case	Herrick	Murray
Cobb	Hibshman	Neale
Cook	Hill	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Crawford	Holmes	Newton
Crowell	Hostetter	Patterson
Culpepper	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Philson
Cushman	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Pinckney
Cuthbert	Kent	Pindall
Darlington	Kinsey	Pitcher

Mr. Plumer	Mr. Sloan	Mr. Tarr
Rankin	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Terrell
Reed	Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Tomlinson
Rich	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>	Trimble
Robertson	Stevens	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Ross	Storrs	Van Rensselaer
Sergeant	Street	Wallace
Silsbee	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>	Warfield
Simkins	Swearingen	Williams, <i>Va.</i>90
Those who voted in the negative, are,		
Mr. Adams	Mr. Folger	Mr. Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Foot	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Baker	Ford	Phelps
Baldwin	Forrest	Randolph
Barbour	Gross, <i>Penn.</i>	Rhea
Bateman	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Richards
Boden	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Richmond
Bryan	Hiester	Rogers
Buffum	Hooks	Russ
Burwell	Johnson	Sampson
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Kendall	Settle
Cannon	Kinsley	Shaw
Clagett	Linn	Slocumb
Clark	McCoy	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cocke	Mallary	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Crafts	Marchand	Strother
Dennison	Meigs	Tompkins
Earle	R. Moore	Tracy
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	S. Moore	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Morton	Wendover
Fay	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Floyd	Overstreet	Wood.....66

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 18, 1820.

Mr. Parker, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Hallowell, in the county of Kennebec, and of the town of Belfast, in the county of Hancock, in the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Sussex, in the state of New-Jersey, praying that no alteration may take place in the mail route from Newton, in New-Jersey, to Goshen, in the state of New-York.

Mr. Bryan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of that part of Tennessee lately acquired from the Chickasaw Indians, and commonly called "Jackson's purchase," praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hibshman presented a memorial of sundry merchants, and other inhabitants, of the city and county of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of the bill now pending before this House, imposing duties on certain sales at auction; which was referred to the committee of the whole to whom the said bill is committed.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a light-house on Mobile Point, in the state of Alabama.

On motion of Mr. Ervin,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the postmaster at Georgetown, in South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Marchand,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to John Willis a balance of bounty, which is supposed to be due to the estate of Robert Willis, a deceased soldier.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law more effectually for reclaiming persons held to service or labor in one state, and escaping therefrom into another state, and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Pindall, and Mr. Storrs, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, to which was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands," reported the same, with amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill extending the time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct taxes.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, also, on the bill making further appropriations of money for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, and for other purposes, and on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported the second mentioned bill, with amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the first and last mentioned of the said bills.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

The amendments reported to the bill making further appropriations of money for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, were read, and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," and the bill in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 20, 1820.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of sundry citizens of Barnstable county, in the state of Massachusetts, praying the establishment of a light-house on the south side of the cape, between the towns of Den-

nis and Yarmouth; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina, presented a petition of sundry citizens of North Carolina, praying an alteration in the existing post route from Louisburg to Oxford; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Reid presented sundry documents in support of the petition of James Wood, presented on the 16th instant; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a remonstrance and memorial of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana, remonstrating against the existing mode of adjusting claims to land of a particular description in that state, and suggesting sundry improvements in such system; which remonstrance and memorial were referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the "Bill supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri."

Mr. Butler also presented another memorial of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana, praying a grant of a lot of public land, as a site for a seminary of learning at Point Coupee; and, also, for a grant of forty acres of public land, as a fund to enable the inhabitants of Point Coupee to keep up a certain portion of the adjacent levee; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of War upon the petition of William Esenbeck, referred to him on the 10th instant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. R. Moore, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Wells, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. A. Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of Jeremiah Bradbury, guardian of Parthenia and Sally Sherman; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petition of Jeremiah Bradbury, on behalf of Parthenia Sherman and Sally Sherman, his wards, ought not to be granted.

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act authorizing the employment of an additional naval force;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Pindall, from the select committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of State of the 7th ultimo, in relation to the publication of the laws in the newspapers, made a report thereon; which was read; when, Mr. Pindall (by leave of the House) reported a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;" which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Storrs, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill providing for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road; which was read the first time; and, opposition being made thereto, the question was then stated, Shall the bill be rejected? Whereupon,

Mr. Wood moved to lay it on the table; which motion being rejected, the question recurred, Shall the bill be rejected? and, being put,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....47,
Nays.....111.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Folger	Mr. Rhea
Alexander	Foot	Richards
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Forrest	Sampson
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Settle
Ball	Holmes	Shaw
Barbour	Hooks	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Bayly	Johnson	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Bryan	Kent	Strother
Burwell	McCoy	Swearingen
Clagett	McCreary	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cobb	Meigs	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Cook	Neale	Walker
Earle	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Warfield
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Phelps	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Floyd	Randolph	47

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Culpepper	Mr. Hackley
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Cushman	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>
Baldwin	Cuthbert	Hall, <i>Del.</i>
Bateman	Darlington	Hardin
Beecher	Davidson	Hazard
Bloomfield	Dennison*	Hendricks
Boden	Dewitt	Herrick
Brush	Dickinson	Hibshman
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Dowse	Hill
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Eddy	Hostetter
Campbell	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Cannon	Fay	Kendall
Case	Fisher	Kinsey
Clark	Ford	Kinsley
Cocke	Fuller	Lathrop
Crafts	Fullerton	Little
Crawford	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Lincoln
Crowell	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Linn

Mr. Livermore	Mr. Parker, Mass.	Mr. Smith, Md.
Lowndes	Patterson	B. Smith, Va.
Lyman	Philson	Southard
Maclay	Pindall	Stevens
McLane, Del.	Pitcher	Storrs
McLean, Ken.	Plumer	Street
Mallary	Rankin	Strong, Vt.
Marchand	Reed	Strong, N. F.
Mason	Rich	Tarr
Meech	Richmond	Taylor
Mercer	Ringgold	Terrell
Metcalf	Rogers	Tomlinson
R. Moore	Ross	Tompkins
S. Moore	Russ	Tracy
Monell	Silsbee	Trimble
Morton	Simkins	Upham
Murray	Sloan	Wallace
Nelson, Mass.	Slocumb	Wendover
Newton	Smith, N. J.	Wood..... 111

The said bill was then read the second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to consider the expediency of providing by law for the payment of a gun and gun carriage, taken by the enemy and destroyed, at the battle of North Point, on the 12th September, 1814.

On motion of Mr. Mallary,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the post road from Stockbridge to Randolph, in the state of Vermont.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, and other public buildings," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 17th instant, approve and sign "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1820;" and "An act to authorize the President of the United States to appoint a receiver of the public moneys, and a register of the land office, for the district of Laurence county, in the Arkansas territory."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States; the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" and the bill in addition to the several acts for

the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported that the committee had made further progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 21, 1820.

Mr. Swearingen presented a petition of Thomas Sappington, praying payment of a certificate of public debt, for seven hundred and ninety-seven dollars, issued to him for his services in the hospital department, in the revolutionary army, which certificate he has lost.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of James Rinker, surviving partner of the late firm of Bailey and Rinker, and administrator of said Bailey, now deceased, praying compensation for damages committed on the estate of the petitioner and of the deceased, lying near New-Orleans, in consequence of its occupation by the troops of the United States, during the military operations in the neighborhood of that city near the close of the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Bates,

Ordered, That the petition of John Elie Tholozan, heretofore presented on the 10th of February, 1818, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Henry Logan, of Joseph Ligon, of Park Avery, and of Cornelius Huson; and that the three former be referred to the Secretary of War, and that the latter lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Thomas C. Withers, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Meigs, from the Committee on the Expenditures on the Public Buildings, made a report in obedience to the resolution instructing them to ascertain whether the expenses upon the public buildings cannot be lessened without arresting their progress; as, also, upon the subject of the said buildings generally; which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the inhabitants of Harrisburgh, in the state of Pennsylvania, referred to them on the 10th instant, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Storrs, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the communication from the Secretary of the Navy, on the 19th of January last, and the petition of the inhabitants of the borough of Erie, in the state of Pennsylvania, relative to the improvement of the harbor of Erie, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the further consideration of the communication to this House from the Secretary of the Department of the Navy on the 18th day of January last, and the petition of the inhabitants of the borough of Erie, in the state of Pennsylvania, relative to the improvement of the harbor of Erie.

Mr. Storrs, from the same committee, to whom was also referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, the inhabitants of the counties of Jefferson, Oneida, and Oswego, in the state of New-York, sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, and of the president and directors of the Milford and Owego turnpike company, respectively praying the aid of Congress in the construction and improvement of certain roads, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the further consideration of the said petitions.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the trade with the Indian tribes," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Moore,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of John Sees, presented at a former session.

On motion of Mr. Sampson,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Asa Fuller, presented at the present session.

On motion of Mr. Fay,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the post road from Florida to Charleston, in the state of New-York, that the same shall pass through the village of Voorheesville, in the said town of Charleston.

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Cypress, near the Iron Banks, in the state of Kentucky, to New Madrid, in Missouri territory.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of John Sedgwick, presented at a former session.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," and the bill in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported that the committee had made further progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 22, 1820.

Mr. Strong, of New-York, presented a petition of Roswel Woodworth, of New Lebanon, in the state of New-York, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Case presented a petition of sundry citizens of Orange county, in the state of New-York, praying an alteration in a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of John Schrader, of Bradford county, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The Speaker presented a petition of Jonathan Taylor, and others, praying remuneration of a sum of money expended by them in the construction of permanent and useful improvements at the United States' saline, in the state of Illinois, pending their lease of that saline, and under the provisions of said lease.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements of the importation of goods, wares, and merchandize, in American and foreign vessels, and an aggregate view of both, for the year ending on the 30th of September, 1818; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of captain Jesse Davis; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That captain Jesse Davis is not entitled to the five years commutation pay.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Joseph Dunlop; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable

report on the petition of Robert Swartwout; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Alvin Bronson; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille, made a detailed report thereon, recommending that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which report was read, and, together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to whom was re-committed the bill for the relief of Daniel Converse, with additional testimony, made a further report, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Daniel Converse and George Miller; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill to regulate the duties on imports, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to regulate the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Shelbyville to Newcastle, in Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Swearingen,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Timberridge, in Frederick county, Virginia, to North River, in Hampshire county, thence to Moorfield, in Hardy county, Virginia.

Mr. Slocumb moved that the House do now proceed to consider the joint resolution submitted by him on the 6th instant, to fix a period for the termination of the present session of Congress.

And, on the question, will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendment reported on the 2d instant, by the committee of the whole, to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act establishing a circuit court within and for the District of Maine;" and, the said amendment being read at the Clerk's table, was concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That said amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A motion was made, by Mr. Whitman, that the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

A division of the question on this motion was called for by Mr. Taylor.

And, on the question, Shall the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the said bill?

It was determined in the negative.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States; the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" and the bill in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported that the committee had made further progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 23, 1820.

The journal of yesterday being read,
Mr. Randolph moved that the House do now adjourn.
And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....50,
Nays..... 83.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Baldwin	Mr. Ervin	Mr. Pindall
Bayly	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Randolph
Bloomfield	Hazard	Rankin
Brush	Hooks	Reed
Butler, <i>Low.</i>	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rogers
Cocke	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Sergeant
Crowell	Mason	Settle
Cuthbert	Meigs	Shaw
Davidson	Monell	Simkins
Dickinson	Moseley	Slocumb
Earle	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Overstreet	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Pinckney	Storrs

Mr. Street	Mr. Trimble	Mr. Warfield
Strong, <i>N. F.</i>	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Strother	Van Rensselaer	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Swearingen	Walker	50
Those who voted in the negative, are,		
Mr. Abbot	Mr. Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Mr. Neale
Adams	Hackley	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Alexander	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Newton
Anderson	Hardin	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Ball	Hendricks	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Barbour	Herrick	Patterson
Bateman	Hibshman	Rhea
Beecher	Hill	Rich
Boden	Holmes	Richards
Burwell	Hostetter	Ross
Campbell	Kendall	Russ
Clark	Kinsey	Sampson
Cook	Kinsley	Sloan
Crafts	Lathrop	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Culbreth	Little	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Cushman	Lincoln	Southard
Darlington	Linn	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Dennison	Livermore	Tarr
Dewitt	Lyman	Taylor
Eddy	MacLay	Tomlinson
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	McCoy	Tracy
Fay	McCreary	Tyler
Floyd	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Upham
Foot	Mallary	Wallace
Forrest	Marchand	Wendover
Fullerton	Meech	Whitman
Garnett	R. Moore	Wood.....83
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Murray	

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Cattaraugus and Chatauque, in the state of New-York, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Oswego, Onondaga, Lewis, and Jefferson, in the state of New-York, praying for certain alterations, therein described, in the mail route from Utica to Sackett's Harbor, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Issachar Thorp, Joseph Siddall, and James Thorp, merchants, in Philadelphia, praying to be paid the sum of two thousand one hundred and eighty-one dollars, advanced by them to a certain Thomas Parker, to enable him to execute a contract to supply certain articles of clothing for the army, in the late war with Great Britain, and under a promise from the proper officer of the government, that the said advance should be reim-

bursed to them; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of John Crawford, praying to be allowed the arrearage of seven months' pension, to which he conceives himself entitled, for reasons set forth in his petition; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Thomas Leiper, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made reports on the petitions of Philip McGuire, of Robert McCorkle, and of Moses Elias Levy; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of the president and corporation of Washington college, in the state of Ohio; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee of Elections, reported "that the committee had examined the certificate of election of James Woodson Bates, returned as the Delegate from the territory of Arkansas, and find the same sufficient to entitle him to a seat in this House;" which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Livermore, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill to provide for repairing the roof of the general post-office, and to procure an engine for the protection of said building; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the recovery of debts, in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That two additional members be added to the committee appointed on the 14th instant, to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the satisfaction of unlocated warrants, issued to officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, &c.; and,

Mr. Pindall, and Mr. Tyler, were then appointed of the said committee, in pursuance of the above order.

Mr. Hardin was also appointed of the said committee, in the place of Mr. Brown, who is absent.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of requiring the register of the land office at Vincennes to furnish the executive of the state of Illinois with an abstract of the lands which have been purchased at that office, lying within the state of Illinois; and, also, of requiring the

Commissioner of the General Land Office, to furnish him with an abstract of the lands which have been patented to the soldiers of the late army, lying within said state.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on goods imported into Castine," be discharged from the further consideration of the said bill, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Alexander Worster.

Mr. Livermore submitted the following, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table for one day, viz:

"That so much of the rules of this House as prescribes the duty of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be expunged, and the following words inserted:

"It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, on application made to them, in writing, by any member or delegate in Congress, to enquire into the expediency of establishing, altering, or discontinuing, any post route, and to report thereon, by bill or otherwise; and, also, to consider and report, as aforesaid, on all other subjects referred to them by the House."

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the Senate, to take into consideration, and report what business is necessary to be acted upon before the close of the present session; and, also, to report on what day it will be proper, consistently with the public interest, for the Congress of the United States to adjourn, and close their present session.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act establishing a circuit court within and for the District of Maine," was read the third time, and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The House then took up, and proceeded to consider, the said bill; when,

Mr. Hardin moved that it be postponed indefinitely.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....41,
Nays..... 109.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Mr. Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Hardin	Pindall
Baldwin	Hill	Rogers
Bloomfield	Holmes	Sampson
Boden	Kendall	Sergeant
Buffum	Kinsley	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Case	Livermore	Stevens
Clagett	McCreary	Street
Cushman	Mallary	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Mason	Upham
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Meech	Van Rensselaer
Fay	Meigs	Wallace
Fuller	Monell	Whitman..... 41
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Moseley	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Ervin	Mr. R. Moore
Alexander	Fisher	S. Moore
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Floyd	Morton
Anderson	Folger	Murray
Ball	Foot	Neale
Barbour	Ford	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Bateman	Forrest	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Beecher	Fullerton	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Brevard	Hackley	Patterson
Burwell	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Peek
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Philson
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Pinckney
Cannon	Hazard	Pitcher
Clark	Hendricks	Plumer
Cobb	Herrick	Rankin
Cocke	Hibshman	Rhea
Cook	Hiester	Rich
Crafts	Hooks	Richards
Crawford	Hostetter	Richmond
Crowell	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Ringgold
Culbreth	Kent	Ross
Cuthbert	Lathrop	Russ
Darlington	Little	Settle
Davidson	Lincoln	Simkins
Dennison	Linn	Sloan
Dewitt	Lyman	Slocumb
Dickinson	Maclay	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Dowse	McCoy	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Earle	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Eddy	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Southard
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Marchand	Storrs



Mr. Strong, <i>Vt.</i>	Mr. Tompkins	Wendover
Swearingen	Tracy	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Tarr	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Taylor	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>	Wood..... 109
Terrell	Tyler	
Tomlinson	Walker	

Mr. Whitman then moved that the said bill be referred to a select committee, with instructions to report a bill making more definite the description of persons to be admitted on the pension roll, under the act of the 18th of March, 1818, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war," and for the detection of frauds and impositions which have been, or may be, practised by applicants under that law.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, moved that the said bill lie upon the table; which, being rejected,

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, moved that the said bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House; which, being also rejected,

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. Whitman; when a division of the question on that motion was called for;

And, being put on the first part thereof, to wit: that the bill be referred to a select committee,

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then put on the residue of the said motion, to wit: the instructions therein contained,

And also passed in the affirmative.

And Mr. Whitman, Mr. Barbour, Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, Mr. Foot, Mr. Storrs, Mr. Forrest, and Mr. Tomlinson, were then appointed the said select committee.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, and the bill in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported the last mentioned bill, with several amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the remaining bill.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, were read, and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 24, 1820.

On motion of Mr. Sampson,

Ordered, That the petition of Ezra Dunham, heretofore presented on the 26th of March, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Rich presented a memorial of Alden Patridge, late captain in the corps of engineers, complaining of acts of oppression on the part of his superior officers, and soliciting that justice which he conceives has been denied him by those from whom he had a right to expect it; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Thomas Constantine, late contractor for furnishing desks, &c. for the House, praying to be paid for two hundred pair of inks and sands, furnished with said desks; which was referred to the Committee of Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of Jenifer T. Sprigg, heretofore presented on the 18th January, 1820, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of James Wood; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sampson, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill to alter and establish certain post roads; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce, reported a bill for the relief of Elkanah Finney, and others; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of William Coffin and others.

Mr. Randolph moved that the House do now adjourn.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to which have been referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Joseph McNeil;" "An act for the relief of John Pellett;" and "An act for the relief of Joseph Lefebvre;" made reports thereon, recommending that each of the said bills be postponed indefinitely; the said reports were severally read, and, together with the said bills, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to whom was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nichols," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, who were instructed by resolution of the 24th of January last, to enquire into the expediency of allowing to the clerks of the circuit court the same fees, in all cases except in causes of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, as were allowed to the clerks of the county courts within the states of Maryland and Virginia, before the cession of the said district; and, also, into the expediency of repealing so much of the laws of the United States as give a daily compensation to the district

attorney, clerks, and marshal, for their attendance in the circuit court of the District of Columbia," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent, from the same committee, who were also instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the District of Columbia as that the expenses of the jurors and witnesses attending the circuit court, in all cases except such as are cognizable in a district or other circuit court of the United States, shall be paid by the respective counties of Alexandria and Washington," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Newton laid before the House a letter addressed to the chairman of the Committee of Commerce by the Register of the Treasury, transmitting several statements in relation to the trade of the United States with the West Indies and British American colonies, for four years, ending on the 30th September, 1818; which were committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill concerning navigation.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendment of this House to their bill, entitled "An act establishing a circuit court within and for the District of Maine." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Randolph submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker, members, and officers, of this House, will attend the funeral of the late Stephen Decatur, esquire, of the United States navy, from the dwelling house of the deceased, at four o'clock this day.

The said resolution was read.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 25, 1820.

Another member, to wit, from North Carolina, Lemuel Sawyer, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by the Speaker.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of the manufacturers of window glass, residing in the city of New York, praying that additional duties may be imposed on that article imported into the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Culbreth presented a petition of Margaret Perry, mother of William Valiant, deceased, praying to be allowed the pay and bounty in land due for the services of her son as a soldier in the army of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Thomas C. Robinson, late of the naval service of the United States, stating that he is now blind, and unable to support himself and family, and praying to be placed on the list of navy pensioners; which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Hardin presented a petition of Daniel Hagan, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a judgment obtained against him for the duties imposed on spirits distilled by him in the year 1815, as he is poor, and wholly unable to pay the same.

Mr. Brush presented sundry documents in support of the petition of Elijah Glover.

Ordered, That the said petition and documents be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act establishing a circuit court within and for the District of Maine," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Jack T. Ross; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill further to regulate the entry of merchandize imported into the United States from any adjacent territory; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill for the relief of Elizabeth Braden; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, on Monday next.

Mr. Cook, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize the governor of Illinois to obtain certain abstracts of lands from certain public offices; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taylor submitted the following, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the business referred to the Committee of the whole House, shall be called, for consideration, in the following order:

1. Private bills which have passed the Senate, and have been reported favorably by a committee of this House;
2. Private bills reported by committees of this House;
3. Bills of a public nature;
4. Bills which have passed the Senate, and have been reported against by a committee of this House;
5. Reports unfavorable to petitions.

Resolved, That the Clerk, under the direction of the Speaker, do arrange the business in the preceding order, for Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Resolved, That the Committee on Manufactures be instructed to enquire into the expediency of furnishing the trading houses established by the United States for carrying on trade with the Indian tribes, with articles of American manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of prescribing the manner in which the state of Illinois shall take possession of the salt springs in the said state, which were guaranteed by the second proposition in the sixth section of the act, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Illinois territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union upon an equal footing with the original states," and of designating the quantity of land to be reserved for the use of the same.

On motion of Mr. Tracy,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to transmit to this House a statement showing the amount and costs (including transportation, and other charges,) of the goods furnished annually to each factory, or Indian trading house, since the peace of 1815; specifying, also, the kind and quantity of furs, peltries, or other property annually received, since that period, at each factory; also, the amount of the sales of such furs, peltries, or other property, and the balance (if any) now due from such sales to the government.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Randolph, and depending at the time of adjournment, that the Speaker, members, and officers of this House attend the funeral of the late captain Stephen Decatur; and, the said resolution being read, was ordered to lie on the table.

The House also took up, and proceeded to consider, the amendment proposed on the 23d instant, by Mr. Livermore, to the standing rules and orders of the House in relation to the duties of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; and, the said amendment being read, the question was taken to agree thereon,

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of state papers."

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of state papers," and on the bill to

amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the former of the said bills, with amendments, and the latter without amendment.

The amendments reported to the bill, entitled "An act authorising a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of state papers," were read; when,

A motion was made that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 113,
 { Nays.....30.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Moseley
Adams	Floyd	Murray
Alexander	Folger	Neale
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Foot	Overstreet
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Ford	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Fullerton	Patterson
Baker	Garnett	Philson
Baldwin	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Pinckney
Ball	Hackley	Pindall
Barbour	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Pitcher
Bateman	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Rankin
Bayly	Hardin	Reed
Boden	Hendricks	Rhea
Brevard	Hibshman	Rich
Buffum	Hill	Richards
Burwell	Hostetter	Richmond
Campbell	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rogers
Cannon	Kendall	Ross
Clark	Kent	Russ
Cobb	Little	Sampson
Cocke	Linn	Sawyer
Cook	Livermore	Sergeant
Crafts	Lowndes	Settle
Crawford	Maclay	Shaw
Crowell	McCoy	Simkins
Culbreth	McCreary	Slocumb
Cushman	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Davidson	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Earle	Mallery	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Eddy	Marchand	Southard
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Metcalf	Stevens
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	R. Moore	Storrs
Fay	S. Moore	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>

Mr. Strong, <i>N. F.</i>	Mr. Tracy	Mr. Warfield
Swearingen	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Tarr	Tyler	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Taylor	Upham	Wood..... 118
Tompkins	Wallace	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Mr. Hazard	Mr. Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Anderson	Hemphill	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Beecher	Holmes	Plumer
Bloomfield	Kinsey	Silsbec
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Lincoln	Sloan
Case	Lyman	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Clagett	Mason	Strother
Cuthbert	Meigs	Tomlinson
Darlington	Mercer	Wendover
Fuller	Morton	Whitman..... 30

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House then took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;" when,

A motion was made, by Mr. Strother, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 27, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Hiester have leave of absence from the service of the House for ten days from this day.

On motion of Mr. Gross, of New-York,

Ordered, That the petition of Harvey Wakefield, heretofore presented on the 24th November, 1818, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker presented a memorial, remonstrance, and protest, of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Georgia, detailing several violations of the territorial rights of that state in treaties concluded between the United States and the Creek and Cherokee Indians; as, also, of violations of the articles of agreement and cession of 1802, and remonstrating and protesting against an article in the treaty concluded in 1817 between the Cherokee nation and the United States, which invests a *fee simple* right to lands in certain Indians of that nation; and soliciting that commissioners may be appointed to treat with the Creek and Cherokee nations of Indians, for further cessions of territory, for the use of Georgia; which memorial, remonstrance, and protest, was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also presented a petition of Benjamin G. Bullkey, setting forth that, in 1800, he preferred to the Senate of the United States certain charges of corruption in the post-office department, which were not fairly and fully examined, by which, he alleges, he has sustained great injury, and praying that the said charges may now be enquired into, to the end that justice may be rendered him; which petition was also ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of State on the petition of sundry merchants of Boston, by Henry Rice, their attorney, and on the petition of sundry merchants of Baltimore, complaining of spoliations on their commerce by Christophe, the black ruler in the Island of Saint Domingo; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Purley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, who were, on the 28th ultimo, instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing for the compensation of losses occasioned by the impressment and application of private property to the military service of the United States in the late Seminole war, made a report, concluding with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to pass any *general* law on the subject, and that the committee be discharged from its further consideration.

The resolution being read, Mr. Cobb moved to amend it, by striking out the word *inexpedient*, and inserting the word *expedient*.

This motion was rejected.

And the question was taken to concur in the resolution recommended by the Committee of Claims,

And passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians," made a detailed report thereon, recommending that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

The said report was read; and the question was taken, Shall the said bill be postponed indefinitely?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....73,
Nays.....84.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Burwell	Mr. Culbreth
Ball	Butler, <i>J. H.</i>	Culpepper
Bateman	Case	Cuthbert
Bayly	Cobb	Dewitt
Buffum	Crafts	Dickinson

Mr. Eddy
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Edwards, *N. C.*
 Fay
 Folger
 Ford
 Forrest
 Fuller
 Hall, *N. F.*
 Hall, *Del.*
 Hall, *N. C.*
 Hardin
 Hill
 Kendall
 Kinsley
 Lathrop
 Linn
 Lowndes
 Lyman
 Maclay

Mr. McCoy
 Marchand
 Mason
 R. Moore
 Moseley
 Neale
 Nelson, *Mass.*
 Parker, *Va.*
 Phelps
 Pindall
 Plumer
 Rich
 Richards
 Richmond
 Robertson
 Sampson
 Sawyer
 Sergeant
 Shaw
 Silsbee

Mr. Slocumb
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Southard
 Storrs
 Street
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Strong, *N. Y.*
 Taylor
 Terrell
 Tompkins
 Trimble
 Tucker, *Va.*
 Tyler
 Upham
 Wendover
 Whitman
 Williams, *N. C.*
 Wood..... 73

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot
 Alexander
 Allen, *N. F.*
 Allen, *Ten.*
 Anderson
 Archer, *Md.*
 Archer, *Va.*
 Baker
 Baldwin
 Barbour
 Beecher
 Bloomfield
 Boden
 Brown
 Brush
 Bryan
 Burton
 Butler, *Loa.*
 Campbell
 Cannon
 Cocke
 Crowell
 Cushman
 Darlington
 Davidson
 Earle
 Edwards, *Pen.*
 Fisher

Mr. Foot
 Fullerton
 Garnett
 Gross, *N. F.*
 Hackley
 Hazard
 Hemphill
 Hendricks
 Herrick
 Hibshman
 Holmes
 Hooks
 Hostetter
 Jones, *Ten.*
 Kent
 Kinsey
 Little
 Lincoln
 Livermore
 McCreary
 McLane, *Del.*
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Mallary
 Mercer
 Metcalf
 S. Moore
 Monell
 Murray

Mr. Nelson, *Va.*
 Overstreet
 Parker, *Mass.*
 Patterson
 Philson
 Pitcher
 Rankin
 Reed
 Rhea
 Rogers
 Ross
 Russ
 Settle
 Simkins
 Sloan
 Smith, *N. J.*
 Smith, *Md.*
 Stevens
 Strother
 Swearingen
 Tarr
 Tomlinson
 Tracy
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Van Rensselaer
 Walker
 Wallace
 Warfield..... 84

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of John Cowan.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, which is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress an extract of a letter from the minister plenipotentiary of the United States at St. Petersburg, of the 1st of November last, on the subject of our relations with Spain, indicating the sentiments of the Emperor of Russia respecting the non-ratification, by his Catholic Majesty, of the treaty lately concluded between the United States and Spain, and the strong interest which his Imperial Majesty takes in promoting the ratification of that treaty. Of this friendly disposition, the most satisfactory assurance has been since given directly to this government by the minister of Russia residing here.

I transmit, also, to Congress, an extract of a letter from the minister plenipotentiary of the United States at Madrid, of a later date than those heretofore communicated; by which it appears that, at the instance of the charge des affaires, of the Emperor of Russia, a new pledge had been given by the Spanish government, that the minister who had been lately appointed to the United States should set out on his mission without delay, with full powers to settle all differences in a manner satisfactory to the parties.

I have further to state, that the governments of France and Great Britain continue to manifest the sentiments heretofore communicated respecting the non-ratification of the treaty by Spain, and to interpose their good offices to promote its ratification.

It is proper to add, that the governments of France and Russia have expressed an earnest desire that the United States would take no step, for the present, on the principle of reprisal, which might possibly tend to disturb the peace between the United States and Spain. There is good cause to presume, from the delicate manner in which this sentiment has been conveyed, that it is founded in a belief, as well as a desire, that our just objects may be accomplished without the hazard of such an extremity.

On full consideration of all these circumstances, I have thought it my duty to submit to Congress whether it will not be advisable to postpone a decision on the questions now depending with Spain, until the next session. The distress of that nation, at this juncture, affords a motive for this forbearance, which cannot fail to be duly appreciated. Under such circumstances, the attention of the Spanish government may be diverted from its foreign concerns, and the arrival of a minister here be longer delayed. I am the more induced to suggest this course of proceeding from a knowledge that, while we shall thereby make a just return to the powers whose good offices have been acknowledged, and increase, by a new and signal proof of

moderation, our claims on Spain, our attitude in regard to her will not be less favorable at the next session than it is at the present.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 27, 1820.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elizabeth Braden," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes,'" was read the third time.

And, on the question, Shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....79,
Nays.....78.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Forrest	Mr. Richards
Alexander	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Richmond
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Robertson
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Hardin	Sawyer
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hemphill	Shaw
Baker	Herrick	Slocumb
Baldwin	Hooks	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Barbour	Hostetter	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Bayly	Kendall	Stevens
Beecher	Kinsley	Storrs
Bloomfield	Linn	Street
Brevard	Maclay	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Brown	McCoy	Swearingen
Burton	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Taylor
Burwell	Marchand	Terrell
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Mercer	Tracy
Cobb	Metcalf	Trimble
Cocke	Moseley	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Crafts	Murray	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Crawford	Neale	Tyler
Culpepper	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Upham
Cuthbert	Overstreet	Van Rensselaer
Davidson	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Warfield
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Patterson	Whitman
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Phelps	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Fay	Pindall	
Floyd	Rich	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Ford	Mr. Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Fuller	Philson
Anderson	Fullerton	Pitcher
Ball	Garnett	Rankin
Bateman	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Reed
Boden	Hackley	Rhea
Brush	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Rogers
Bryan	Hazard	Ross
Buffum	Hendricks	Russ
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Hill	Sampson
Campbell	Holmes	Sergeant
Cannon	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Settle
Case	Kent	Silsbee
Clagett	Kinsey	Simkins
Clark	Lathrop	Sloan
Culbreth	Little	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cushman	Lincoln	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Darlington	Lyman	Southard
Dewitt	McCreary	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Dickinson	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Strother
Earle	Mallery	Tarr
Eddy	Mason	Tomlinson
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Meigs	Walker
Ervin	S. Moore	Wallace
Fisher	Morton	Wendover
Foot	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Wood..... 78

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 28, 1820.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of Deborah Gannett, a soldier of the revolution, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Lucy Carpender, widow of colonel William Carpender, of the New-York militia, who died after his return home of disease contracted in the service, praying for a pension, or other relief, to enable her to support her children.

Mr. Simkins presented a petition of William R. Withers, an officer in the army of the revolution, praying to be permitted to return the warrant for his bounty in land, lately granted, and that the value thereof may be paid him in money, alleging that the land on which the said warrant can be located, is not worth the expense of location.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Reid,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Thorn, heretofore presented on the 5th of December, 1816, be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from J. S. Williams, of the late firm of Stull & Williams, explanatory of the sale or loan of gun-powder made by the ordnance department to that firm, in the year 1818; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of the members of the legislative council and house of representatives of the territory of Arkansas, praying that the lands in said territory lying on, and adjacent to, the river Mississippi, may be surveyed, and offered for sale.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Susannah Taylor, and that it lie on the table.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolution submitted by Mr. Taylor, on the 25th instant, prescribing an order for the consideration of business referred to committees of the whole; and, the said resolution being read at the Clerk's table, and modified by the mover, was agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the business referred to the committee of the whole House shall be called for consideration in the following order:

1. Private bills which have passed the Senate, and have been reported favorably by a committee of this House;
2. Private bills reported by committees of this House;
3. Bills and resolutions of a public nature;
4. Bills which have passed the Senate, and have been reported against by a committee of this House;
5. Reports unfavorable to petitioners.

Resolved, That the Clerk, under the direction of the Speaker, do arrange the business in the preceding order for to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report on the petition of James Greer; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon."

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 23d instant, for the appointment of a joint committee to consider and report what business is necessary to be done before the close of the present session.

And, on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative. .

On motion of Mr. Abbot,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of passing a law pointing out under what circumstances, and by what means, private property may be taken for public use, under the emergency of war, and regulating the manner by which just compensation may be made for the same; also, to prescribe the manner in which soldiers may be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, in time of war.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolution submitted by Mr. Cobb on the 24th of January last, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, to prohibit the appointment of members of Congress to offices, with amendments; as, also, their agreement to the resolution from the Senate, "proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States."

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the report of the committee of the whole upon the state of the Union; whereupon, it was Ordered, That the said resolutions, severally, lie upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of affording some pecuniary relief to the widow and children of John Heaps, mail carrier, killed by the persons who recently robbed the United States' mail near Baltimore.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, which is as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit to the House of Representatives, in pursuance of their resolution of the 31st of January last, a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, with the documents which accompanied it.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 28th March, 1820.

The said message was read, and, together with the report therein communicated, ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting sundry statements in relation to the privateer pension fund, which have been prepared in obedience to the resolution of the 15th instant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of William Hender-

son, on the report of the same committee on the petition of Elias Parks, and on the bill for the relief of Jacob Kunkopot and others, of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sergeant reported the agreement of the committee of the whole to the resolution contained in the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of William Henderson, with an amendment, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the remaining report and bill.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said report and bill.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 29, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Peek have leave of absence from the service of this House from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Lathrop presented a representation of Russell & Gardner, stating that they have just completed a volume of *Massachusetts State Papers*, embracing the period from 1765 to 1775, and offering to dispose of such part of their edition to the government of the United States as may be deemed sufficient to supply the several states and territories, at one dollar and fifty cents per volume, bound and lettered; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hackley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of De Ruyter, Cazenovia, and Sullivan, in Madison county, New-York, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, presented a petition of William Harris, assistant deputy quartermaster general of the Tennessee volunteer mounted gun-men, in the late war with the Seminole Indians, praying to be allowed and paid his account of forage furnished to his horses while in said service; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Jenifer T. Sprigg, reported a bill for regulating the manner of settling the accounts of the several deputy surveyors in the Missouri and Arkansas territories, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands."

Mr. Storrs, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," by leave of the House, reported a bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Murray
Neale
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Mass.*
Parker, *Va.*
Pindall
Pitcher
Quarles

Mr. Rankin
Rogers
Ross
Settle
Sloan
Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *Md.*
Stevens
Storrs

Mr. Swearingen
Tracy
Tucker, *Va.*
Tyler
Van Rensselaer
Walker
Wallace
Warfield..... 68

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams
Allen, *N. Y.*
Allen, *Ten.*
Baker
Bateman
Beecher
Boden
Bryan
Buffum
Burwell
Butler, *N. H.*
Clagett
Cobb
Cocke
Cook
Crafts
Crawford
Culpepper
Cuthbert
Darlington
Dewitt
Dickinson
Dowse
Eddy
Edwards, *Con.*
Fay
Folger
Foot
Forrest
Fullerton

Mr. Gross, *N. Y.*
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hall, *Del.*
Hall, *N. C.*
Hazard
Hemphill
Hibshman
Hostetter
Jones, *Va.*
Kendall
Kinsley
Lathrop
Lincoln
Linn
Livermore
Lowndes
Maclay
McCoy
Marchand
Mason
Meech
Mercer
Metcalf
S. Moore
Morton
Moseley
Nelson, *Mass.*
Overstreet
Patterson
Phelps

Mr. Philson
Plumer
Randolph
Rhea
Rich
Richards
Richmond
Robertson
Russ
Sampson
Sawyer
Sergeant
Silsbee
Slocumb
B. Smith, *Va.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Southard
Strong, *Vt.*
Strong, *N. Y.*
Tarr
Taylor
Terrell
Tomlinson
Tompkins
Trimble
Tucker, *S. C.*
Whitman
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wood..... 90

The question was then stated to concur with the Committee of Claims, in the resolution recommended in their report; when,

Mr. Storrs moved to amend the same, by striking out the word *rejected*, and to insert, "is reasonable, so far as the same includes the claim for the loss of his dwelling-house, and kitchen adjoining the same, on Monday's Point, being of the value of nine hundred and fifty dollars, and ought to be granted."

And, the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Ball then moved to amend the said resolution, by striking out the word *rejected*, and inserting "granted, so far as respects the dwelling-house."

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then taken to concur in the said resolution, as thus amended,

And determined in the negative.

The said resolution, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Claims, was then concurred in by the House.

Mr. Randolph submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Gales and Seaton, having published an incorrect report of the proceedings of this House of the 23d instant, not from their own view and hearing thereof, but on the representation of some unknown person, whose name they have refused to give when thereto required by a member from Virginia; therefore,

Resolved, That, unless they give up the author of such report, Gales and Seaton, editors of the National Intelligencer, be excluded from this House, as reporters of the proceedings thereof.

And, on the question to agree to these resolutions,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....8,
Nays.....140.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bayly

Floyd

Nelson, *Va.*

Mr. Pindall

Randolph

Robertson

Mr. B. Smith, *Va.*

Strother..... 8

Those who voted in the negative, are.

Mr. Adams

Alexander

Allen, *N. Y.*

Allen, *Ten.*

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*

Archer, *Va.*

Baker

Baldwin

Ball

Barbour

Bateman

Beecher

Boden

Brown

Brush

Bryan

Buffum

Burwell

Butler, *N. H.*

Mr. Butler, *Lou.*

Campbell

Case

Clagett

Clark

Cocke

Cook

Crafts

Crowell

Culbreth

Culpepper

Cushman

Darlington

Davidson

Dennison

Dewitt

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *N. C.*

Fay

Mr. Fisher

Folger

Foot

Ford

Forrest

Fuller

Fullerton

Gross, *N. Y.*

Gross, *Penn.*

Hackley

Hall, *N. Y.*

Hall, *Del.*

Hardin

Hazard

Hemphill

Hendricks

Herrick

Hibshman

Hill

Holmes

Mr. Hooks	Mr. Morton	Mr. Sloan
Hostetter	Moseley	Slocumb
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Murray	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Kendall	Neale	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Kent	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Kinsey	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Southard
Kinsley	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Stevens
Lathrop	Patterson	Storrs
Little	Phelps	Street
Lincoln	Philson	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Linn	Plumer	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Livermore	Quarles	Swearingen
Lowndes	Rankin	Tarr
Lyman	Reed	Taylor
Maclay	Rhea	Terrell
McCoy	Rich	Tomlinson
McCreary	Richards	Tompkins
McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Richmond	Tracy
McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Rogers	Trimble
Mallary	Ross	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Meech	Russ	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Meigs	Sampson	Tyler
Mercer	Sawyer	Warfield
Metcalf	Sergeant	Wendover
R. Moore	Settle	Whitman
S. Moore	Shaw	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Monell	Silsbee	Wood..... 140

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act establishing a circuit court within and for the District of Maine."

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of War, on the petitions of Moses Burseil, Nehemiah Baylies, William Grout, Benjamin Dickerson, Jedediah Ellenwood, William Lane, Ebenezer Manning, John Essick, Eliphalet Bates, James W. Bailey, Samuel Andrews, James Mitchum, James Cation, Henry Logan, William Melton, James Andrews, Charles Brown, James Brown, Isaac Drew, Abner Beckwith, Josiah Bacon, Perez Bradford, Samuel Wellington, Seth Weed, Isaac Lewis, Joseph Ligon, and of Park Avery; which report was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 30, 1820.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Daniel Palmer, who lost a leg while a soldier in the late war with Great Britain, praying that his pension may be increased to the sum of twenty dollars per month; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Ordered, That the petition of James McFarland, William Frizell, and James Ford, heretofore presented on the 20th January, 1819, be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of certain settlers in the state of Illinois, who reside within the Vincennes district.

On motion of Mr. Slocumb,

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to enquire into the expediency of having a light-house built at Ocracock Inlet, in the state of North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to Robert Smart one hundred dollars for a horse, and ninety dollars for boards, which horse and boards were impressed for the public use.

On motion of Mr. Clagett,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to examine the claim of Matthew P. McQuesten, for services as a soldier in the army of the United States in the late war, and report what compensation, if any, ought to be allowed him.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Taunton, by Paynham, to East Bridgewater, in the state of Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Archer, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of the representatives of William Lee, who was killed on board the Essex, for his proportion of prize money, and pay, as a seaman.

Mr. Sawyer submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of abolishing such offices of the customs as it may be proper to suppress in consequence of their unproductiveness, their inutility, or from any other cause; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing John Hagadorn on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the Secretary for the Department of the Navy be directed to inform this House whether the commander of the Ontario, during her late cruize in the Pacific Ocean, received any present from the Vice Roy of Lima, and, if he did, what disposition has been made thereof; whether he received on board the Ontario any citizens or subjects of a foreign power, and any money or effects belonging to foreign subjects or citizens, to be transported from one foreign port

to another; if such foreign subjects were so received, whether any of them were in the military or naval service of a government engaged in war; if any money or effects were so transported, whether any freight was received on that account; and whether any, and what, instructions have been given by the Department of the Navy respecting the transportation in public ships of the United States of passengers, money, or effects.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for apportioning the Representatives in the Seventeenth Congress, to be elected in the states of Massachusetts and Maine, and for other purposes;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Holmes, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hill, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Whitman, were appointed the said committee.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of land for failure in completing the payment thereon," was read the third time; and, the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

Mr. Slocumb moved that it lie on the table; which, being rejected, The question was taken, Shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John A. Dix;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on goods imported into Castine;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bill, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, which is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress a general abstract of the militia of the United States, in pursuance of the act of March the 3d, 1803.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 30, 1820.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820," with amendments: They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of certain sufferers by fire at Savannah, in Georgia;" and a joint resolution, directing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjourn their respective Houses on Monday the 24th of April next; in which amendments, bill, and resolution, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein, and that it lie on the table. •

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing payment to be made for certain muskets impressed into the service of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storrs reported the same, with an amendment; which was read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John O'Connor, deceased;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Mary Cassin, widow and administratrix of Patrick Cassin, deceased;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Swartwout;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nichols;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorising the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Richard Wilcox;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered; That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Anthony S. Delisle, Edward B. Dudley, and John M. Van Cleef;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storrs reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the president, directors, and company, of the Merchants' Bank of Newport, in Rhode Island;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ball reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon."

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Jennings O'Bannon;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wendover reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Foot moved to amend the said bill, by transposing the words *on the exhibition of proper vouchers*, from the place in which they stand, to come in next after the words *Treasury Department*.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 31, 1820.

Mr. Rogers presented a petition of Elias Utt, senior, praying for an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Boden presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the borough of Carlisle, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection and encouragement may be extended to the manufacturers of the country; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to regulate the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Thomas Wyatt, a soldier, and, subsequently, an officer, in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension, as, also, a grant of his bounty in land.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of James Little, a soldier of the revolution, praying for a pension, and for a grant of his bounty in land.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of Joseph English, and of sundry inhabitants of Hempstead county, in the territory of Arkansas, on his behalf, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of a small tract of public land, may be granted to the said English, in consideration of his having erected a grist-mill thereon; as also, in the purchase of certain other tracts of timbered land, for the accommodation of the said mill; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of William Ray and James Rabb; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde," made a detailed report thereon, recommending that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which report and bill were ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the case of Robert Willis, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Accounts, made a report on the petition of Thomas Constantine; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That there be paid to Thomas Constantine, of New-York, two hundred and fifty dollars, out of the contingent fund of this House.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the 27th of December, 1819, on the petition of Hugh McCullough, be referred to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Alexander Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing for the payment of a gun and gun-carriage, taken by the enemy at the battle of North Point, on the 12th September, 1814, made an unfavorable report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Buffum,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Keene, through Surry, Drewsville, and Langdon, to Charleston, in New-Hampshire.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of New-Hampshire,

Resolved, That the petition of Moses Bursieul, with the report of the Secretary of War thereon, be committed to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Sampson,

Resolved, That the petition of Perez Bradford, with the report of the Secretary of War thereon, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820," were read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain sufferers by fire at Savannah, in Georgia," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The resolution from the Senate, fixing a period for the termination of the present session of Congress, was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased," was read the third time; and, the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph that the bill lie on the table; which, being rejected,

The question was taken, Shall it pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Randolph then moved, that, when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next; which, being rejected,

Mr. Randolph moved that the House do *now* adjourn; which was also rejected.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John A. Dix;

An act authorizing payment to be made for certain muskets impressed into the service of the United States, (as amended);

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John O'Connor, deceased;

An act for the relief of Mary Cassin, widow and administratrix of Patrick Cassin, deceased;

An act for the relief of Robert Swartwout;
 An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute,
 and John Nicholas;

An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to
 Richard Willcox; and

An act for the relief of Jennings O'Bannon; were severally read
 the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Anthony
 S. Delisle, Edward B. Dudley, and John M. Van Cleef," was read
 the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

Mr. Cocke moved that it be postponed indefinitely.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....67,
 { Nays..... 89.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members
 present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Hazard	Mr. Rich
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hemphill	Richards
Bateman	Hill	Richmond
Beecher	Hostetter	Rogers
Boden	Kendall	Ross
Buffum	Kent	Russ
Campbell	Lathrop	Sawyer
Clagett	Little	Sloan
Clark	Lincoln	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cocke	Lowndes	Southard
Crawford	Lyman	Storrs
Cushman	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Darlington	Marchand	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Dewitt	Meigs	Tarr
Earle	Mercer	Taylor
Eddy	Metcalf	Tomlinson
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	R. Moore	Tompkins
Ervin	S. Moore	Tracy
Fay	Monell	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Folger	Morton	Van Rensselaer
Foot	Patterson	Wendover..... 67
Forrest	Plumer	
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Rhea	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Ball	Mr. Brush
Alexander	Barbour	Bryan
Anderson	Bayly	Burton
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Bloomfield	Burwell
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Brevard	Butler, <i>Lou.</i>
Baldwin	Brown	Cannon

Mr. Case	Mr. Holmes	Mr. Pitcher
Cobb	Hooks	Rankin
Cook	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Reed
Crafts	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Robertson
Crowell	Kinsey	Sampson
Culbreth	Kinsley	Settle
Culpepper	McCoy	Shaw
Cuthbert	Livermore	Slocumb
Davidson	Maclay	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Dickinson	Linn	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	McCreary	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Fisher	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Stevens
Floyd	Mallary	Strother
Ford	Mason	Swearingen
Fuller	Meech	Terrell
Fullerton	Murray	Trimble
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Neale	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Tyler
Hackley	Newton	Walker
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Wallace
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Whitman
Hardin	Phelps	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Hendricks	Philson	Wood..... 89
Hibshman	Pindall	

On motion of Mr. Pindall, it was then

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instructions so to amend the same, as to remit only that portion of the forfeiture which has accrued to the use of the United States.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." passed on the 18th of March, 1818; and the said bill being read,

Mr. Barbour moved to amend the same, by striking out the third section, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

SEC. 3: And be it further enacted, That the act to which this is an amendment shall be so construed as that no person shall be entitled to its provisions whose property is of the value of which value shall be taken from the estimation of the court to which the schedule shall be exhibited, and which is herein before required to be certified to the Secretary of War.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Whitman then moved an amendment, to strike out the whole of the said bill, except the enacting clause, and to substitute, in lieu thereof, the following:

SEC. 1. That every person who may hereafter apply for a pension under the act to which this is in addition, shall file with the judge who may administer the oath in relation to the service of the appli-

cant, an additional affidavit, specifying the kinds, and the amount in value of each kind, of all and singular his goods, chattels, lands, and tenements, rights and credits, if any, of which he may be seized and possessed at the time of making his application; and, also, the income, if any, he may have from any other source, and comprising his ability to labor in aid of his subsistence; and exhibiting the state, and degree, of his reduced circumstances in life, and of his need of assistance from his country for support; and declaring that he has not, since the passage of the act to which this is in addition, in any manner alienated, assigned, transferred, sold, or conveyed, any portion of his estate, or in any manner incumbered the same, with a view to become entitled to the benefit thereof: which affidavit, being corroborated by other testimony, to the satisfaction of the judge, and being certified by him, to have been so proved, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of War, with the other papers of the applicant, required by the act to which this is in addition.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of War shall be, and he hereby is, required, whenever he shall have been informed, and whenever he shall have good cause to apprehend, and shall, in fact, apprehend, that a pension has been granted, under the act to which this is in addition, to any person not justly entitled thereto, he shall cause notice thereof to be given to such pensioner, who shall, thereupon, file his affidavit, in the same manner, and comprising the same particulars, as are herein further provided, in the case of all further applications under the act to which this is in addition; and containing any other facts which the Secretary of War may prescribe to, and require of, such applicant, in relation to his term of service, and the corps or line in which he may have served; and the affidavit, being so filed, proved, and certified, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of War, who, on inspection thereof, shall decide whether such pensioner be entitled to his pension, and shall continue or revoke the same accordingly; and no pension shall be paid to any pensioner, which shall have become due, after notice, as aforesaid, from the Secretary of War, that his right to a pension has become doubtful, until the Secretary of War shall have decided, on inspection of the affidavit so to be forwarded, that the pensioner is justly entitled thereto.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of War shall cause each of the district attorneys and marshals of the United States to be furnished with a list of the pensioners residing within their respective districts; and it shall be the duty of the said attorneys and marshals to acquaint the Secretary of War with every case in which they may apprehend that any person has been unduly placed on the pension list; and it shall, moreover, be the duty of the said attorneys to lay such lists before the grand jurors, at each and every term of the courts of the United States at which a grand jury shall be assembled, and examine each and every of them, as to any knowledge he may have of any person on said list who shall not be justly entitled to said pension; and any attorney who, on such enquiry, shall

have reason to apprehend that any person named on said list has no just claim to a pension, he shall acquaint the Secretary of War therewith.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That any person, being the agent or attorney of any pensioner, shall, before he shall receive the pension which shall at any time become due to his constituent or principal, declare, on oath, or affirmation, before some magistrate competent to administer the same, that he has not, directly or indirectly, either as the creditor of his constituent or principal, or otherwise, any claim to, or contract in, the money, or any part of it, which he may be about to receive; and that he will, without unnecessary delay, pay over the money he may receive, without deducting any fee or reward therefor, other than that which he may pay to a magistrate for authenticating the documents required to entitle him, as agent or attorney, to receive such pension, to the pensioner, personally, or to his guardian, executor, or administrator, entitled to receive the same.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That, if any person whatever, shall withhold any pension certificate from any pensioner, his guardian, executor, or administrator, lawfully entitled to the possession of the same, under any pretence whatever, after reasonable notice and demand to deliver the same, he shall forfeit and pay to the person entitled to the possession of such certificate, to and for the use of such pensioner, his heirs, or assigns, twice the amount of any sum that, at the time of making such demand, shall be due, or that shall become due thereon at any time before the surrender of such certificate to the person justly entitled to the possession thereof; to be recovered by action of debt, in any court proper to try the same.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That, in case of the insanity of any person entitled to the benefits of the act to which this is in addition, his application therefor may be made by guardian, or the person or persons to whom, by law, the custody of such insane person, his goods and effects, shall have been assigned, who shall state the facts, a statement of which would, otherwise, have been required of such insane person; and shall swear, or affirm, that the same are true, according to the best of his or their knowledge and belief; and shall, also, produce other evidence of the truth thereof, to the satisfaction of the judge who shall attend to the verification of such facts.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That any person who shall, wittingly and willingly, testify falsely in relation to any matter and thing required by this act, shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of the crime of perjury; and, being thereof convicted, shall be punished accordingly.

The said substitute being read,

Mr. Bloomfield moved that the bill lie on the table; which, being rejected,

The question was then taken on the amendment moved by Mr. Whitman,

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Storrs moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "indigent," in the sixth line of the third section.

And, on the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, moved to amend the bill, by inserting therein the following section, as the third thereof:

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That no officer who now is, or may hereafter be, placed on the pension list aforesaid, shall, after the payment of that part of the pension which became due on the fourth day of March, 1820, be entitled to receive more than eight dollars per month, the same that is received by all other persons on the said pension list.

And, on the question to agree to the said section,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....62,
Nays.....89.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Alexander
Archer, *Md.*
Archer, *Va.*
Ball
Barbour
Beecher
Brevard
Brown
Bryan
Burton
Burwell
Campbell
Cannon
Cobb
Cocke
Cook
Crafts
Crawford
Cuthbert
Davidson
Earle

Mr. Edwards, *N. C.*
Floyd
Folger
Gross, *Pen.*
Hall, *N. C.*
Hazard
Hendricks
Hooks
McCoy
McCreary
McLean, *Ken.*
Marchand
Metcalf
R. Moore
Overstreet
Parker, *Va.*
Plumer
Reed
Rich
Richards
Richmond

Mr. Robertson
Ross
Sawyer
Settle
Shaw
Sloan
Slocumb
B. Smith, *Va.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Southard
Stevens
Strong, *Vt.*
Strother
Swearingen
Tarr
Terrell
Tompkins
Tucker, *S. C.*
Walker
Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot
Adams
Allen, *N. F.*
Allen, *Ten.*
Anderson
Baldwin
Bateman
Bayly

Mr. Bloomfield
Boden
Brush
Buffum
Butler, *Lou.*
Case
Clagett
Clark

Mr. Culpepper
Cushman
Darlington
Dewitt
Dickinson
Downe
Eddy
Edwards, *Con.*

Mr. Fay	Mr. Lincoln	Mr. Pindall
Foot	Linn	Pitcher
Ford	Livermore	Quaries
Forrest	Lowndes	Rhea
Fuller	Maclay	Rogers
Fullerton	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Russ
Hackley	Mallery	Sampson
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Mason	Silsbee
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Meech	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Hardin	Meigs	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Hibshman	Mercer	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Hill	S. Moore	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Holmes	Monell	Taylor
Hostetter	Morton	Tomlinson
Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Murray	Tracy
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Neale	Tyler
Kendall	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Van Rensselaer
Kent	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Wallace
Kinsey	Newton	Wendover
Kinsley	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Whitman
Lathrop	Patterson	Wood.....89.
Little	Philson	

Mr. Livermore moved to amend that part of the first section of the bill which requires an applicant for a pension to swear, or affirm, that he was a *resident* citizen of the United States on the 18th of April, 1818, by striking out the word *resident*; which was rejected.

Mr. Cannon then moved to amend the said bill, by adding thereto the following section:

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia, who have performed service to the amount of nine months, by one or more tours of duty, during the revolutionary war, shall also be entitled to the provisions of the aforesaid act, passed the 18th of March, 1818.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Campbell then moved to amend the bill, by adding thereto the following section:

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That no application for a pension under the act to which this is an amendment, shall be received by the Secretary of War after the first day of June, 1820.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative.

Mr. Strother moved an amendment, to strike out the whole of the said bill, except the enacting clause, and to substitute, in lieu thereof, the following:

“That the act, entitled ‘An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war,’ passed the 18th day of March, 1818, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.”

The said substitute being read, the question was taken to agree thereto,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....32,
 { Nays..... 122.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Archer, *Md.*
 Archer, *Va.*
 Barbour
 Brevard
 Burton
 Burwell
 Cannon
 Cobb
 Crawford
 Cathbert
 Edwards, *N. C.*

Mr. Fisher
 Hall, *Del.*
 Jones, *Va.*
 Lowndes
 McCoy
 Metcalf
 Morton
 Parker, *Va.*
 Quarles
 Reed
 Richards

Mr. Robertson
 Sawyer
 Slocumb
 B. Smith, *Va.*
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Strother
 Terrell
 Tompkins
 Walker.....32

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot
 Adams
 Alexander
 Allen, *Mass.*
 Allen, *N. Y.*
 Allen, *Ten.*
 Anderson
 Baker
 Baldwin
 Ball
 Bateman
 Bayly
 Beecher
 Bloomfield
 Boden
 Brown
 Brush
 Bryan
 Buffum
 Butler, *Lou.*
 Campbell
 Case
 Clagett
 Clark
 Cocke
 Cook
 Crafts
 Culbreth
 Culpepper

Mr. Cushman
 Darlington
 Dewitt
 Dickinson
 Dowse
 Earle
 Eddy
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Fay
 Floyd
 Folger
 Foot
 Ford
 Forrest
 Fuller
 Fullerton
 Gross, *Pen.*
 Hackley
 Hall, *N. Y.*
 Hardin
 Hazard
 Hendricks
 Hibshman
 Hill
 Holmes
 Hooks
 Hostetter
 Jones, *Ten.*
 Kendall

Mr. Kent
 Kinsey
 Kinsley
 Lathrop
 Little
 Lincoln
 Linn
 Livermore
 Lyman
 Maclay
 McCreary
 McLane, *Del.*
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Mallary
 Marchand
 Mason
 Mercer
 R. Moore
 S. Moore
 Monell
 Murray
 Neale
 Nelson, *Mass.*
 Nelson, *Va.*
 Newton
 Overstreet
 Parker, *Mass.*
 Patterson
 Philson

Mr. Pindall	Mr. Sloan	Mr. Tracy
Pitcher	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Trimble
Plumer	Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Rhea	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Rich	Southard	Tyler
Richmond	Stevens	Van Rensselaer
Rogers	Storrs	Wallace
Ross	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>	Wendover
Russ	Swearingen	Whitman
Sampson	Tarr	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Settle	Taylor	Wood..... 192.
Silsbee	Tomlinson	

Mr. Morton then moved that the said bill be amended, by striking out all thereof except the enacting clause, and substituting, in lieu thereof, the following:

That every person who now is, or hereafter may be, placed on the pension list of the United States, by virtue of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," passed the eighteenth of March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, who served for the term of nine months, and for a term less than three years, shall be entitled to receive the amount of the pension allowed him by said act for the term of three years from the date of his declaration, and no longer; and every person who now is, or who hereafter may be, placed on the pension list of the United States by virtue of the act aforesaid, who served for the term of three years, or longer, shall be entitled to receive the amount allowed him by said act for the term of five years from the date of his declaration, and no longer.

The said substitute being read, the question was taken to agree thereto,

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Strother again moved to strike out all of the said bill except the enacting clause, and to substitute, in lieu thereof, the following:

That, after the half year ending in September next, the pensions of all persons who have been placed on the pension list under the act hereby amended, shall be respectively reduced fifty per cent.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Whitman moved to add to the said bill the fourth and fifth sections of the substitute this day proposed by him, and rejected by the House.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The said bill being amended at the Clerk's table, was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That, until otherwise directed, the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 1, 1820.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Phinehas Andrews.

The Speaker presented a petition of John Simeson, senior, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of John Meldrum, administrator of the estate of George Meldrum, deceased, late of Detroit, in the territory of Michigan, praying compensation for a house belonging to the estate of the deceased, situated in Detroit, which was destroyed by the troops in the service of the United States, and the materials appropriated to the erection of barracks in Fort Shelby; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Hempstead, in the territory of Arkansas, as well on behalf of Benjamin Clark, as on behalf of themselves, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of certain public lands may be granted to said Clark, he having erected thereon a grist mill, cotton gin, and other necessary and useful improvements, for the benefit of the people of said county generally; as, also, that the right of pre-emption may be also granted to them in the purchase of the lands on which they reside; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Bates also presented a petition of the members of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the territory of Arkansas, praying for the establishment of a post route from Nashville, in Tennessee, to the seat of government in said territory; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, residing between the Miami and Scioto rivers; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to pass any law upon the subject of the complaint of the petitioners.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of passing a law to procure, for the use of the United States, copies of the plans, and field notes of the lands, in the "Ohio company's purchase," made an unfavorable report thereon; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Jacob Upp; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Campbell, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill for the relief of William Pancoast; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was re-committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Anthony S. Delisle, Edward B. Dudley, and John M. Van Cleef," reported the same, with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time, on Monday.

Mr. Holmes, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for apportioning the Representatives in the Seventeenth Congress to be elected in the states of Massachusetts and Maine, and for other purposes," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to lay before this House copies of all contracts made and entered into by the Commissary General for supplying provisions for the army of the United States since the establishment of that department; also, all propositions made, and which were not withdrawn, for supplying the same, specifying particularly to which contract the several propositions apply.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, that the several orders of the day which precede the bill for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, esquire, and for the education of his children at the public charge, be postponed until Monday next, for the purpose of taking up said bill.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war,' passed on the 18th day of March, 1818," was read the third time; and, the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

Mr. Barbour moved that it be re-committed to a select committee; and, the question being stated,

Mr. Adams moved that the said bill be postponed until the first day of the next session of Congress.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....63,
Nays.....96.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *N. Y.*
Baker
Baldwin
Bateman
Bayly
Boden
Brush
Bryan
Buffum
Clagett
Clark
Cook
Crafts
Cushman
Dewitt
Dowse
Edwards, *Con.*
Edwards, *Pen.*
Fay

Mr. Fuller
Gross, *N. Y.*
Gross, *Pen.*
Hackley
Hall, *Del.*
Hardin
Hibshman
Hill
Holmes
Kendall
Kent
Kinsley
Lathrop
Lincoln
Livermore
McCreary
Mallery
Mason
Meech
Meigs
R. Moore

Mr. S. Moore
Monell
Morton
Moseley
Murray
Neale
Nelson, *Mass.*
Nelson, *Va.*
Parker, *Mass.*
Pindall
Pitcher
Rogers
Silsbee
Sloan
Stevens
Storrs
Strong, *N. Y.*
Swearingen
Taylor
Van Rensselaer
Whitman..... 63

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot
Alexander
Allen, *Ten.*
Anderson
Archer, *Md.*
Archer, *Va.*
Ball
Barbour
Beecher
Bloomfield
Brevard
Brown
Burton
Burwell
Butler, *N. H.*
Butler, *Low.*
Campbell
Cannon
Case
Cobb
Cocke
Crawford
Crowell
Culbreth
Culpepper

Mr. Cuthbert
Darlington
Davidson
Dickinson
Earle
Eddy
Edwards, *N. C.*
Fisher
Floyd
Folger
Foot
Forrest
Fullerton
Garnett
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hazard
Hemphill
Hendricks
Herrick
Hooks
Hostetter
Jones, *Va.*
Jones, *Ten.*
Kinsey
Linn

Mr. Lowndes
Lyman
McCoy
McLean, *Ken.*
Metcalf
Newton
Overstreet
Parker, *Va.*
Patterson
Phelps
Philson
Plumer
Rankin
Reed
Rhea
Rich
Richards
Robertson
Ross
Russ
Sampson
Sawyer
Settle
Shaw
Slocumb

Mr. Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Mr. Tarr	Mr. Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Terrell	Tyler
B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>	Tomlinson	Wallace
A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>	Tompkins	Warfield
Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Tracy	Wendover
Southard	Trimble	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Strother	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>	Wood..... 96

On motion of Mr. Barbour, the said bill was then amended, by unanimous consent; whereupon,

Mr. Barbour withdrew his motion for its re-commitment to a select committee.

And, the question was then taken, Shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....80,
Nays.....72.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Rankin
Anderson	Floyd	Reed
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Folger	Rhea
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Foot	Richards
Ball	Forrest	Robertson
Barbour	Fullerton	Ross
Beecher	Garnett	Russ
Bloomfield	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Sampson
• Brevard	Hazard	Settle
Brown	Hendricks	Slocumb
Bryan	Herrick	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Burton	Hooks	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Burwell	Hostetter	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cannon	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Southard
Cobb	Kinsey	Strother
Cocke	Lowndes	Tarr
Crawford	Lyman	Terrell
Crowell	Maclay	Tomlinson
Culpepper	McCoy	Tompkins
Cuthbert	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Trimble
Darlington	Metcalf	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Davidson	Newton	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Dickinson	Overstreet	Tyler
Earle	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Warfield
Eddy	Patterson	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Philson	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Mr. Bayly
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Baldwin	Boden
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Bateman	Brush

Mr. Buffum	Mr. Hill	Mr. Nelson, Va.
Case	Holmes	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Clagett	Kendall	Phelps
Clark	Kent	Pindall
Cook	Kinsley	Pitcher
Crafts	Lathrop	Plumer
Culbreth	Lincoln	Rich
Cushman	Linn	Rogers
Dewitt	Livermore	Silsbee
Dowse	McCreary	Sloan
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Mallery	Stevens
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Mason	Storrs
Fay	Meigs	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Fuller	R. Moore	Swearingen
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	S. Moore	Taylor
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Monell	Tracy
Hackley	Morton	Van Rensselaer
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Moseley	Wallace
Hardin	Murray	Wendover
Hemphill	Neale	Whitman
Hibshman	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Wood..... 72

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.
And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, April 3, 1820.

Mr. Burton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Rock-landing, in the state of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of sundry emigrants from France, and interested in the contract made with the Secretary of the Treasury on behalf of the United States, in virtue of the act of the 3d of March, 1817, entitled "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement and cultivation of the *wine and olive*," praying that a supplementary act may be passed, providing that each grantee, on faithfully complying with the conditions of the said contract, and paying the purchase money in proportion to his separate interest, may be entitled to receive a patent for such interest; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Anderson also presented a petition of Samuel Carroll, and James Stephens, respectively praying compensation for a horse lost in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Thomas Sappington; which

was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Benjamin Simmons; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea also reported a bill concerning invalid pensioners; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to revive and continue an act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Mary Cassin, widow and administratrix of Patrick Cassin, deceased;

An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Richard Wilcox;

An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased;

An act for the relief of Jennings O'Bannon;

An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nichols;

An act for the relief of John A. Dix;

An act for the relief of Robert Swartwout;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John O'Connor, deceased; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to amend the several acts providing for sick and disabled seamen, and for establishing navy hospitals; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to which were referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Walter Channing," and "An act for the relief of certain sufferers by fire at Savannah, in Georgia," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be respectively committed to a committee of the whole, to-day.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Solomon Frazier, Lemuel Wootten, Bailey and Rinker, and of Joseph Vance; which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of the representatives of William Lee, who was killed on board the Essex, for his proportion

of prize money and pay as a seaman; and that the enquiry directed by the said resolution be made by the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Campbell, from the committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the location of warrants which issued to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment, in the revolutionary war, and for the emanation of patents in cases where locations have been made, made a report, in which they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which report was read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Pindall submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be instructed to procure, and transmit to this House, as soon as practicable, a copy of such late act or acts of the Pennsylvania Legislature, as prohibit or restrain the justices, aldermen, or other magistrates or officers of that state, from interposing in the apprehension or surrender of fugitive slaves.

The said resolution was read; and,

On motion of Mr. Tarr,

It was amended, by adding thereto these words: "Provided, any such act or acts shall have passed."

Mr. Samuel Moore then moved that the said resolution lie on the table; which was rejected.

And the question was then taken to agree thereto,

And passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Holmes submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine;" and that it be re-committed to the Committee of Ways and Means, to enquire and report:

1. Who are the persons claiming the relief under the bill, and the amount of each claim?

2. At what time the goods, from which a relief from duties is claimed, were imported into Castine?

3. Who were the importers, and on whose account?

4. What amount of goods were originally imported by any of the claimants, and how much thereof have been disposed of, and in what manner?

5. What was the price or value at the time of importation?

6. What duties were paid on them to the British custom-house? and to report any other facts which they may deem expedient, not embraced within the scope of these enquiries; or to make such amendments to the bill as may be proper to exclude from its provisions certain claimants who were importers of goods into a territory occupied by the enemy.

The said resolution was read, and a division of the question was called for, and taken,

First, on so much thereof as goes to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of the said bill,

And passed in the affirmative.

Second, on so much thereof as proposes to refer it to the Committee of Ways and Means,

And passed in the affirmative.

Third, on so much thereof as instructs the Committee of Ways and Means to make the enquiries therein stated,

And also passed in the affirmative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Anthony S. Delisle, Edward B. Dudley, and John M. Van Cleef," was read a third time, as amended; and, on the question, Shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....85,
 { Nays.....73.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Ford	Mr. Newton
Alexander	Fuller	Overstreet
Anderson	Fullerton	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Garnett	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Baldwin	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Phelps
Ball	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Pindall
Barbour	Hackley	Pitcher
Bayly	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Quarles
Brevard	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Rankin
Brown	Hardin	Sampson
Brush	Hendricks	Settle
Bryan	Hibshman	Shaw
Burton	Holmes	Slocumb
Burwell	Hooks	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Kent	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Cannon	Kinsey	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Case	Kinsley	Strother
Cobb	Linn	Swearingen
Cook	Livermore	Terrell
Crafts	Maclay	Trimble
Crowell	McCoy	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Culbreth	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Tyler
Culpepper	Mallery	Walker
Cuthbert	Meech	Wallace
Davidson	Moseley	Warfield
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Murray	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Fisher	Neale	
Floyd	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Baker	Mr. Bloomfield
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Bateman	Boden
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Beecher	Buffum

Mr. Campbell	Mr. Hoptetter	Mr. Richmond
Clagett	Kendall	Robertson
Clark	Lathrop	Rogers
Cocke	Lincoln	Ross
Cushman	Lowndes	Russ
Darlington	Lyman	Sawyer
Dewitt	McCreary	Sloan
Dickinson	Marchand	A. Smyth, Va.
Dowse	Mason	Southard
Earle	Meigs	Storrs
Eddy	Metcalf	Strong, Va.
Edwards, Con.	R. Moore	Tarr
Edwards, Pen.	S. Moore	Taylor
Fay	Monell	Tonlinson
Folger	Morton	Tompkins
Foot	Nelson, Va.	Tracy
Forrest	Patterson	Tucker, S. C.
Hall, Del.	Philson	Van Rensselaer
Hazard	Plamer	Wendover
Hemphill	Rhea	Wood.....73
Herrick	Rich	
Hill	Richards	

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the State of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 4, 1820.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of Susannah Stewart, stating that she is the rightful owner of certain certificates issued by the New England Mississippi Land Company, which she deposited in the Department of State to be liquidated and settled under the provisions of the act of the 3d of March, 1815, for indemnifying claimants to land in the Mississippi territory; that the amount of said certificates were included in the settlement of the claim of the company by which they were issued, which said company is willing to transfer to her her proportion of stock upon a surrender of her certificates, and that, upon application to the Department of State, the return of the said certificates has been refused on the ground that they can only be returned by an act of Congress, and praying that an act may be passed for that purpose; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of the inhabitants of the towns of Salem and Beverly, in the state of Massachusetts, by their committees, praying for the erection of an additional light house on Baker's Island; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Joseph Falconer, praying to be paid the amount of two loan office certificates issued in the year 1784, which have been lost or destroyed, together with the interest thereon; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Ordered, That James Leander Cathcart have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Smith of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was yesterday recommitted with instructions the bill from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on goods imported into Castine," reported the said bill with amendments, which were read, and, together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. A. Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were directed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to John Willis the balance of bounty which is supposed to be due the estate of Robert Willis, a deceased soldier, made a report thereon, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That John Willis is entitled to the land bounty and the balance of the sum of one hundred and twenty-four dollars, the bounty in money, due to Robert Willis, deceased, who was duly enlisted as a soldier in the army of the United States, on the 14th of March, 1814, for the term of five years, and who died in service.

Mr. Anderson submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars be appropriated for the purchase of stock in the Kentucky Ohio Canal Company, organized for the purpose of cutting a canal around the falls of the Ohio river at Louisville.

The said resolution was read, and a motion was made that it be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill providing for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road.

Mr. Gross of New York moved that it lie on the table; which was rejected.

And, the question was then taken on the motion to commit as above stated,

And passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the investigation of the claims of individuals upon the United States by *petition of right*, or other proper process, in the District or Circuit Courts; or in some tribunal to be established for that purpose, so as to insure a speedy decision of such claims, upon the principles of justice and equity.

Mr. Foote, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act for the relief of Mary Cassin, widow and administratrix of Patrick Cassin, deceased;

An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Richard Willcox;

An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased;

An act for the relief of Jennings O'Bannon;

An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nichols;

An act for the relief of John A. Dix;

An act for the relief of Robert Swartwout; and

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John O'Connor, deceased.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 5, 1820.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Marblehead, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that an additional light house may be erected on Baker's Island; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Ordered, That the petition of Peter Bradley, heretofore presented on the 2d of March, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Anthony Gale, a major in the marine corps of the United States, praying compensation for extra services rendered as a military agent from the year 1806 to the year 1817; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce, reported a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Friday next.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the cases of Caleb Palmer, Joseph Dunlap, Robert Smart, and of Betsey Cook; which were severally ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Daniel Hagan, and of Hezekiah Hutchins, and that the former be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and the latter to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made reports on the petitions of Thomas Flint, and of James Am-

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Fuller	Mr. S. Moore
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Monell
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Morton
Baker	Hackley	Moseley
Baldwin	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Murray
Bateman	Hardin	Neale
Bayly	Hibshman	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Boden	Will	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Brush	Holmes	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Bryan	Kendall	Pindall
Buffum	Kent	Pitcher
Clagett	Kinsley	Rogers
Clark	Lathrop	Silsbee
Cook	Lincoln	Sloan
Crafts	Livermore	Stevens
Cushman	McCreary	Storrs
Dewitt	Mallery	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Dowse	Mason	Swearingen
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Meech	Taylor
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Meigs	Van Rensselaer
Fay	R. Moore	Whitman..... 6S

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Cuthbert	Mr. Lowndes
Alexander	Darlington	Lyman
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Davidson	McCoy
Anderson	Dickinson	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Earle	Metcalf
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Eddy	Newton
Ball	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Overstreet
Barbour	Fisher	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Beecher	Floyd	Patterson
Bloomfield	Folger	Phelps
Brevard	Foot	Philson
Brown	Forrest	Plumer
Burton	Fullerton	Rankin
Burwell	Garnett	Reed
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Rhea
Butler, <i>Low.</i>	Hazard	Rich
Campbell	Hemphill	Richards
Cannon	Hendricks	Robertson
Case	Herrick	Ross
Cobb	Hooks	Russ
Cocke	Hostetter	Sampson
Crawford	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Sawyer
Crowell	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Settle
Culbreth	Kinsey	Shaw
Culpepper	Linn	Slocumb

Mr. Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Mr. Tarr	Mr. Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Terrell	Tyler
B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>	Tomlinson	Wallace
A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>	Tompkins	Warfield
Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Tracy	Wendover
Southard	Trimble	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Strother	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>	Wood..... 96

On motion of Mr. Barbour, the said bill was then amended, by unanimous consent; whereupon,

Mr. Barbour withdrew his motion for its re-commitment to a select committee.

And, the question was then taken, Shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....80,
Nays.....72.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Rankin
Anderson	Floyd	Reed
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Folger	Rhea
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Foot	Richards
Ball	Forrest	Robertson
Barbour	Fullerton	Ross
Beecher	Garnett	Russ
Bloomfield	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Sampson
• Brevard	Hazard	Settle
Brown	Hendricks	Slocumb
Bryan	Herrick	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Burton	Hooks	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Burwell	Hostetter	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cannon	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Southard
Cobb	Kinsey	Strother
Cocke	Lowndes	Tarr
Crawford	Lyman	Terrell
Crowell	Maclay	Tomlinson
Culpepper	McCoy	Tompkins
Cuthbert	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Trimble
Darlington	Metcalf	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Davidson	Newton	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Dickinson	Overstreet	Tyler
Earle	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Warfield
Eddy	Patterson	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Philson	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Mr. Bayly
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Baldwin	Boden
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Bateman	Brush

Mr. Buffum	Mr. Hill	Mr. Nelson, Va.
Case	Holmes	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Clagett	Kendall	Phelps
Clark	Kent	Pindall
Cook	Kinsley	Pitcher
Crafts	Lathrop	Plumer
Culbreth	Lincoln	Rich
Cushman	Linn	Rogers
Dewitt	Livermore	Silsbee
Dowse	McCreary	Sloan
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Mallery	Stevens
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Mason	Storrs
Fay	Meigs	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Fuller	R. Moore	Swearingen
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	S. Moore	Taylor
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Monell	Tracy
Hackley	Morton	Van Rensselaer
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Moseley	Wallace
Hardin	Murray	Wendover
Hemphill	Neale	Whitman
Hibshman	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Wood..... 72

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, April 3, 1820.

Mr. Burton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Rock-landing, in the state of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of sundry emigrants from France, and interested in the contract made with the Secretary of the Treasury on behalf of the United States, in virtue of the act of the 3d of March, 1817, entitled "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement and cultivation of the *vine and olive*," praying that a supplementary act may be passed, providing that each grantee, on faithfully complying with the conditions of the said contract, and paying the purchase money in proportion to his separate interest, may be entitled to receive a patent for such interest; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Anderson also presented a petition of Samuel Carroll, and James Stephens, respectively praying compensation for a horse lost in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Thomas Sappington; which

Mr. Ford	Mr. Meigs	Mr. Sawyer
Fullerton	Metcalf	Sergeant
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	S. Moore	Settle
Hackley	Moseley	Silsbee
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Simkins
Hendricks	Newton	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Hill	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Holmes	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Hostetter	Patterson	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Philson	Street
Kinsey	Pitcher	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Lowndes	Quarles	Strother
Lyman	Rhea	Swearingen
Maclay	Rich	Tompkins
McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Rogers	Wendover
Mason	Sampson	Wood..... 67
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And so the said amendments were rejected.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cook moved that the House do now proceed to consider the bill authorizing the governor of Illinois to obtain certain abstracts of land from certain public offices.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820," were read, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, and other public buildings," was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, moved, that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution from the Senate, "proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of the President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States."

And, on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the Committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for apportioning the representatives in the Seventeenth Congress to be elected in the states of Massachusetts and Maine, and for other purposes;

An act authorizing payment to be made for certain muskets impressed into the service of the United States; and,

An act for the relief of Anthony S. Delisle, Edward B. Dudley, and John M. Van Cleef;

And found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 6, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Lathrop have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Philadelphia, praying for the erection of a light-house on Cape May; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of sundry silversmiths, and other inhabitants, of Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on watches, and other articles of jewelry, imported into the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Speaker presented a petition of Julia Plantou, praying Congress to purchase a painting, executed by her, being an allegorical representation of the treaty concluded at Ghent between the United States and Great Britain, the price for which, she says, may be determined by Congress; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Joseph Henderson, a militia officer in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed, on the 14th ultimo, to enquire whether any, and, if any, what, measures are necessary to be taken for the greater security of debts due the United States, in consequence of certain loans of powder, lead, and other munitions belonging to government, having been made to private citizens, by any officer of the United States, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820," made a report thereon; which was read, and, together with the said amendments, committed to a committee of the whole, to-day.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of John Steele; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole last appointed.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made an unfavorable report on the petitions of Axum Scott, Joseph Roby, Nathaniel Stewart, Isaac Champlin, Aaron Miller, Robert Champney, George Flower, Jabez Wakeman, Jonas Rumsey, William McGready, Ebenezer Forrest, Elijah Davis, George Sloan, Asabel Gregory, Edward Conner, Thomas Flatford, Sardis Blodget, John Schroeder, and of Gilbert Willet; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Abijah Blew; and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, of the 10th ultimo, on the petition of Daniel McDuff, be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Beecher moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Brush, on the 23d of February last, in relation to the northern boundary line of the state of Ohio.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolution from the Senate fixing the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and, being read,

Mr. Gross, of New-York, moved that it be referred to the committee appointed yesterday to enquire into the expediency of providing for an earlier commencement of the next session of Congress than the stated period.

And, the question being stated to agree thereto,

Mr. Taylor moved that it be postponed until Monday, the 17th instant.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....73,
Nays.....77.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Cushman	Mr. Hibshman
Adams	Cuthbert	Hill
Allen, N. Y.	Darlington	Hostetter
Anderson	Dewitt	Jones, Ten.
Baker	Dickinson	Kinsey
Bateman	Eddy	Kinsley
Beecher	Edwards, Pen.	Little
Bloomfield	Folger	Lincoln
Boden	Forrest	Lowndes
Brush	Fuller	S. Moore
Buffum	Fullerton	Monell
Campbell	Gross, Pen.	Morton
Clark	Hall, N. Y.	Moseley
Cook	Hardin	Newton
Culbreth	Hemphill	Parker, Mass.

Mr. Patterson
 Philson
 Pitcher
 Rhea
 Rich
 Rogers
 Russ
 Sampson
 Sergeant
 Shaw

Mr. Sloan
 Smith, *N. J.*
 Smith, *Md.*
 Southard
 Storrs
 Street
 Strong, *N. F.*
 Taylor
 Tomlinson
 Tompkins

Mr. Tracy
 Van Rensselaer
 Wallace
 Wendover
 Whitman
 Williams, *Va.*
 Williams, *N. C.*
 Wood..... 73

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander
 Allen, *Mass.*
 Allen, *Ten.*
 Archer, *Md.*
 Archer, *Va.*
 Baldwin
 Ball
 Barbour
 Bayly
 Brown
 Bryan
 Burton
 Burwell
 Butler, *N. H.*
 Butler, *Lou.*
 Cannon
 Case
 Clagett
 Cobb
 Cocke
 Crafts
 Crawford
 Crowell
 Culpepper
 Davidson
 Dowse

Mr. Earle
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Edwards, *N. C.*
 Ervin
 Fay
 Fisher
 Floyd
 Foot
 Garnett
 Hall, *Del.*
 Hendricks
 Holmes
 Hooks
 Jones, *Va.*
 Kendall
 Linn
 Maclay
 McCoy
 McCreary
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Marchand
 Mason
 Meigs
 Mercer
 Metcalf
 Murray

Mr. Neale
 Nelson, *Mass.*
 Parker, *Va.*
 Pindall
 Plumer
 Rankin
 Reed
 Richards
 Richmond
 Robertson
 Ross
 Settle
 Simkins
 Slocumb
 B. Smith, *Va.*
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Strother
 Tarr
 Trimble
 Tucker, *Va.*
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Tyler
 Walker
 Warfield..... 77

The question was then taken on the motion to refer the said resolution to the committee appointed yesterday,
 And passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Taylor moved that, for the remainder of the session, the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, be ten o'clock in the forenoon.

And, the question being taken thereon,
 It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Ervin submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, That the President of said states be requested to take measures to obtain, from the honorable Bushrod Washington

the body of the late General George Washington; and, if obtained, that he cause to be erected over it, in the Capitol Square, east of the Capitol, a suitable mausoleum, with inscriptions emblematical of the principal events of his military and political life.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to give the sum of _____ dollars for the best plan of a mausoleum; which plan of a mausoleum, and the inscriptions thereon, shall be approved by the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice, the Secretaries of the different Departments, and the Attorney General, or a majority of them.

Be it further resolved, That the President do cause to be procured an equestrian statue of bronze of General George Washington, to be executed by some eminent artist, which shall be placed on the top of the said mausoleum, in the centre building of the Capitol, or in any other place within the public square, which, by a majority of the persons in the preceding resolution referred to, shall be deemed most suitable.

And be it further resolved. That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to make the necessary appropriations of money to carry into execution the objects contemplated in the preceding resolutions.

The said resolutions being read, the question was taken, Will the House now proceed to consider the same?

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Barbour submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table for one day:

Resolved, That the following be added to the standing rules of this House, to wit: "No petition shall be received at the first session of any Congress, except within the first ninety days thereof; nor at the second, or any subsequent session, except within the first sixty days thereof."

Mr. Cobb moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him at the present session, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in relation to appointments to office.

And, on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting reports of the chief engineer, of the colonel of ordnance, and of the Second and Third Auditors, with sundry accompanying documents, which contain the information in relation to contracts which have been made for the building or repairing of fortifications, arsenals, and magazines, since the year 1815, as required by the resolution of this House of the 1st instant; which letter and reports were ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820;" as,

also, on the bill for the relief of John Steele; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sergeant reported their agreement to the first, second, third, sixth, and seventh, and their disagreement to the fourth, fifth, and eighth of the said amendments.

Mr. Sergeant also reported the bill for the relief of John Steele, without amendment.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the said amendments; whereupon,

Resolved, That this House concur with the committee of the whole in their agreement to the first, second, third, sixth, and seventh, and in their disagreement to the fourth, fifth, and eighth of the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House then proceeded to consider the bill for the relief of John Steele; when,

Mr. Baldwin moved that the said bill lie on the table; which, being rejected, it was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine," was read the third time, and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, and other public buildings;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the agreement of the committee of the whole to the said amendment.

It was then read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain sufferers by fire at Savannah, in Georgia;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lathrop reported the said bill, with an amendment; which was read, and amended.

Mr. Brush moved further to amend the said amendment by striking out the words *due and*, between the word *duties* and the words *remaining unpaid*; which motion was rejected.

The said amendment was then concurred in, as amended, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Walter Channing;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 7, 1820.

On motion of Mr. Tracy,

Ordered, That Aaron Miller, Isaac Champlin, and George Sloane, have leave to withdraw their respective petitions and accompanying documents.

On motion of Mr. Parker, of Virginia,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Abraham Montague.

On motion of Mr. Beecher,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of John Haley and S. Q. Richardson.

Mr. Livermore, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of affording some pecuniary relief to the widow of John Heaps, deceased, made a report, which was read; when,

Mr. Livermore reported a bill for the relief of the widow of John Heaps; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joshua Russell, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act authorizing payment to be made for certain muskets impressed into the service of the United States;

An act for the relief of Anthony S. Delisle, Edward B. Dudley, and John M. Van Cleef; and

An act for apportioning the Representatives in the Seventeenth Congress to be elected in the states of Massachusetts and Maine, and for other purposes.

Mr. Darlington also reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, and other public buildings," and found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of James Stephens, Samuel Carroll, Ephraim T. Gilbert, Matthew P. McQuester, Elias Ransom, Martin Kennedy, Robert Sewall, and of James Simpson; which were severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cook moved that the House do now proceed to consider the bill authorizing the governor of Illinois to obtain certain abstracts of land from certain public offices.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Barbour moved that the House do now proceed to consider the amendment submitted by him yesterday to the standing rules of the House.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain sufferers by fire at Savannah, in Georgia," was read the third time, and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the said amendment.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Walter Channing," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Steele," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Jacob Kunkopot and others, of the nation of Stockbridge Indians; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of William Coffin and others; and on the bill for the relief of Elkanah Finney and others; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the said bills, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of James Mackay, of the territory of Missouri; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Fielding Jones; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of captain Stanton Sholes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virgi-

nia, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of John Wells; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Beck and Harvey; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Louis Joseph de Beaulieu; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Christopher Miller; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sloan reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Samuel B. Beall; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. A. Smyth reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their fourth, fifth, and eighth amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820," which have been disagreed to by this House.

They have concurred in the amendment of this House to bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine; and

An act for the relief of certain sufferers by fire at Savannah, in Georgia.

The Senate recede from their first amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820," and insist on their second amendment to the said bill, and ask a conference upon the subject of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the said amendment, and have appointed

managers at the said conference on their part; and they have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department;

An act further to amend the judicial system of the United States; and

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Tench Francis, deceased; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill confirming the title of the Mohiccan, or Stockbridge tribe of Indians, to certain lands; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the said bill, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Hendricks then moved that the said bill be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands; which motion was rejected; and,

On motion of Mr. Beecher,

The said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of certain settlers in the state of Illinois, who reside within the Vincennes land district; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Martha Flood; on the bill for the relief of Charles S. Jones and Richard Buckner, junior, administrators of William Jones; and on the bill for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Isaac Melchior, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the said bills, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of James Merrill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of John D. Carter; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sloan reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of William King; and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Joseph M. Skinner; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Culpepper reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of John B. Regnier; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of John Law and Jonathan Elliot, citizens of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the same, with amendments; which were read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 8, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Herrick have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Wednesday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Niagara, in the state of New York, praying an alteration in an existing post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Ordered, That William Dollaway have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, presented to this House at the first session of the fifteenth Congress.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of John T. David.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill to alter the times of the session of the Circuit and District Courts in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Cardelli, reported a bill to encourage the art of making new models, and casts of busts, and other things therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Henry Burden; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Sergeant also reported a bill for the relief of Susannah Stewart; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Daniel Bickley, and Catharine Clark, administratrix of John Clark, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Linn,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to enquire into the expediency of providing, by law, a more effectual remedy to prevent duelling in the army and navy of the United States, and in the District of Columbia.

A motion was made by Mr. Cocke, that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 6th of March last, for an enquiry into the expediency of reducing the Naval establishment;

And, the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to amend the Judicial System of the United States," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Tench Francis, deceased," was read the first and second time, and referred to the select committee appointed on the 7th of February, on the memorial of William Tilghman, administrator of Tench Francis, deceased.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the message from the Senate, asking a conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the second amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820;" whereupon,

Resolved, That this House *insist* on their disagreement to the said amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate, on the subject matter of the said amendment, and that managers be appointed to attend the said conference on their part.

Ordered, That Mr. Cocke, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Warfield, Mr. Beecher, and Mr. Tyler, be appointed managers on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Louis Joseph De Beaulieu;

An act for the relief of Beck and Harvey;

An act for the relief of William Coffin and others;

- An act for the relief of Fielding Jones;
 An act for the relief of Captain Stanton Sholes;
 An act for the relief of Christopher Miller;
 An act for the relief of Samuel B. Beale;
 An act for the relief of certain settlers in the the state of Illinois,
 who reside within the Vincennes Land District;
 An act for the relief of Martha Flood;
 An act for the relief of James Merrill;
 An act for the relief of Charles S. Jones, and Richard Buckner,
 junior, administrators of William Jones;
 An act for the relief of John D. Carter;
 An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Isaac
 Melchior, deceased;
 An act for the relief of Joseph M. Skinner, administrator of
 George Skinner, deceased;
 An act for the relief of John B. Regnier;
 An act for the relief of John Law and Jonathan Elliot;
 An act for the relief of Jacob Kunkopot, and others, of the nation
 of Stockbridge Indians; and,
 An act for the relief of Elkanah Finney; were severally read the
 third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the clerk carry
 the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill for the relief of James Mackay, of the territory
 of Missouri, was read the third time, and the question was stated,
 Shall it pass? when,

Mr. Pindall moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Com-
 mittee on Private Land Claims, with instructions so to amend the
 same as to provide for a trial of the validity of the claim of James
 Mackay before a judicial tribunal.

Mr. Rhea then moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely;
 which latter motion was rejected.

And the question was then taken on the motion to recommit the
 bill, with instructions,

And passed in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Wells, was read the third
 time; and,

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

The said bill was committed to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of
 the Navy, transmitting sundry documents, containing the informa-
 tion required by the resolution submitted by Mr. Lowndes on the
 30th ultimo, in relation to the conduct of captain Biddle, and the
 cruize of the Ontario in the Pacific Ocean; which were ordered to
 lie on the table.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, re-
 ported, that the Committee had examined enrolled bills of the follow-
 ing titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of certain sufferers by fire at Savannah, in
 Georgia;

An act for the relief of Walter Channing; and

An act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, April 10, 1820.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the documents accompanying the petition of Edwards Seeds.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Benjamin Heartt, stating that he is now, and for a long time has been, confined in prison in Middlebury, in Vermont, under an execution issued on a judgment obtained against him at the suit of the United States, which he says he is entirely unable to pay, and praying to be released from his imprisonment, and that the amount of the said judgment may be remitted; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. McCoy presented a petition of Margaret R. Chapin, widow and administratrix of Gurden Chapin, deceased, and of others, heirs of said deceased, praying to be permitted to locate a warrant for six thousand acres of land, granted by the state of Virginia for the services of the deceased, in the navy of that state during the revolutionary war, on some of the unlocated lands belonging to the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting additional documents in relation to the cruize of the sloop of war Ontario; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Harris; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of captain Samuel C. Reid, in behalf of himself and the other officers and crew of the private armed brig General Armstrong; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Silsbee, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Kenrick; which was read, and also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sergeant, from the committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Tench Francis, deceased," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Pindall submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment of pensions in the counties, parishes, or townships, in which the pensioners reside.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question to agree thereto, It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to transmit to this House an account of the annual receipts and expenditures of the Department for Indian Affairs within the District of Columbia, from its establishment to the present time, with a statement of the nature and extent of the contracts entered into, and with whom; also, the amount of moneys due to the said establishment, and by whom due.

Mr. Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of Anthony Gale; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That Anthony Gale have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Smyth, from the same committee, who were instructed, on the 28th January last, to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the allowance of bounty land to soldiers who enlisted in the late war, and who procured substitutes, made a report, that it is not expedient to provide for the allowance of the said bounty; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Reid,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire if it be expedient to provide by law for the relief of Francis Julineau, who demands payment for certain goods advanced for, and on account of, the United States, in the years 1817, 1818, and 1819.

Mr. Reid accompanied the above resolution by sundry documents in support of the claim of the said Francis Julineau.

On motion of Mr. Warfield,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment of any balances due by the government to collectors of the internal revenue.

On motion of Mr. Case,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Buildings be directed to enquire into the practicability of rendering the Hall of Representatives convenient for the transaction of public business.

Mr. Hardin moved that the select committee to which is referred the resolution from the Senate fixing a period for the termination of the present session of Congress, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

And, the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Cobb moved the following order:

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the resolution from the Senate, on the subject of the adjournment of Congress, be directed to report thereon to-morrow.

The said order being read, the question was taken, Will the House now proceed to consider the same?

And determined in the negative.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Pan-coast," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning the banks of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storrs reported the same, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, moved further to amend the said bill, by inserting after the word *satisfied*, in the thirteenth line of the second section, the following words: "And if the provisions of this act shall be accepted by the stockholders of said banks after the charters of the present banks shall expire, the stockholders of such banks shall be liable in their individual property to the payment of such principal and interest, to the extent of their stock in said bank."

The said amendment was read; when,

Mr. Brush moved to amend the same, by inserting after the word *liable*, these words: "upon all notes and bills thereafter issued, and for deposits made in said bank."

This motion was rejected by the House.

And the question was taken to agree to the amendment moved by Mr. McLean,

And determined in the negative.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Wednesday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting sundry statements in relation to the operations of the mint of the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of certain sufferers by fire at Savannah, in Georgia;

An act for the relief of Walter Channing;

An act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine;

An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820; and

An act making further appropriations for continuing the work upon the centre building of the Capitol, and other public buildings.
And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 11, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Alexander Smyth, Mr. Quarles, and Mr. Strother, have leave of absence from the service of this House, from the 17th instant, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry merchants, distillers, and owners of distilleries, in the town of Boston and its vicinity, praying that no addition may be made to the duties now imposed on molasses imported into the United States; which petition was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to regulate the payment of duties on merchandize imported; and for other purposes.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of William P. Anderson, praying that his title to a tract of land, lying within the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill to annex certain lands within the territory of Michigan to the land district of Detroit; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, on Monday next.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of Margaret Perry; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of sundry papers in their possession, relating to a claim of William B. Carter; and that they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing a more effectual remedy to prevent duelling in the Army and Navy of the United States, and in the District of Columbia, made report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from enquiring into the expediency of providing by law a more effectual remedy to prevent duelling in the Army and Navy of the United States, and in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Smyth, from the same committee, made report on the memorial of Nathaniel Hall Loring, Thomas Ragland, Charles Rutledge Holmes, Charles R. Vining, and Wilson M. C. Fairfax, late cadets at the Military Academy at West Point; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sergeant, from the committee appointed on the petition of Joseph E. Bloomfield, on behalf of Richard S. Hackley, made report thereon; which was read: when,

Mr. Sergeant, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of Richard S. Hackley; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Robert Moore, from the committee appointed on the petition of John Webster, made a report thereon, which was read; when,

Mr. Moore, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of the said John Webster; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information, that the President of the United States, did, on the 7th instant, approve and sign

An act for the relief of Anthony S. Delisle, Edward B. Dudley, and John M. Van Cleef;

An act authorizing payment to be made for certain muskets impressed into the service of the United States; and

An act for apportioning the Representatives in the Seventeenth Congress, to be elected in the states of Massachusetts and Maine; and for other purposes;

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to authorize the erection of a light house on one of the Isles of Shoals near Portsmouth, in New Hampshire;" and "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the state of Georgia," passed the 19th of December, 1818; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House: and then he withdrew.

The said bills were read the first and second time, and severally referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force the act passed on the 20th day of April, 1818, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the second day of March, 1799," be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill; and having amended the same, the amendment was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of the session of the Circuit and District Courts in the District of Columbia," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Stephen Baxter, late paymaster of the third regiment of New York volunteers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tracy reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the sale of part of the Glebe of Rock Creek Church, in the county of Washington, and District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of John M'Grew, Richard Cravat, Hardy Perry, and Beley Cheney; and on the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. A. Smyth reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Margaret Hall, late Margaret McKenzie; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Angus O. Fraser, and others; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Berryman Green, administrator of Samuel Kerby, deceased; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill giving the right of pre-emption to James Shields; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Joseph Bruce; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Cocke, from the managers on the part of this House, at the conference upon the subject matter of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on an amendment, proposed by the Senate, to the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820," reported, that they had met the managers on the part of the Senate, and had conferred concern-

ing said disagreement, but had not been able to come to any agreement; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Ann M'Intire, widow and administratrix of Andrew M'Intire, deceased; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the heirs of Abijah Hunt and William Gordon Forman; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of General James Wilkinson; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the same with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on this day, approve and sign An act making appropriations for continuing the work upon the centre building of the capitol, and other public buildings; and An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Daniel Converse and George Miller; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Thomas Withers; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the benefit of the Columbian Institute, established for the promotion of arts and sciences in the city of Washington; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sergeant reported the same, with an amendment, which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Cook moved further to amend the said bill by adding thereto the following proviso:

“And provided further, That whenever the same may be required for the public use, that their right shall cease and expire.”

And on the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

The said bill was then further amended: when

Mr. Cocke moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which motion being rejected:

The said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the widow of John Heape, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the same with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Daniel Bickley and Catharine Clark, administratrix of John Clark, deceased: and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill authorizing the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Henry Burden; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 12, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Parker, of Virginia, have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Saturday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of the printers and booksellers in the city of Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on paper imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that a duty of ten per centum may be laid on all sales at auction, except sheriffs' sales; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill imposing duties on certain sales at auction.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition from sundry iron founders and manufacturers of iron in and near the city of Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron imported into the United States; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which

is committed the bill to regulate the duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes.

Mr. Baldwin also presented a memorial of the Pennsylvania Society for the encouragement of American manufactures, praying that further protection and encouragement may be extended to the manufacturing interest of the country generally; which was also referred to the committee of the whole last mentioned.

Mr. Pinckney presented a memorial and petition of sundry merchants and underwriters, in the city of Charleston, in South Carolina, praying compensation for spoliations committed on their lawful commerce, by cruisers under the French flag, between the years 1793 and the year 1800, their claims to which, upon the government of France, for indemnity, were abandoned on the part of the United States, in the convention of the 30th of September, 1800; which memorial and petition was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Smyth,

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Preston, presented on the 12th December, 1808, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Jacob Groscoft, Stephen Ormsby, and of Greenbury Griffith, which were severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to amend the judicial system of the United States," made a report thereon, recommending that the House do not concur in the said bill, which was read, and, together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Pentocost, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 11th instant, approve and sign

An act for the relief of certain sufferers by fire, at Savannah, in Georgia;

An act for the relief of Walter Channing; and

An act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine.

The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John H. Piatt," in which they ask the concurrence of this House: and then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act concerning the banks of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes;" was read the third time, and the question was stated, shall it pass? When

Mr. Foot moved that the said bill be postponed until the next session of Congress.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....45,
Nays..... 109.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Forrest	Mr. S. Moore
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Garnett	Morton
Brown	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Patterson
Buffum	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Philson
Burwell	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Rankin
Campbell	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Ross
Clagett	Herrick	Sampson
Clark	Hostetter	Settle
Cobb	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Shaw
Crawford	Little	Sloan
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Linn	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Fay	Maclay	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Floyd	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Tarr
Foot	Metcalf	Tyler
Ford	R. Moore	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 45

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Lowndes
Adams	Dennison	Lyman
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Dewitt	McCoy
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Dickinson	McCreary
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Eddy	McLane, <i>Del.</i>
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Mallery
Baker	Ervin	Marchand
Baldwin	Fisher	Mason
Ball	Folger	Meech
Barbour	Fullerton	Meigs
Bateman	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Mercer
Bayly	Hardin	Monell
Beecher	Hazard	Moseley
Bloomfield	Hemphill	Murray
Boden	Hendricks	Neale
Brush	Hibshman	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Bryan	Hiester	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Case	Hill	Newton
Cook	Holmes	Overstreet
Crafts	Hooks	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Crowell	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Culbreth	Kendall	Pinckney
Culpepper	Kent	Pindall
Cushman	Kinsey	Pitcher
Cuthbert	Kinsley	Plumer
Darlington	Livermore	Reed

Mr. Rhea	Mr. Smith, Md.	Mr. Tucker, S. C.
Rich	A. Smyth, Va.	Van Rensselaer
Richards	Stevens	Walker
Richmond	Street	Wallace
Robertson	Strong, N. Y.	Warfield
Rogers	Swearingen	Wendover
Sawyer	Taylor	Whitman
Sergeant	Terrell	Williams, Va.
Simkins	Tomlinson	Wood——109.
Slocumb	Tompkins	
Smith, N. J.	Tucker, Va.	

A motion was then made by Mr. Simkins to recommit the said bill to the Committee for the District of Columbia, "with instructions to bring in a bill to establish three banks, with a capital not exceeding one million of dollars each; one in Washington City, one in Georgetown, and one in Alexandria."

Mr. Little moved to add to the instructions, a provision requiring "that the names of the presidents and directors of said banks voting for each and every dividend made and declared by them respectively, shall be recorded in books kept for that purpose by them at the time of making or declaring such dividends, and if made contrary to the provisions of this act, the president and directors giving their assent to such dividend shall be held liable in their individual private capacity."

And on the question to agree to this amendment,
It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion to recommit the said bill, with the instructions proposed by Mr. Simkins,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....66,
Nays..... 89.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Cobb	Mr. Hall, Del.
Alexander	Cook	Hall, N. C.
Ball	Crafts	Hemphill
Barbour	Crawford	Hendricks
Bateman	Cuthbert	Herrick
Brown	Darlington	Hiester
Buffum	Edwards, N. C.	Hostetter
Burwell	Fay	Jones, Va.
Butler, N. H.	Fisher	Kinsey
Campbell	Floyd	Little
Cannon	Ford	Linn
Clagett	Forrest	Maclay
Clark	Hall, N. Y.	McCoy

Mr. McLean, <i>Kcn.</i>	Mr. Richards	Mr. Stevens
Metcalf	Ross	Tarr
R. Moore	Sampson	Terrell
Morton	Settle	Tompkins
Murray	Shaw	Tracy
Newton	Simkins	Wallace
Patterson	Slocumb	Wendover
Philson	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Plumer	Southard	Wood—66.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Adams	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Fullerton	Pinckney
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Pindall
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Gross, <i>Penn.</i>	Pitcher
Anderson	Hardin	Reed
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Hazard	Rhea
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hibshman	Rich
Baker	Hill	Richmond
Baldwin	Holmes	Robertson
Bayly	Hooks	Rogers
Beecher	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Sawyer
Bloomfield	Kendall	Sergeant
Boden	Kent	Silsbee
Brush	Lowndes	Sloan
Bryan	Lyman	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Case	McCreary	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Cocke	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Street
Crowell	Mallary	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Culbreth	Marchand	Swearingen
Culpepper	Mason	Taylor
Cushman	Meech	Tomlinson
Davidson	Meigs	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Dennison	Mercer	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Dewitt	S. Moore	Tyler
Dickinson	Moseley	Van Rensselaer
Eddy	Neale	Walker
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Warfield
Ervin	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Whitman
Folger	Overstreet	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Foot	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	

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The question was then taken, Shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendment disagreed to by this House, to the bill entitled "An act making appropriations

for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820;" They have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled An act concerning navigation:" in which bill they ask the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force the act passed on the 20th day of April, 1818, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act entitled An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed the 2d day of March, 1799,'" was read the third time, as amended: Whereupon,

The said bill was further amended, by unanimous consent.

The question was then taken, Shall the said bill pass, as amended? And passed in the affirmative.

The title of the said bill was then amended, by adding thereto the words: "*and for other purposes.*"

Ordered, that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the said amendments.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the benefit of the Columbian Institute, established for the promotion of Arts and Sciences, in the city of Washington.

An act to authorize the sale of part of the glebe of Rock Creek Church, in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia.

An act for the relief of Stephen Baxter, late paymaster of the third regiment of New York volunteers.

An act for the relief of John M'Grew, Richard Cravat, Hardy Perry, and Beley Cheney.

An act for the relief of Angus O. Frazer, and others.

An act for the relief of Joseph Bruce.

An act for the relief of the heirs of Abijah Hunt, and William Gordon Forman.

An act for the relief of Thomas C. Withers.

An act for the relief of Daniel Converse and George Miller.

An act for the relief of the widow of John Heaps, deceased.

An act for the relief of Daniel Bickley and Catharine Clark, administratrix of John Clark, deceased.

An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Henry Burden, were severally read the third time, and passed.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act giving the right of pre-emption to James Shields," was read the third time, and the question was stated, shall it pass? When

Mr. Cocke moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which motion being rejected,

The question was then taken, shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said several bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis," was read the third time, and,

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ann M'Intire, widow and administratrix of Andrew M'Intire, deceased," was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the said bill was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the report made yesterday by the Committee on Military Affairs, on the memorial of Nathaniel Hall Loring, Thomas Ragland, Charles Rutledge Holmes, Charles R. Vining, and Wilson M. C. Fairfax, late cadets at the Military Academy at West Point, be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of John Payne, jun.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 13, 1820.

Mr. Silsbee presented a memorial of sundry merchants, distillers, and owners of distilleries, in the town of Salem and its vicinity, in the state of Massachusetts, remonstrating against the imposition of additional duties on the importation of molasses; which was committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes.

Mr. Rogers presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Pennsylvania, praying further protection to the manufacturing interest of the country; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the superintendent of Indian trade, shewing the amount of goods furnished annually, since the peace of 1815, to each Indian trading house, with the articles received in exchange or payment therefor, together with an account of sales of such articles, &c. made in obedience to a resolution of this house: which letter and report were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820," and found the same to be truly enrolled: When

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the erection of a light house on one side of the Isles of Shoals, near Portsmouth, in New Hampshire," made a report thereon, proposing sundry amendments thereto, which, together with the bill, was committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Alexander Roddy.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill for the relief of General James Wilkinson: when,

Mr. Robertson moved that it be postponed until the next session of Congress; which being rejected, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act concerning navigation,'" was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Commerce.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the surviving officers of the revolution; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same, with an amendment, to wit: to strike out the first section thereof.

Ordered, That the report of the committee of the whole lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled an act to continue in force the act passed on the 20th day of April, 1818, entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled an act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed the 2d day of March, 1799;" And they have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose;

An act for the relief of Alexander Milne;

An act to increase the allowance to the judges of the Orphans' Court in the counties of Washington and Alexandria;

An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries;

An act to establish the district of Pearl River; and

An act for the relief of Solomon Prevost; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 14, 1820.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of New York, praying that a duty of ten per cent. may be laid on all sales at auction, other than sheriffs' sales; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill laying duties on certain sales at auction.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of Robert Montgomery, praying compensation for a horse lost in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the

United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled, "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1820."

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act concerning navigation,'" reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the erection of a light house on one of the Isles of Shoals, near Portsmouth, in New Hampshire.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session, as relates to the subject of Revenue, made a detailed report thereon, accompanied by a bill to authorize the President of the United States to borrow two millions of dollars, and for other purposes; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed, with the said report, to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Alexander Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was committed their report on the memorial of Nathaniel Hall Loring, Thomas Ragland, Charles Rutledge Holmes, Charles R. Vining, and Wilson M. C. Fairfax, late cadets at the Military Academy at West Point, reported the same, without alteration.

The House proceeded to consider the said report; when,

Mr. Cocke proposed an amendment thereto, and moved, that they be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Foot moved that the said report and amendment lie on the table; which being rejected,

The question was taken on the motion to commit,

And passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Smyth, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Jasper Bennett; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That Jasper Bennett have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting copies of all contracts made and entered into by the Commissary General of Purchases, for supplying the army with provisions, &c. rendered in pursuance of a resolution of this House; which letter, and its accompanying documents, were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a list of unproductive post routes, for the year 1819; which letter and list were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson submitted to the House the articles of compact, made and entered into between the states of Kentucky and Tennes-

see, in relation to the boundary line between the said states; which were ordered to lie on the table.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish a District Court in the state of Alabama;" and the amendments made to the said bill in committee of the whole on the 2d of March, were read, and concurred in by the House; and were ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, this day, approve and sign "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1820."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill for the relief of the surviving officers of the Revolution; and, the question being stated, and taken, to concur in the amendment of the committee of the whole, to strike out the first section, which section is as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they hereby are, directed and required to adjust and settle the claim of each and every surviving officer of the army of the Revolution, who, by the several resolves of Congress, made on or before the twenty-first of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, was entitled to half pay for life, and who shall apply for such settlement within twelve months from the date of this act, by deducting from the arrearages of such half pay, computed from the reduction of the army, five years full pay; and the balance of such arrearages being thus ascertained, a certificate shall issue for the same, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, redeemable at the pleasure of the government: *Provided,* That, if the whole amount of the balances so to be ascertained shall exceed one million of dollars, they shall be respectively and rateably reduced, so that the aggregate of the certificates to be issued shall not be more than the said sum of one million of dollars:

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....94,
 { Nays.....70.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr Abbot

Adams

Alexander

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*

Baker

Barbour

Bateman

Mr. Beecher

Brown

Buffum

Burwell

Butler, *N. H.*

Campbell

Cannon

Cobb

Mr. Cocke

Crafts

Darlington

Davidson

Dennison

Dewitt

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Mr. Edwards, N. C.	Mr. McLean, Ala.	Mr. Settle
Fay	Mallary	Shaw
Fisher	Marchand	Simkins
Folger	Meech	Slocumb
Foot	Metcalf	B. Smith, Va.
Garnett	R. Moore	A. Smyth, Va.
Gross, Pa.	Morton	Smith, N. C.
Hall, N. Y.	Murray	Southard
Hall, Del.	Parker, Mass.	Stevens
Hall, N. C.	Parker, Va.	Strong, Va.
Hardin	Patterson	Tarr
Hazard	Phelps	Terrell
Herrick	Philson	Tompkins
Hibshman	Pindall	Tucker, Va.
Holmes	Pitcher	Tucker, S. C.
Hooks	Plumer	Tyler
Hostetter	Reed	Walker
Jones, Va.	Rhea	Wallace
Jones, Ten.	Rich	Wendover
Kinsley	Richards	Williams, Va.
Linn	Richmond	Williams, N. C.
Lowndes	Russ	Wood
MacLay	Sampson	
McCoy	Sawyer	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, Mass.	Mr. Earle	Mr. Moseley
Allen, N. Y.	Ervin	Neale
Allen, Ten.	Floyd	Nelson, Mass.
Archer, Va.	Ford	Nelson, Va.
Baldwin	Forrest	Newton
Ball	Fuller	Pinckney
Bayly	Gross, N. Y.	Ringgold
Bloomfield	Hackley	Robertson
Boden	Hemphill	Rogers
Brush	Hendricks	Ross
Bryan	Hiester	Sergeant
Burton	Hill	Silsbee
Butler, Lou.	Kendall	Sloan
Case	Kent	Smith, N. J.
Clark	Kinsey	Smith, Md.
Cook	Little	Storrs
Crawford	Livermore	Street
Crowell	Lyman	Strong, N. Y.
Culbreth	McCreary	Tomlinson
Culpepper	Mason	Tracy
Cushman	Meigs	Van Rensselaer
Cuthbert	Mercer	Warfield
Dickinson	S. Moore	
Dowse	Monell	

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And so the said bill was rejected.

Mr. Livermore moved, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes, be discharged from the consideration thereof; when,

Mr. Barbour moved to add, "and that the same be postponed indefinitely:" which Mr. Speaker declared not to be in order at that time.

The question was then taken, Shall the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the said bill?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....71,
Nays..... 96.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Earle	Mr. Reed
Alexander	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Rhea
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Fisher	Richards
Anderson	Floyd	Ringgold
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Garnett	Robertson
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Settle
Ball	Hardin	Silsbee
Barbour	Holmes	Simkins
Bayly	Hooks	Slocumb
Bryan	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Buffum	Kent	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Burton	Livermore	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Barwell	Lowndes	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	McCoy	Swearingen
Butler, <i>Low.</i>	McCreary	Terrell
Cannon	Meech	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cobb	Neale	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Cocke	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Tyler
Crafts	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Walker
Crawford	Overstreet	Warfield
Crowell	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Whitman
Culpepper	Pinckney	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Cuthbert	Pindall	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Davidson	Rankin	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Boden	Mr. Cushman
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Brown	Darlington
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Brush	Dennison
Baker	Campbell	Dewitt
Baldwin	Case	Dickinson
Bateman	Clark	Dowse
Beecher	Cook	Eddy
Bloomfield	Culbreth	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>

Folger	Mr. Lyman	Mr. Rogers
Foot	Maclay	Ross
Ford	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Russ
Forrest	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Sampson
Fuller	Mallery	Sawyer
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Marchand	Sergeant
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Mason	Shaw
Hackley	Meigs	Sloan
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Metcalf	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	R. Moore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Hazard	S. Moore	Southard
Hemphill	Monell	Stevens
Hendricks	Morton	Storrs
Herrick	Moseley	Street
Hibshman	Murray	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Hiester	Newton	Tarr
Hill	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tomlinson
Hostetter	Patterson	Tompkins
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Phelps	Tracy
Kendall	Philson	Trimble
Kinsey	Pitcher	Van Rensselaer
Kinsley	Plumer	Wallace
Little	Rich	Wendover
Linn	Richmond	Wood..... 96

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to continue in force the act passed on the 20th day of April, 1818, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the second day of March, 1799, and for other purposes," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Storrs submitted the following resolutions

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide, by law, a system of Internal Revenue.

The said resolution was read, and committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, and to repeal all other acts heretofore passed for that purpose;
2. An act to increase the allowance of the Judges of the Orphans' Court in the counties of Washington and Alexandria;
3. An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries;
4. An act to establish the District of Pearl River;
5. An act for the relief of Solomon Prevost; and
6. An act for the relief of Alexander Milne; were severally read

the first and second time, and referred, the *first* and *second* to the Committee for the District of Columbia, the *third* to the Committee on the Public Lands, the *fourth* to the Committee of Commerce, and the *fifth* and *sixth* to the Committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of General James Wilkinson," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of persons holding confirmed unlocated claims for lands in the state of Illinois; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to "An act providing for cases of lost military land warrants, and discharges for faithful services;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 15, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Lincoln have leave of absence from the service of the House for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be directed to enquire into the expediency of repealing the act, entitled "An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements," passed the 3d day of March, 1819.

Mr. Alexander Smyth submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to prepare a statement of the whole number of militia in service during the late war against Great Britain, showing the periods of their service, their pay, and from what states and territories drawn, to be laid before this House at the next session of Congress; which, being read,

Mr. Cocke moved that it lie on the table; which, being rejected,

The said resolution was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Pinckney,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report on the expediency of so far altering and amending the Judiciary system as to enable defendants in all suits originally brought in the district courts of the United States, to have the same right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States as they would have been entitled to had the suits against them been originally instituted in the circuit courts thereof.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of New-Jersey,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of Jeremiah Manning, for forage furnished by him in the year 1813, for the use of a detachment of New-Jersey cavalry, then in the service of the United States.

Mr. Smith accompanied the above resolution by sundry documents in support of the claim of the said Manning.

Mr. Meigs moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 5th of February last, in relation to the abolition of slavery within the United States.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Cobb then moved that the House do now proceed to consider the report of the committee of the whole on the state of the Union, on a resolution submitted by him, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States in relation to appointments to office.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....71,
Nays..... 69.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Cuthbert	Mr. Newton
Adams	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Phelps
Alexander	Floyd	Philson
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Forrest	Pindall
Anderson	Garnett	Plumer
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Reed
Ball	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Russ
Barbour	Hazard	Sawyer
Bayly	Hendricks	Sergeant
Beecher	Herrick	Sloan
Boden	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Slocumb
Bryan	Kendall	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Buffum	Kent	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Burwell	Little	Storrs
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Lowndes	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Campbell	Marchand	Swearingen
Cannon	Meigs	Tarr
Cobb	Mercer	Terrell
Cocke	R. Moore	Warfield
Cook	Monell	Whitman
Crafts	Morton	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Crawford	Moseley	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Crowell	Murray	Wood..... 71
Culpepper	Neale	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Mr. Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Mr. Rankin
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Hardin	Rhea
Baldwin	Hibshman	Richards
Bateman	Holmes	Richmond
Brown	Hooks	Robertson
Brush	Hostetter	Rogers
Clagett	Kinsey	Ross
Culbreth	Kinsley	Sampson
Cushman	Linn	Settle
Darlington	Livermore	Shaw
Davidson	Maclay	Simkins
Dennison	McCoy	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Dewitt	McCreary	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Earle	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Eddy	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Southard
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Mallary	Street
Ervin	Mason	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Fay	S. Moore	Taylor
Foot	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Tomlinson
Ford	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Tompkins
Fuller	Patterson	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Pinckney	Tyler
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Pitcher	Wallace.....69

The amendments reported to the said resolution by the committee of the whole on the state of the Union were then read, and concurred in by the House; and the said amendment, as amended, is in the words following, to wit:

“No Senator or Representative in the Congress of the United States shall, during the time for which he was elected, or within one year thereafter, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the United States.”

The question was then taken, Shall the said resolution be engrossed, and read a third time?

And determined in the negative, { Yea.....72,
Nays..... 87.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Barbour	Mr. Cocke
Adams	Bayly	Crafts
Alexander	Beecher	Crawford
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Boden	Crowell
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Burwell	Culpepper
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Earle
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>
Baker	Cannon	Fay
Ball	Cobb	Floyd

Mr. Garnett
Gross, *N. Y.*
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hall, *N. C.*
Hendricks
Herrick
Hiester
Hooks
Jones, *Va.*
Jones, *Ten.*
Kendall
Kent
Little
Marchand
Meigs

Mr. Mercer
Metcalf
Monell
Morton
Murray
Neale
Overstreet
Phelps
Pindall
Plumer
Reed
Ross
Russ
Sawyer
Sloan

Mr. Spocumb
B. Smith, *Va.*
Storrs
Strong, *Vt.*
Swearingen
Tarr
Terrell
Tracy
Trimble
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler
Van Rensselaer
Whitman
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.* 72

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Archer, *Md.*
Baldwin
Bateman
Bloomfield
Brown
Brush
Bryan
Buffum
Campbell
Case
Clagett
Clark
Cook
Culbreth
Cushman
Cuthbert
Darlington
Davidson
Dennison
Dewitt
Dowse
Eddy
Edwards, *Con.*
Ervin
Fisher
Folger
Foot
Ford
Fuller

Mr. Gross, *Pen.*
Hackley
Hall, *Del.*
Hardin
Hazard
Hibshman
Holmes
Hostetter
Kinsey
Kinsley
Linn
Livermore
Lowndes
Lyman
Maclay
McCoy
McCreary
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Mallery
Mason
R. Moore
S. Moore
Moseley
Nelson, *Mass.*
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Mass.*
Parker, *Va.*

Mr. Patterson
Philson
Pitcher
Rankin
Rhea
Rich
Richards
Richmond
Ringgold
Robertson
Rogers
Sampson
Sergeant
Settle
Shaw
Silsbee
Simkins
Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Southard
Stevens
Street
Strong, *N. Y.*
Taylor
Tomlinson
Tompkins
Wallace
Wendover
Wood..... 87

And so the said amendment was rejected.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;

2. An act for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde;
3. An act to establish the district of Blakeley;
4. An act to establish additional land offices in the state of Alabama; and
5. An act relative to the Arkansas territory; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read the first and second time, and the first and second referred to the Committee of Claims, the third to the Committee of Commerce, the fourth to the Committee on the Public Lands, and the fifth was ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish a district court in the state of Alabama," was read the third time, and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the said bill.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of persons holding confirmed unlocated claims for lands in the state of Illinois; and

An act supplementary to "An act providing for cases of lost military land warrants, and discharges for faithful services;" were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolution giving the consent of Congress to a compact concluded between the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, for the settlement of their boundary line; whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis, deceased."

And the question recurred, Shall the bill pass?

And, being taken,

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Lowndes submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Manufactures be instructed to report to this House such evidence or estimates as it may be in their power to present, showing the several rates of wages given, and the expenses of all kinds incurred, in the different branches of manufacture which, in their opinion, require additional encouragement, with the prices of their product, so as to exhibit the profit which, at the present price of subsistence, materials, and labor, and the present value of land, buildings, and machinery, may be obtained in such manufacture, skilfully and economically conducted.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, April 17, 1820.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of sundry merchants of Rochester, in the county of Genessee, in the state of New-York, praying that the bill now pending before this House supplementary to an act, entitled "An act concerning navigation," may not be passed into a law; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which the said bill is committed.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the City of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, praying that the office of the collector of the customs for the district of Sandusky, may be removed from Danbury to the said city; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of George Shepherd, and of James Little; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, be rejected.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the cases of Thomas Cutts, Henry De-lord, and of Peter Bradley; which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was committed the engrossed bill for the relief of Ann McIntire, widow and administratrix of Andrew McIntire, deceased, reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Smith then moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, to which was also committed the engrossed bill for the relief of John Wells, reported the same, without amendment.

Mr. Smith then moved that the said bill be also postponed indefinitely; when, it was

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of David Beard, Levi Bellows, and Benjamin Heartt; and that leave be given to withdraw the same, with their accompanying documents.

Mr. Morton, from the select committee to which was referred the resolution from the Senate fixing a period for the termination of the present session of Congress, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Parker, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That the petition of John Polereczsky, together with the report of the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims thereon, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Hardin moved that the select committee to which is referred the resolution from the Senate fixing a period for the termination of the present session of Congress, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.... 68,
Nays....71.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Ervin	Mr. Pinckney
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Fay	Rankin
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Floyd	Reed
Anderson	Forrest	Rhea
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Garnett	Richards
Ball	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Ringgold
Bryan	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Robertson
Burton	Hardin	Settle
Burwell	Holmes	Simkins
Campbell	Hooks	Sloan
Cannon	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Slocumb
Claggett	Lowndes	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Cobb	McCreary	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cocke	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Crafts	Marchand	Swearingen
Crawford	Mason	Tarr
Crowell	Meech	Terrell
Culpepper	Meigs	Trimble
Cuthbert	Neale	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Davidson	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Tyler
Dickinson	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Walker
Dowse	Overstreet	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Earle	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 69

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Mr. Cushman	Mr. Hall, <i>N. F.</i>
Baldwin	Darlington	Hazard
Bateman	Dennison	Hendricks
Beecher	Dewitt	Hibahman
Bloomfield	Eddy	Hill
Boden	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Hostetter
Brush	Foot	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Buffum	Ford	Kendall
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Fuller	Kinsley
Case	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Little
Culbreth	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Linn

Mr. Maclay	Mr. Pitcher	Storrs
McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Rich	Street
Mallary	Richmond	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
S. Moore	Rogers	Taylor
Monell	Russ	Tomlinson
Morton	Sampson	Tompkins
Moseley	Sergeant	Tracy
Murray	Shaw	Wallace
Newton	Silsbee	Wendover
Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Whitman
Patterson	Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Wood.....70
Phelps	Southard	
Philson	Stevens	

Mr. Slocumb then moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 6th ultimo, to fix a period for the termination of the present session of Congress.

And, on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....70,
Nays.....86.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Ervin	Mr. Pinckney
Alexander	Fay	Pindall
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Fisher	Rankin
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Floyd	Reed
Anderson	Garnett	Richards
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Ringgold
Ball	Hardin	Robertson
Barbour	Hendricks	Settle
Bryan	Herrick	Simkins
Burton	Holmes	Slocumb
Burwell	Hooks	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Campbell	Kent	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cannon	Lowndes	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Clagett	McCreary	Swearingen
Cobb	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Tarr
Cocke	Marchand	Terrell
Crafts	Meech	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Crawford	Mercer	Tyler
Crowell	Neale	Walker
Culpepper	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Davidson	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Earle	Overstreet	
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hackley	Mr. Pitcher
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Plumer
Baldwin	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Rhea
Bateman	Hazard	Rich
Beecher	Hibshman	Richmond
Bloomfield	Hiester	Rogers
Boden	Hill	Russ
Brush	Hostetter	Sampson
Buffum	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Sawyer
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Kendall	Sergeant
Case	Kinsey	Shaw
Clark	Kinsley	Silsbee
Culbreth	Little	Sloan
Cushman	Linn	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cuthbert	Maclay	Southard
Darlington	Mallery	Stevens
Dennison	Mason	Storrs
Dewitt	Meigs	Street
Dickinson	R. Moore	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Dowse	S. Moore	Taylor
Eddy	Monell	Tomlinson
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Morton	Tompkins
Folger	Moseley	Tracy
Foot	Murray	Trimble
Ford	Newton	Van Rensselaer
Forrest	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Wallace
Fuller	Patterson	Wendover
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Phelps	Wood..... 86
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Philson	

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of War transmitting copies of contracts, &c. entered into at the War Department, since the year 1815, for the building and repairing arsenals, magazines, and armories, be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Cocke, Mr. Simkins, and Mr. Storrs, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Lowndes laid before the House a letter from C. N. Buck, in relation to the case of the Danish brigantine *Henrick*; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on that case.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act relative to the Arkansas territory," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to annex certain lands within the territory of Michigan to the land district of Detroit," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

"A resolution giving the consent of Congress to a compact concluded between the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, for the settlement of their boundary line," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes;

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolution submitted by him on the 15th instant, instructing the Committee on Manufactures to report such evidence or estimates as may be in their power, showing the wages given, and expenses incurred, in the different branches of manufacture which, in the opinion of the committee, require additional encouragement, with the prices of their product.

And, on the question, Will the House agree thereto?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....72,
 { Nays.....90.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Edwards, N. C.	Mr. Pinckney
Alexander	Ervin	Pindall
Allen, Ten.	Fisher	Plumer
Anderson	Floyd	Rankin
Archer, Md.	Fuller	Reed
Archer, Va.	Garnett	Rhea
Ball	Hall, N. C.	Ringgold
Barbour	Hardin	Robertson
Bryan	Hill	Settle
Buffum	Holmes	Silsbee
Burton	Hooks	Simkins
Burwell	Jones, Va.	Slocumb
Butler, N. H.	Jones, Ten.	Smith, Md.
Butler, Lou.	Kent	B. Smith, Va.
Cannon	Livermore	Smith, N. C.
Clagett	Lowndes	Strong, Va.
Cobb	McCreary	Swearingen
Cocke	Meech	Terrell
Crafts	Mercer	Tucker, Va.
Crawford	Neale	Tucker, S. C.
Crowell	Nelson, Mass.	Tyler
Calpepper	Nelson, Va.	Walker
Cuthbert	Overstreet	Williams, Va.
Davidson	Parker, Va.	Williams, N. C. 72

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Bateman	Mr. Brown
Allen, N. Y.	Beecher	Brush
Baker	Bloomfield	Campbell
Baldwin	Bodan	Case

Mr. Clark	Mr. Kendall	Mr. Rich
Cook	Kinsey	Richards
Culbreth	Kinsley	Richmond
Cushman	Little	Rogers
Darlington	Linn	Ross
Dennison	Lyman	Russ
Dewitt	Maclay	Sampson
Dickinson	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Sawyer
Dowse	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Sergeant
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Mallery	Shaw
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Marchand	Sloan
Fay	Mason	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Foot	Meigs	Southard
Ford	Metcalf	Stevens
Forrest	R. Moore	Storrs
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	S. Moore	Street
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Monell	Tarr
Hackley	Morton	Taylor
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Moseley	Tomlinson
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Murray	Tompkins
Hazard	Newton	Tracy
Hendricks	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Trimble
Herrick	Patterson	Van Rensselaer
Hibshman	Phelps	Wallace
Hiester	Philon	Wendover
Hostetter	Pitcher	Wood.....90

And so the said resolution was rejected.

Mr. Storrs moved that the House do now proceed to consider the bill confirming the title of the Mohiccan or Stockbridge tribe of Indians to certain lands.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in a late campaign against the Seminole Indians;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill extending the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes, in certain cases; the bill regulating the manner of settling the accounts of the several deputy surveyors in the Missouri and Arkansas territories; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the first mentioned bill, with an amendment, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the two last mentioned bills.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said two last mentioned bills.

The amendment reported to the bill extending the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes, in certain cases, was read, and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 18, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Meech have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Holmes presented a memorial of John Jenkins, writing master, stating, that he has devoted the most valuable portion of his life to the perfection of a work, a portion of which only has been published, under the title of "The Art of Writing reduced to a Plain and Easy System," and praying that his said work may be examined, and if found worthy, that the national patronage may be extended to its publication and dissemination, which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a memorial of sundry merchants of the city of Baltimore, detailing the evils which are experienced from the extensive sales of foreign merchandize at auction, which are daily made in the seaports of the United States, and praying that heavy duties may be imposed on such sales; which memorial was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill imposing duties on certain sales at auction.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of Joseph Harris, an inspector of the customs for the district and port of Alexandria, praying to be allowed and paid his proportion of the proceeds of a vessel called the *Betsy and Charlotte*, and her cargo, which were libelled and condemned for a breach of the act to suspend commercial intercourse with certain parts of the island of Saint Domingo, which said portion was, by order of the President of the United States, remitted to the claimant of said vessel and cargo, without the consent of the petitioner; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a representation of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana, complaining that the operation of the act providing that, from and after the 1st day of November, 1819, foreign gold coin should cease to be current in the United States, has produced in that state the most pernicious consequences, and praying that provision may be made to remedy the evil of which they complain; which was referred to the committee appointed on the 13th of January last, to enquire into the expediency of continuing in force, for a limited time, so much of the act regulating the currency of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns and five franc pieces of France, as relates to the *gold coins* of those countries.

Mr. Butler also presented a petition of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana, praying that certain formalities required by the

act of the 8th of April, 1814, in relation to the right of pre-emption in the purchase of lands in that state, may be dispensed with; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Henry Warren; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the case of James Charlton, jun.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, and to repeal all other acts upon that subject," reported the same, with amendments; which were read, and, together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the Committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to continue in force the act passed on the 20th day of April, 1818, entitled An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the 2d day of March, 1799," and for other purposes.

Mr. Simkins, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, made a report in obedience to the resolution directing them "to enquire and report the amount of the several items which are charged upon the contingent fund, and whether, in their opinion, the expenditures may not in future be diminished, consistently with the public interest, and the accommodation of the two Houses of Congress;" which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House the proceedings of the court martial in the late trial of William King, Colonel of the fourth regiment of United States' infantry.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Petersburg, in Virginia, to pass by Southerland's tavern, in Dinwiddie county; Lombardy and Dennis' tavern, in Amelia county; Jennings' old Ordinary, in Nottoway; Millar's, in Prince Edward county, to Brydie's store, in Lunenburg county.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate disagree to the first amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a district court in the state of Alabama;" and they agree to the second amendment to the said bill, with an amendment. They have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: An act to provide for clothing

the army of the United States in domestic manufactures, and for other purposes; and An act to provide for the expense of surveying certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, and for other purposes; in which amendment and bills they ask the concurrence of this House: and then he withdrew.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill confirming the title of the Mobiccan, or Stockbridge nation of Indians to certain lands; and the said bill being amended at the Clerk's table,

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, moved further to amend the same, by striking out the words, "*one equal and undivided third part,*" and to insert, "*to six thousand acres.*"

And the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.

The said bill being further amended, the question was then taken,
Shall it be engrossed and read a third time?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....52,
 { Nays93.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *N. Y.*
Archer, *Va.*
Baker
Bryan
Butler, *N. H.*
Clark
Crawford
Cushman
Cuthbert
Davidson
Dewitt
Dickinson
Dowse
Edwards, *Pen.*
Ford
Forrest
Gross, *N. Y.*

Mr. Hackley
Jones, *Va.*
Kent
Kinsey
Livermore
Lowndes
Lyman
Maclay
McCreary
Mason
Meigs
Mercer
Monell
Neale
Nelson, *Mass.*
Nelson, *Va.*
Pinckney
Pindall

Mr. Pitcher
Richmond
Robertson
Settle
Southard
Storrs
Strong, *N. Y.*
Taylor
Tomlinson
Tompkins
Tracy
Trimble
Tucker; *S. C.*
Van Rensselaer
Williams, *N. C.*
Wood..... 52

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander
Allen, *Ten.*
Anderson
Archer, *Md.*
Baldwin
Ball
Barbour
Bateman
Beecher

Mr. Bloomfield
Boden
Brown
Brush
Buffum
Burton
Burwell
Butler, *Lou.*
Campbell

Mr. Cannon
Case
Claggett
Cobb
Cook
Crafts
Culbreth
Culpepper
Darlington

Mr. Dennison	Mr. Jones, Ten.	Mr. Richards
Earle	Kendall	Ringgold
Eddy	Kinsley	Rogers
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Little	Ross
Fay	Linn	Sampson
Fisher	McCoy	Silsbee
Floyd	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Simkins
Folger	Mallery	Sloan
Foot	Metcalf	Slocumb
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	R. Moore	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Morton	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Murray	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Hardin	Newton	Stevens
Hazard	Overstreet	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Hendricks	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tarr
Herrick	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Terrell
Hibshman	Patterson	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Hiester	Phelps	Tyler
Hill	Philson	Walker
Holmes	Plumer	Wallace
Hooks	Rhea	Wendover
Hostetter	Rich	Williams, <i>Va.</i>93

And so the said bill was rejected.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a letter from the Secretary of the state of Pennsylvania, accompanied by an act of the Legislature of that state, entitled "An act to prevent kidnapping;" forwarded in obedience to a resolution of this House:

Ordered, That the said letter, and the documents accompanying it, be committed to the committee appointed on the 18th of March to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for reclaiming persons held to service or labour in one state, and escaping therefrom into another state.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufactures, and for other purposes," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill providing for clothing the militia, when called into the service of the United States.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the expense of surveying certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, and for other purposes," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, announcing their disagreement to the first amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a district court in the state of Alabama," and their agreement to the second amendment of this House to the said bill, with an amendment; Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House insist on their said first amendment, and that they *disagree* to the amendment proposed by the Senate to their second amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act extending the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes, in certain cases," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the manner of settling the accounts of the several deputy surveyors in the Missouri and Arkansas territories; and the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 19, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Davidson have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Ontario and Genesee, in the state of New-York, praying that the bill now pending before this House supplementary to the act concerning navigation, may not be passed into a law; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which the said bill is committed.

Mr. Slocumb presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Beaufort, in the state of North Carolina, stating that, at great hazard, they succeeded in saving a considerable quantity of brandy, part of the cargo of the Spanish schooner "Lucy," lately wrecked on the coast of North Carolina, which, in consequence of its inferior quality, only sold for as much as paid the duties thereon, leaving nothing by way of salvage to the petitioners for their risque and exertions in saving the same; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish the district of Pearl River," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Elijah Glover; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject had been referred, reported a bill to enable the inhabitants of the District of Columbia to form a frame of government; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and papers of the administrators of Charles Gratiot, deceased, and the petition and papers of Joseph Young.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the several petitions presented by the Speaker of this House from inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, for a division of that territory, with the Missouri river for the dividing line.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the "Resolution to authorize the publication of part of the Secret Journal of Congress under the articles of confederation. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased;
2. An act for the relief of the heirs of Edmund McCarty;
3. An act for the relief of Thomas Hunter;
4. An act declaring the consent of Congress to certain acts of the Legislature of the state of North Carolina;
5. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others;
6. An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American consul at Algiers; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills were read the first and second time, and referred, the *first* to the Committee on Private Land Claims, the *second* to the Committee of Claims, the *third* to the Committee on Military Affairs, the *fourth* to the Committee of Commerce, the *fifth* to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, and the *sixth* to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Jones, of Virginia, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to this House his opinion respecting the probable effects which will be produced upon the revenue, should the bill to regulate the duties on imports, and for other purposes, now pending before this House, be enacted into a law.

The said resolution was read; when,

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, moved that it lie on the table.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....71,
Nays.....67.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Adams

Allen, *N. Y.*

Baker

Bateman

Boden

Campbell

Case

Clark

Crafts

Crawford

Cushman

Dennison

Dewitt

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *Pen.*

Fay

Floyd

Folger

Gross, *N. Y.*

Hackley

Hall, *N. Y.*

Hall, *Del.*

Hazard

Mr. Hemphill

Hendricks

Hibshman

Hill

Kendall

Kinsey

Kinsley

Linn

McLean, *Ken.*

Marchand

Mason

Meigs

R. Moore

S. Moore

Morton

Moseley

Murray

Newton

Parker, *Mass.*

Patterson

Phelps

Pitcher

Plumer

Rich

Mr. Richards

Richmond

Rogers

Ross

Russ

Sampson

Sawyer

Sergeant

Smith, *N. J.*

Smith, *N. C.*

Storrs

Street

Strong, *Vt.*

Strong, *N. Y.*

Taylor

Tomlinson

Tompkins

Van Rensselaer

Walker

Wallace

Wendover

Williams, *N. C.*

Wood..... 71

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander

Anderson

Baldwin

Ball

Barbour

Bayly

Bloomfield

Brush

Bryan

Buffum

Burwell

Butler, *N. H.*

Butler, *Lou.*

Cannon

Claggett

Cobb

Cocke

Cook

Crowell

Culbreth

Culpepper

Cuthbert

Dickinson -

Mr. Earle

Edwards, *N. C.*

Foot

Fuller

Fullerton

Garnett

Gross, *Pen.*

Hall, *N. C.*

Hardin

Holmes

Hooks

Hostetter

Jones, *Va.*

Jones, *Ten.*

Little

Livermore

Lyman

McCoy

McCreary.

Mallary

Meech

Neale

Nelson, *Mass.*

Mr. Nelson, *Va.*

Overstreet

Parker, *Va.*

Philson

Pindall

Rankin

Reed

Rhea

Ringgold

Settle

Silsbee

Sloan

Slocumb

B. Smith, *Va.*

Stevens

Swearingen

Tracy

Tucker, *S. C.*

Tyler

Whitman

Williams, *Va.*

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the manner of settling the accounts of the several deputy surveyors in the territories of Missouri and Arkansas, and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the last mentioned bill, with their disagreement to the amendments reported by the Committee on the Public Lands to the said bill, and asked leave for the committee of the whole to sit again on the first mentioned bill.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said first mentioned bill.

The House then took up the bill making further provision for the sale of the public lands. The amendment reported thereto by the Committee on the Public Lands, to which the committee of the whole reported their disagreement, is as follows: "Strike out the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth sections of the bill."

And, on the question, Will the House concur with the committee of the whole in their disagreement to the said amendment?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....135,
Nays.....19.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Crawford	Mr. Gross, <i>Pen.</i>
Adams	Culbreth	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>
Alexander	Cushman	Hall, <i>Del.</i>
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Cuthbert	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Darlington	Hardin
Anderson	Davidson	Hemphill
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Dennison	Herrick
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Dickinson	Hibshman
Baker	Dowse	Hiester
Baldwin	Eddy	Hill
Barbour	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Holmes
Bateman	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Hooks
Bayly	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Hostetter
Beecher	Ervin	Jones, <i>Va.</i>
Boden	Fay	Kent
Brush	Fisher	Kinsey
Burton	Floyd	Kinsley
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Folger	Little
Campbell	Foot	Linn
Case	Forrest	Livermore
Claggett	Fuller	Lowndes
Clark	Fullerton	Lyman
Cocke	Garnett	Maclay
Crafts	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	McCoy

Mr. McLane, Del.	Mr. Plumer	Mr. B. Smith, Va.
Mallary	Rankin	Smith, N. C.
Marchand	Reed	Southard
Mason	Rhea	Storrs
Meigs	Rich	Street
Mercer	Richards	Strong, Vt.
R. Moore	Richmond	Strong, N. Y.
S. Moore	Ringgold	Swearingen
Monell	Robertson	Tarr
Morton	Rogers	Taylor
Murray	Ross	Terrell
Neale	Russ	Tompkins
Nelson, Mass.	Sampson	Tracy
Newton	Sergeant •	Tucker, S. C.
Overstreet	Settle	Tyler
Parker, Mass.	Shaw	Van Rensselaer
Parker, Va.	Silsbee	Wendover
Patterson	Simkins	Whitman
Philson	Sloan	Williams, Va.
Pinckney	Slocumb	Williams, N. C.
Pindall	Smith, Md.	Wood..... 135

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, Ten.	Mr. Cook	Mr. Metcalf
Ball	Crowell	Nelson, Va.
Brown	Ford	Stevens
Bryan	Hendricks	Trimble
Burwell	Jones, Ten. •	Tucker, Va.....19
Butler, Lou.	McCreary	
Cannon	McLean, Ken.	

Mr. Hendricks then moved to amend the said bill by adding to the fourth section the following proviso:

“And provided, further, That the actual settler of the soil shall be entitled to the privilege of making payment for his land, if the same shall not exceed one hundred and sixty acres, in instalments, agreeably to the present credit system, as to time of payment, and forfeiture; which settlement shall be ascertained and determined agreeably to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe.”

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, moved to amend the said bill by inserting after the word *office*, where it occurs for the last time in the second section, the following words:

“Unless he shall produce satisfactory proof to the register of the public lands that he is an actual and bona fide settler, with his family, on the lands proposed to be entered; and shall, also, make oath, that he has not previously entered any other lands belonging to the United States; then the said person shall be entitled to enter one quarter section, including his said settlement, upon credit, as heretofore.”

And, the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Cook moved to amend the said bill by striking out the second section, and, in lieu thereof, to insert the following:

"SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the first day of July next, credit shall not be allowed for the purchase money on the sale of any of the public lands sold at public sale, but every purchaser of land, which may be sold thereafter at public sale, shall, on the day of purchase, make complete payment therefor; and if any person, being the highest bidder at public sale, for a tract of land, shall fail to make payment therefor on the day on which the same was purchased, the tract shall be again offered at public sale, on the next day of sale, and such person shall not be capable of becoming the purchaser of that or any other tract of land at such public sales. And from and after the period aforesaid, whenever the purchaser of any of the public land, at private sale, shall, at the time of making such purchase, make complete payment therefor, the price shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: Provided, however, That this provision shall not be so construed as to prevent the purchase upon credit, as heretofore, at *private sale*."

And, the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Scott moved to amend the said bill by inserting therein two new sections, to come in as the fifth and sixth sections thereof, to wit:

"SEC. 5. Be it enacted, &c. That every person, or the legal representatives of every person, who has actually inhabited and cultivated, and who now resides upon any tract of land lying in any district established for the sale of public lands, which tract is not rightfully claimed by any other person, such person, so residing as aforesaid, or his legal representative, shall be entitled to a preference in becoming the purchaser from the United States of such tract of land, at private sale, upon the same terms and conditions, in every respect, as have heretofore been provided by law for the sale of other lands sold at private sale: Provided, That no more than one quarter section of land shall be sold to any one individual in virtue of this act, and the same shall be bounded by the sectional and divisional lines run, or to be run, according to law: Provided, also, That no lands reserved from sale by former acts, or lands which have been directed to be sold in town lots, shall be sold under this act.

"SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, That every person claiming a preference in becoming the purchaser of a tract of land in virtue of this act, shall make known his claim by delivering a notice, in writing, to the register of the land office for the district in which the land may be, wherein he shall particularly designate the quarter section he claims; which notice the register shall file in his office, on receiving twenty-five cents from the person delivering the same. And, in every case where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the register and receivers of public moneys of the land office that any person, who has delivered his notice of claim, is entitled, according to the provi-

sions of this act, to a preference in becoming the purchaser of a quarter section of land, such person, so entitled, shall have a right to enter the said quarter section, or half thereof, with the register of the land office, on producing his receipt from the receiver of public moneys for at least one-twentieth part of the purchase money, as in case of other lands sold at private sale: Provided, That all lands to be sold under this act, which shall not have been previously exposed to public sale, shall be entered with the register at least two weeks before the time which may be appointed for the commencement of the public sale thereof. And every person, having a right of preference in becoming the purchaser of a tract of land, who shall fail so to make his entry with the register within the time prescribed, his right shall be forfeited, and the land by him claimed shall be offered at public sale with the other public lands in the district to which it belongs."

And, the question being taken to agree to amend the bill by inserting these sections,

It was also determined in the negative.

Mr. Crowell then moved to add to the bill the following section:

"And be it further enacted, That where any person has heretofore purchased more than one quarter section of land, or more than one fractional quarter section, and has not made complete payment therefor, such person shall be permitted to surrender to the register of the land office of the district in which such purchase or purchases have been made, any of the quarter sections, or fractional quarter sections, which he or she may have purchased; and the sum or sums which such person may have paid upon the land so surrendered, shall be carried to his or her credit upon those quarter sections, or fractional quarter sections, which he or she may choose to retain; and the land so surrendered shall be considered as reverted to the United States, and shall be disposed of, in all respects whatever, like other reverted or forfeited lands."

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, moved that the said bill be amended by adding thereto the following section:

"And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act shall not extend to the state of Louisiana, but the public lands within that state shall be disposed of according to the laws now in force."

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1820.

Mr. Cannon presented a petition of Samuel Musgrove, praying to be permitted to withdraw his entry of a quarter section of land in the state of Alabama, which he alleges to have entered in mistake, and that the money paid thereon may be applied to the payment of

the quarter section which he has subsequently entered, and which he supposed he had originally entered.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the documents accompanying the petition of Ether Shepley.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the expense of surveying certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, and for other purposes," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Samuel Stones, attorney of Benjamin Gott and Sons; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries," reported the same without amendment, and recommended that it be postponed indefinitely.

The question was stated, Shall the said bill be postponed indefinitely? when it was

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, to which was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish additional land offices in the state of Alabama," reported the same with sundry amendments; which were read, and, together with bill, committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the establishment of additional land offices in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Brush, from the committee on the expenditures in the War Department, to whom was referred the subject of the loan of gunpowder, by the officers of the War Department, to Stull and Williams, made report thereon; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate *recede* from their disagreement to the first amendment, proposed by this House, to the bill entitled "An act to establish a district court in the state of Alabama;" they also *recede* from their amendment to the second amendment of this House to the said bill, and concur in each of the said amendments.

They have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to provide relief for sick and disabled seamen; and

An act granting to the state of Ohio the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported,

that the committee had examined enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution of the following titles, viz:

An act relative to the Arkansas territory;

An act to establish a district court in the state of Alabama; and

A resolution to authorize the publication of part of the secret Journal of Congress under the articles of confederation; and found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sergeant moved that the House do now proceed to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Goetz and Carl W. Westphal, and of the heirs of Abraham Neppes, deceased;" which motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, moved, that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution from the Senate, "proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States as it respects the choice of electors of the President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States;" which motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Brush moved that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the resolution, submitted by him on the 23d February last, to enquire into the expediency of ascertaining the northern boundary of the state of Ohio; which motion was also rejected by the House.

Mr. Cobb moved that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, and to repeal the several acts heretofore passed for that purpose;" which motion was also rejected by the House.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act to provide relief for sick and disabled seamen; and

2. An act granting to the state of Ohio the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land; were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the first to the Committee of Ways and Means, and the second to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands," was read the third time;

And on the question, Shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 133,
 { Nays.....23.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Adams

Alexander

Allen, *Mass.*

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*

Baker

Mr. Baldwin

Barbour

Bateman

Bayly

Beecher

Boden

Brush

Mr. Buffum

Campbell

Case

Claggett

Clark

Cobb

Crafts

Mr. Crawford	Mr. Hostetter	Mr. Richards
Culbreth	Kendall	Richmond
Cushman	Kinsey	Robertson
Cuthbert	Little	Rogers
Darlington	Linn	Ross
Davidson	Livermore	Russ
Dennison	Lyman	Sampson
Dewitt	McCoy	Sawyer
Dickinson	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Sergeant
Dowse	Mallery	Settle
Earle	Marchand	Shaw
Eddy	Mason	Silsbee
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Meech	Simkins
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Meigs	Sloan
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Mercer	Slocumb
Fay	R. Moore	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Fisher	S. Moore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Floyd	Monell	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Folger	Morton	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Foot	Moseley	Southard
Forrest	Murray	Storrs
Fuller	Neale	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Fullerton	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Swearingen
Garnett	Newton	Tarr
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Overstreet	Taylor
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tomlinson
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Tompkins
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Patterson	Tracy
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Phelps	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Hardin	Philson	Tyler
Hazard	Pinckney	Van Rensselaer
Hemphill	Pindall	Wallace
Herrick	Pitcher	Wendover
Hibshman	Plumer	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Hiester	Rankin	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Hill	Reed	Wood——133.
Holmes	Rhea	
Hooks	Rich	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Mr. Cook	Mr. McCreary
Ball	Crowell	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Bloomfield	Culpepper	Metcalf
Brown	Ford	Stevens
Bryan	Hackley	Trimble
Burwell	Hendricks	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Johnson	Walker——23.
Cannon	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for regulating the manner of settling the accounts of the several deputy surveyors in the Missouri and Arkansas territories; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for clothing the militia, when called into the service of the United States; the bill to establish an uniform mode of discipline and field exercise for the militia of the United States; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufacture;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the former of the said bills, without, and the two latter with, amendments.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill to provide for clothing the militia, when called into the service of the United States; when,

Mr. Mercer moved to amend the said bill, by striking out all thereof, after the words "United States," in the fifth line of the 1st section of the printed bill, and in lieu thereof to insert as follows: "for a tour of duty, of not less than six months, shall, in addition to the pay and emoluments heretofore allowed by law, be entitled to, and receive, each, a full suit of uniform, including a blanket, to be delivered by the proper agent, or officer, at the commencement of such tour, or, as soon as practicable thereafter, and to be preserved by each militia-man, under the same accountability for loss, waste, or neglect, that attaches to the soldiers of the regular army of the United States."

The said amendment was read, and, together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill to establish an uniform mode of discipline and field exercise for the militia of the United States, were read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Foot moved further to amend the said bill, by striking out the second section thereof; which motion was rejected.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendments reported to the bill, from the Senate, to provide for clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufactures, were read; when,

Mr. Beocher moved, that the said bill lie on the table; which was rejected.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, then moved, that the said bill be postponed until the 1st of May next. This motion was also rejected by the House.

The amendments of the committee of the whole were then concurred in by the House.

And, Mr. Holmes moved further to amend the said bill, by striking out the proviso, (as amended by this House,) in the first section thereof, as follows:

“ Provided, the same can be procured at the same prices as goods of the same kind, of foreign manufacture, having due regard to their substantial quality, and the expense of transportation.”

And, on the question, Shall the said proviso be stricken out?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.... 85,
Nays....73.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Mr. Pitcher
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Hazard	Rich
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Hemphill	Richmond
Baker	Hendricks	Rogers
Baldwin	Herrick	Ross
Beecher	Hibshman	Russ
Boden	Hiester	Sampson
Brown	Hill	Sawyer
Brush	Holmes	Sergeant
Campbell	Hostetter	Shaw
Case	Kendall	Silsbee
Clark	Kinsey	Sloan
Cook	Kinsley	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cushman	Lyman	Southard
Darlington	Maclay	Stevens
Dennison	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Storrs
Dewitt	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Dickinson	Marchand	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Eddy	Mason	Tarr
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	R. Moore	Taylor
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	S. Moore	Tomlinson
Ervin	Monell	Tompkins
Fay	Morton	Trimble
Folger	Murray	Van Rensselaer
Foot	Newton	Wallace
Forrest	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Wendover
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Wood
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Phelps	
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Philson	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Anderson	Mr. Ball
Alexander	Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Barbour
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Bateman

Mr. Bayly	Mr. Hardin	Mr. Reed
Bloomfield	Hooks	Rhea
Bryan	Johnson	Richards
Buffum	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Ringgold
Burton	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Settle
Burwell	Kent	Simkins
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Little	Slocumb
Cannon	Livermore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Cobb	Lowndes	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Cocke	McCoy	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Crafts	McCreary	Swearingen
Crawford	Meech	Tracy
Culbreth	Mercer	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Culpepper	Neale	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Cuthbert	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Tyler
Davidson	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Walker
Earle	Overstreet	Warfield
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Whitman
Fisher	Pinckney	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Floyd	Pindall	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Fullerton	Plumer	
Garnett	Rankin	

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Mr. Floyd then moved to insert the following proviso, in the place of that stricken out on the motion of Mr. Holmes, viz.

“Provided, that no contract for or purchase of domestic goods, for clothing the army, shall be made at more than five per cent. above the prices of articles of the same kind and quality, imported from a foreign country.”

And, the question being taken, Shall the said proviso be inserted?

It also passed in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 82,
Nays.....78.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Mr. Ervin
Adams	Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Fisher
Alexander	Cannon	Floyd
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Cobb	Foot
Anderson	Cocke	Fullerton
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Crafts	Garnett
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Crawford	Hall, <i>Del.</i>
Ball	Culpepper	Hardin
Barbour	Cushman	Johnson
Bateman	Cuthbert	Jones, <i>Va.</i>
Bryan	Dennison	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Burton	Earle	Kendall
Burwell	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Kent

Mr. Kinsey
 Kinsley
 Little
 Linn
 Lowndes
 McCoy
 McCreary
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Mallary
 Meech
 Mercer
 Monell
 Neale
 Nelson, *Mass.*
 Nelson, *Va.*

Mr. Overstreet
 Parker, *Mass.*
 Parker, *Va.*
 Pinckney
 Pindall
 Plumer
 Rankin
 Reed
 Richards
 Ringgold
 Settle
 Shaw
 Simkins
 Slocumb
 Smith, *Md.*

Mr. B. Smith, *Va.*
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Swearingen
 Tarr
 Tracy
 Tucker, *Va.*
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Tyler
 Walker
 Warfield
 Whitman
 Williams, *Va.*
 Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*
 Allen, *N. Y.*
 Baker
 Baldwin
 Buffum
 Beecher
 Bloomfield
 Boden
 Brown
 Brush
 Buffum
 Campbell
 Case
 Clark
 Culbreth
 Darlington
 Dewitt
 Dickinson
 Eddy
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Edwards, *Pen.*
 Fay
 Folger
 Forrest
 Gross, *N. Y.*

Mr. Gross, *Pen.*
 Hall, *N. Y.*
 Hazard
 Hemphill
 Hendricks
 Herrick
 Hibshman
 Hiester
 Hill
 Holmes
 Hostetter
 Lyman
 Maclay
 McLane, *Del.*
 Marchand
 Mason
 Meigs
 R. Moore
 S. Moore
 Morton
 Murray
 Patterson
 Phelps
 Philson
 Pitcher

Mr. Rhea
 Rich
 Richmond
 Rogers
 Ross
 Russ
 Sampson
 Sawyer
 Sergeant
 Sloan
 Smith, *N. J.*
 Southard
 Stevens
 Storrs
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Strong, *N. Y.*
 Taylor
 Tomlinson
 Tompkins
 Trimble
 Van Rensselaer
 Wallace
 Wendover
 Wood

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Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the establishment of additional land offices in the state of Illinois; on the bill to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Alabama and Indiana; and on

the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish additional land offices in the state of Alabama;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the two former bills, with amendments to each.

The amendment to the bill for the establishment of additional land offices in the state of Illinois was read; and,

On motion of Mr. Cook, the said bill was recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The amendments to the bill to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices, for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Alabama and Indiana, were read, and part concurred in, and part disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate, "To establish additional land offices in the state of Alabama," lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had presented to the President of the United States, the two enrolled bills, and the enrolled resolution, the examination of which was this day reported.

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the clerk cause to be printed, for the use of this House, a list of articles in the present tariff, with the present rates of duties, and those proposed by the bill reported at this session.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, moved, that the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana," be discharged from a further consideration thereof; and that it be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill of this House, for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri.

And the question being stated thereon,

The House then adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 21, 1820.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Ambrose Vasse, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the allowance of the judges of the orphans' court in the counties of Washington and Alexandria," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be dis-

charged from the further consideration of the petition of Nathaniel Champe, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

The House proceeded to consider the motion made by Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, and depending yesterday, at the time of adjournment, that the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of claims to land in the state of Louisiana," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill of this House for the same purpose.

And the question being taken to agree to the said motion,
It passed in the affirmative.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Elijah Glover: Whereupon,
Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims enquire into the expediency of allowing to James Rabb, of Georgia, compensation for certain horses impressed into the public service, in the Seminole war.

Mr. Kent moved, That the House do now proceed to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, and to repeal all other acts heretofore passed for that purpose;" which motion was rejected by the House.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufactures, and for other purposes," was read the third time, and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the said bill.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to establish an uniform mode of discipline and field exercise for the militia of the United States," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, regulating the manner of settling the accounts of the several deputy surveyors in the Missouri and Arkansas territories, was read the third time;

And, on the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the negative.

An engrossed bill, to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Alabama and Indiana, was read the third time. And the question was stated, Shall it pass? When it was,

On motion of Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Livermore moved, That the House do now proceed to consider

the bill for the relief of Susannah Stewart; which motion was rejected by the House.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill authorizing the sale of thirteen sections of land, lying within the land district of Canton, in the state of Ohio; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tracy reported the same with an amendment, which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying, that the President did this day approve and sign a "Resolution to authorize the publication of part of the secret journal of Congress, under the articles of confederation."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information, that the President of the United States did, on the 18th instant, approve and sign "An act to continue in force the act passed on the 20th day of April, 1818, entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed the 2d day of March, 1799, and for other purposes." And, on this day, "An act relative to the Arkansas territory, and An act to establish a district court in the state of Alabama." The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden, and others;

An act to authorize the building of a certain number of small vessels of war;

An act for the relief of Matthew M'Nair;

An act for the relief of Thomas Leiper; and

An act confirming the proceedings of the inhabitants of the village of Cahokia, in the state of Illinois, in laying out a town on the commons of said village: in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit: An act to authorize the Secretary of State to cause the laws of the Michigan territory to be printed and distributed, and for other purposes; and An act for the relief of Elizabeth Braden: And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes; the bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction; and on the bill to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

Mr. Foot, from the Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands;" and found the same to be truly enrolled: When

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 22, 1820.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of Groeme Keith Spence, late purser in the navy of the United States, praying to be allowed the discounts paid by him in exchanging Treasury notes, in the year 1815, placed in his hands for the purpose of paying the officers and crew of the ship of war Ontario, and other necessary disbursements on account of said ship: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report on the cases of Freedom Chamberlain, Peter Cler, Solomon Thomas, and John Pettit, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw their petitions and accompanying documents.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John L. Polereczky, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the same committee, to whom were referred the petitions of John Hagadom, Ezekiel Knowles, John Duncan, Ambrose Lewis, Ezekiel Walker, Archibald Felt, Henry Gross, Jeremiah Eldridge, Moses Bursill, George Reynolds, Bartlett Hinds, Jacob Snell, James Taggart, and of Ebenezer Fletcher, praying for pensions, and increase of pensions, asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said petitions may be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims; which was agreed to by the House.

Mr. Bloomfield also made an unfavorable report on the petitions of Ann Smith, Hezekiah Hutchins, Rufus Whipple, Handley Bushnell, Sarah Crowninshield, Charles Gilman, John Porter, John Simeson, Titus J. Turner, Joshua Yeoman, Elijah Mann, Andrew Hillyer, Alexander Beatey, Jonathan P. and Oliver Woodworth, Huldah Bliss, Robert Allison, Joseph Durfee, John Hunter, Cornelius Roosa, Mary Shott, James Chapline, John Turner, Walter M'Farland, Sarah Harris, John Darlings, Daniel Hosford, Gideon Shurtleff, Eleazer Thomas, Ebenezer Hopkins, and of Rosewell Hopkins, which was read, as follows:

1. Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the respective petitioners.

2. Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of revolutionary pensions.

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

Mr. Pinckney submitted the following resolution, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next, viz.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, directed to transmit one copy of the Journal of the Federal Convention at Philadelphia, in 1787, which formed the constitution of the United States, to each of the members, now alive, of the said convention.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of Louisiana,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be directed to enquire into the expediency of allowing to Pierre Lefebvre the amount of drawback on certain goods shipped by him on board the schooner Governor Villere, from the port of New Orleans to Havannah, in the year 1817.

Mr. Butler accompanied the above resolution by sundry documents, in support of the claim of the said Lefebvre.

Mr. Van Rensselaer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Hunter," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish additional land offices in the state of Alabama," be recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide relief for sick and disabled seamen," reported the same with amendments, which were read, and, together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden, and others;
2. An act for the relief of Matthew M'Nair;
3. An act authorizing the building of a certain number of small vessels of war;
4. An act for the relief of Thomas Leiper; and,
5. An act confirming the proceedings of the inhabitants of the village of Cahokia, in the state of Illinois, in laying out a town on the commons of said village; were severally read the first and second time, and referred; the *first* and *second* to the Committee of Claims; the *third* to the Committee on Naval Affairs; the *fourth* to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims; and the *fifth* to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the allowance to the judges of the orphans' court, in the counties of Washington and Alexandria," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of thirteen sections of land lying within the land district of Canton, in the state of Ohio," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes; the bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction; and on the bill to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

Mr. Newton laid before the House a letter addressed to him, as Chairman of the Committee of Commerce, by the Secretary of State, accompanied by sundry documents, exhibiting a view of the proceedings of the Executive hitherto, in the negotiation with Great Britain, in relation to the commercial intercourse between the United States and the British American colonies; and with France, in relation to the general commerce between that country and the United States; which letter and documents were ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, April 24, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, have leave of absence from the service of this House, from to-day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Wendover presented a memorial of the American Society of the City of New York for the Encouragement of Domestic Manufactures, complaining of the system of credit given for the duties on the importation of foreign manufactures, and of free sales at auction; and praying that the bill now pending before Congress, regulating the payment of duties on merchandise imported; the bill imposing duties on certain sales at auction; and the bill regulating the duties on imports and tonnage, may be passed into laws, previous to the termination of the present session of Congress; which was committed to the committee of the whole, to which the said bills are committed.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Ebenezer Averill, praying compensation for damages, sustained by the occupation of his premises by a detachment of the army of the United States, in the year 1812.

Mr. Tracy also presented a petition of Samuel Butler, a teamster in the late war with Great Britain, praying compensation for his wagon and team, which were captured by the enemy.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Strong, of New York, presented a remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the city of Hudson, in the state of New York, against the proposed discontinuance of that port as a port of entry; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying that measures may be adopted to prevent the citizens of the United States from engaging in the business of privateering, under the flags of the governments of South America; and that certain ports in the United States may be designated, in which, only, the cruizers of those governments may be permitted to enter, and that those lying on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay may be among those which may be prohibited; which petition was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, presented a petition of John La Croix, a soldier in the French corps in the revolutionary war, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The Speaker presented a letter, addressed to him by Philemon Baldwin, and others, of Newburg, in the state of New York, stating that a certain Samuel Andrews, who has applied for a pension, on the plea of wounds received in the late war with Great Britain, is an impostor, and is not entitled to a pension under the laws of the United States; which letter was referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Sloan presented a letter from George Jackson, of Zanesville, in the state of Ohio, charging Samuel Herrick, a member of this House from that state, with having improperly received money, for his services in procuring a pension for a certain Robert Cue, and enclosing the evidence of the said charge; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Johnson, junior, and that it be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the cases of Levi Cantrall and Samuel Lee, administrators of William W. Lee, deceased; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Van Rensselaer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of reducing or suspending the expenditures on fortifications, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee of Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the Secretary of State to cause the laws of the Michigan territory to be printed and distributed, and for other purposes; and,

An act for the relief of Elizabeth Braden;



and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed "resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the Journal of the Convention which formed the Constitution," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the letter from the Secretary of the Navy, of the 7th of April, 1820, with the documents which accompanied it, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; and that they be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law that no commander, or other officer in the naval service of the United States, shall receive on board his vessel any gold, silver or jewels, without orders from the President of the United States, or the Navy Department; and that no officer, without such orders, shall transport, as a passenger, any person in the naval or military service of a foreign government engaged in war; and the Committee of Naval Affairs are also instructed to enquire into the expediency of determining, by law, whether any compensation or freight shall be, in any case, permitted, for articles transported in vessels of the United States.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the line heretofore caused to be surveyed, marked, and designated, from the southern extreme of Lake Michigan, due east, in pursuance of the provisions of the act, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries," passed May 12, 1812, so far as the same extends due east from the western boundary line of the state of Ohio, be and remain the established boundary line between the said state of Ohio and the territory of Michigan.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr Speaker: The Senate have passed bills from this House of the following titles: An act, in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments; and, An act for the relief of John Steele, with an amendment to the latter. And they have passed bills of the following titles: An act granting certain privileges to the Ocean Steam Ship Company of New York; An act for the relief of Richard Smyth; and, An act to provide for the building an addition to the custom-house now erecting in the city of New Orleans, for the use of the District Court of the United States for the state of Louisiana. In which amendment and bills they request the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill regulating the payment of duties on merchandise imported,

and for other purposes; the bill laying duties on sales of merchandise at auction; and on the bill to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the Committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands;

An act authorizing the Secretary of State to cause the laws of the Michigan territory to be printed and distributed, and for other purposes; and,

An act for the relief of Elizabeth Braden.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 25, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Richards have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish additional land offices in the state of Alabama," reported the same, with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Nathaniel Childers, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the letter from the Postmaster General, received on the 14th instant, transmitting a list of unproductive post-offices, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be instructed to enquire into the expediency of imposing a duty on plaster of paris imported from certain parts of the province of New-Brunswick, to countervail a duty lately imposed by the legislature of that province on that article when exported from certain other parts of the same province.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the law establishing a collection district at Richmond, in the state of Virginia, as to cause said district to include all the waters, &c. &c. from the mouth of Chickahomony river up to the mouth of Apomattox river, or its junction with James river.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act granting certain privileges to the Ocean steam ship company, of New-York; and

2. An act for the relief of Richard Smyth; were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the former to the Committee of Commerce, and the latter to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the building an addition to the custom-house now erecting in the city of New-Orleans, for the use of the district court of the United States for the state of Louisiana," was read the first time.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Steele," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American Consul at Algiers," and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying that the President did, on the 24th instant, approve and sign "An act to authorize the Secretary of State to cause the laws of the Michigan territory to be printed and distributed, and for other purposes;" and "An act for the relief of Elizabeth Braden."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes; the bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction; and on the bill to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 26, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Ballard Smith have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Edwards, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Philadelphia, praying that, for the present, real estate may be exempted from taxation, and that an excise may be levied on domestic distilled spirits, both as a source of revenue to the nation, and as a protection to public morality; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Smyth," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing the act, entitled "An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements," passed the 3d of March, 1819, reported that it would be inexpedient to repeal the said act.

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

Mr. McCoy, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John H. Piatt," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, reported a bill for the relief of Joshua Newsom, Peter Crook, and James Rabb; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Maclay, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Leiper," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the building of a certain number of small vessels of war," reported the same, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to authorize the employment of an additional naval force."

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act confirming the proceedings of the inhabitants of the village of Cahokia, in the state of Illinois, in laying out a town on the commons of said village," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Woodbridge, on the 24th instant, to establish the boundary line between the state of Ohio and the territory of Michigan, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for building an addition to the custom-house now erecting in the city of New-Orleans, for the use of the district court of the United States for the state of Louisiana," was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes; the bill laying duties on certain sales of merchandize at auction; and on the bill to regulate the duties on im-

ports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 27, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Fay have leave of absence from the service of this House from Monday next, and Mr. Slocumb from Tuesday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Groome Keith Spence; which was read the first and second time.

A motion was made by Mr. McCoy that it lie on the table; which, being rejected,

The said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also reported a bill making appropriations for carrying into effect the treaty lately concluded with the Chippewa nation of Indians; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the trade with the Indian tribes."

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of George Reynolds, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 24th instant, approve and sign "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands.

They have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War,' passed on the 18th day of March, 1818;" and a bill, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy,' and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy;" in which last mentioned bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments; and

An act for the relief of John Steele; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Storrs submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the time being, be, and they are hereby, authorized to grant the use of the books in the library of Congress, during the recess of its sessions, to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, on the terms, and under the rules, regulations, restrictions, and penalties, that members of Congress are allowed to use the said books.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Goetz and Carl W. Westphal, and the heirs of Abraham Neppes, deceased," be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Little moved the following order:

Ordered, That the House in future meet at 11 o'clock A. M.

The question was taken to agree to the said order,

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Simkins submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table for one day, viz.

Resolved, That this House will not adjourn on any day before five o'clock in the afternoon, whilst any question before it is in discussion, and undecided.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy, and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy,'" was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill of this House to continue in force the act aforesaid.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish additional land offices in the state of Alabama," was read the third time, and passed, as amended.

The title of the said bill was then amended so as to read "An act to establish additional land offices in the states of Alabama, Indiana, and Illinois."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the said bill.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act confirming the proceedings of the inhabitants of the village of Cahokia, in the state of Illinois, in laying out a town on the commons of said village," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," passed the 18th day of March, 1818," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to regulate the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes; the bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction; and the bill to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the last mentioned bill, with sundry amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the two former bills.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said two first mentioned bills.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments reported to the bill to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; when,

Mr. Hardin moved that the said bill be postponed until the first day of the next session of Congress.

And, the question on the said motion being stated,

The House then adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 28, 1820.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of sundry citizens of the city of Albany, in the state of New York, praying the imposition of a duty of ten per cent. on future sales of merchandize at auction; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction, and for other purposes.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act to increase the allowance to the Judges of the Orphans' Court in the counties of Washington and Alexandria; and

An act confirming the proceedings of the inhabitants of the village of Cahokia, in the state of Illinois, in laying out a town on the commons of said village; and had found the same truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act granting certain privileges to the Ocean Steam Ship Company of New York," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Archer, of Maryland, submitted the following proposition to amend the rules of the House, viz:

Resolved, That the following be added to the rules of the House:

“Every discussion on any bill, motion, or resolution, shall terminate in five days after it shall have commenced.

“No member shall speak upon any question longer than an hour at one time.”

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table for one day.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Manufactures be instructed to prepare and report a bill, laying a duty of _____ cents on all spirituous liquors distilled from grain and other domestic materials.

The said resolution was read; and, on the question, Will the House now proceed to consider the same?

It was determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Fielding Jones;

An act for the relief of Captain Stanton Sholes;

An act for the relief of John B. Regnier;

An act for the benefit of Christopher Miller; and,

An act concerning the banks of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes;” with an amendment to each of the two latter; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Groome Keith Spence,” was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and request their concurrence therein.

The House proceeded to consider the motion made by Mr. Hardin yesterday, that the further consideration of the bill to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes, be postponed until the first day of the next session of Congress; and, the question being again stated thereon,

Mr. Hardin modified his said motion, so as that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed indefinitely; and, debate arising thereon,

Mr. Hardin withdrew his said motion; whereupon,

Mr. Simkins moved that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until the first day of the next session of Congress.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....79,
Nays.....92.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr Abbot

Alexander

Allen, *Ten.*

Anderson

Mr. Archer, *Md.*

Archer, *Va.*

Ball

Barbour

Mr. Bayly

Brevard

Bryan

Buffum

Mr. Burton
 Burwell
 Butler, *N. H.*
 Butler, *Lou.*
 Cannon
 Claggett
 Cobb
 Cocke
 Crafts
 Crawford
 Crowell
 Culpepper
 Cushman
 Cuthbert
 Davidson
 Earle
 Edwards, *N. C.*
 Fisher
 Floyd
 Foot
 Fuller
 Garnett
 Hall, *N. C.*

Mr. Hardin
 Hill
 Holmes
 Hooks
 Johnson
 Jones, *Va.*
 Jones, *Ten.*
 Kent
 Livermore
 Lowndes
 McCoy
 McCreary
 Mallary
 Mercer
 Neale
 Nelson, *Mass.*
 Nelson, *Va.*
 Overstreet
 Parker, *Va.*
 Pinckney
 Plumer
 Rankin
 Reed

Mr. Rhea
 Richards
 Ringgold
 Robertson
 Settle
 Silsbee
 Simpkins
 Slocumb
 B. Smith, *Va.*
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Swearingen
 Terrell
 Tucker, *Va.*
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Tyler
 Upham
 Walker
 Whitman
 Williams, *Va.*
 Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams
 Allen, *N. Y.*
 Baker
 Baldwin
 Bateman
 Beecher
 Bloomfield
 Boden
 Brown
 Brush
 Campbell
 Case
 Clark
 Cook
 Culbreth
 Darlington
 Dennison
 Dewitt
 Dowse
 Eddy
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Edwards, *Pen.*
 Ervin
 Folger
 Ford

Mr. Forrest
 Fullerton
 Gross, *N. Y.*
 Gross, *Pen.*
 Guyon
 Hackley
 Hall, *N. Y.*
 Hall, *Del.*
 Hazard
 Hemphill
 Hendricks
 Herrick
 Hibshman
 Hiester
 Hostetter
 Kendall
 Kinsey
 Kinsley
 Little
 Linn
 Lyman
 Maclay
 McLane, *Del.*
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Marchand

Mr. Mason
 Meigs
 Metcalf
 R. Moore
 S. Moore
 Monell
 Morton
 Moseley
 Murray
 Newton
 Parker, *Mass.*
 Patterson
 Phelps
 Philson
 Pitcher
 Rich
 Richmond
 Rogers
 Ross
 Russ
 Sampson
 Sawyer
 Sergeant
 Shaw
 Sloan

Mr. Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Mr. Strong, <i>N. F.</i>	Mr. Trimble
Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Tarr	Van Rensselaer
Southard	Taylor	Wallace
Stevens	Tomlinson	Wendover
Storrs	Tompkins	Wood,..... 92
Street	Tracy	

The amendments reported from the committee of the whole to the said bill, were read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts, moved further to amend the said bill, by adding to the end of the first section the following proviso:

“Provided, That no goods, wares, or merchandize, which shall be imported into the United States, on or before the 30th day of April, 1821, if from places beyond the Cape of Good Hope; or, on or before the 31st day of October next, if from places not situated beyond the Cape of Good Hope, in vessels that sailed from the United States before the passage of this act, shall be subjected to any higher duty than is required by laws now in force.”

And, on the question to agree to amend by adding the said proviso, It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Silsbee moved further to amend the said bill, by striking out the word *June*, in the third line of the printed bill, and, in lieu thereof, to insert *September*, so as that the said bill commence and be in force from and after the 30th day of September, 1820, instead of the 30th of June, 1820.

This motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina, then moved further to amend the said bill, by reducing the duty on salt imported, from twenty-five cents per bushel to twenty cents per bushel.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....93,
Nays.....71.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Crafts	Mr. Floyd
Alexander	Crawford	Foot
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Crowell	Forrest
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Culbreth	Fuller
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Culpepper	Fullerton
Ball	Cushman	Garnett
Barbour	Cuthbert	Hall, <i>Del.</i>
Bayly	Davidson	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>
Buffum	Earle	Hazard
Burwell	Eddy	Hemphill
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Hibshman
Cannon	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Hiester
Claggett	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Hill
Cobb	Fisher	Holmes

Mr. Hooks	Mr. Nelson, Va.	Mr. Stocumb
Johnson	Overstreet	B. Smith, Va.
Jones, Va.	Parker, Mass.	Smith, N. C.
Kendall	Phelps	Southard
Kent	Plumer	Strong, Vt.
Kinsley	Rankin	Swearingen
Linn	Rced	Terrell
Livermore	Rhea	Tomlinson
McCoy	Rich	Tompkins
McCreary	Richards	Tucker, Va.
Mallary	Rogers	Tucker, S. C.
Mason	Russ	Tyler
Mercer	Sampson	Upham
Morton	Sergeant	Whitman
Moseley	Settle	Williams, Va.
Neale	Silsbee	Williams, N. C.
Nelson, Mass.	Simkins	Wood—98.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, N. F.	Mr. Gross, Penn.	Mr. Parker, Va.
Anderson	Guyon	Patterson
Baker	Hackley	Philson
Baldwin	Hall, N. F.	Pitcher
Bateman	Hardin	Richmond
Beecher	Hendricks	Robertson
Bloomfield	Herrick	Ross
Boden	Hostetter	Sawyer
Brown	Jones, Ten.	Shaw
Brush	Kinsey	Sloan
Bryan	Little	Smith, N. J.
Butler, Lou.	Lowndes	Smith, Md.
Campbell	Lyman	Stevens
Case	Maclay	Storrs
Clark	McLane, Del.	Street
Cocke	McLean, Ken.	Strong, N. F.
Cook	Marchand	Tarr
Darlington	Meigs	Taylor
Dennison	Metcalf	Tracy
Dewitt	R. Moore	Trimble
Dowse	S. Moore	Van Rensselaer
Folger	Monell	Wallace
Ford	Murray	Wendover
Gross, N. F.	Newton	

Mr. Hill moved further to amend the bill, by reducing the duty on molasses, from ten cents per gallon to five cents per gallon.

And the question was stated thereon; when,

The previous question was then called for by Mr. Parker, of Virginia; and being demanded by a majority of the members present,

It was taken in the form prescribed by the rules and orders of the House, to wit: *Shall the main question be now put?*

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....92,
 { Nays.....71.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Ervin	Mr. Parker, Va.
Alexander	Fisher	Patterson
Allen, N. Y.	Floyd	Phelps
Allen, Ten.	Folger	Philson
Archer, Md.	Ford	Pitcher
Archer, Va.	Garnett	Rankin
Baker	Gross, N. Y.	Rhea
Baldwin	Gross, Pen.	Rich
Ball	Guyon	Richmond
Barbour	Hackley	Rogers
Beecher	Hall, N. Y.	Ross
Bloomfield	Hall, Del.	Settle
Boden	Hendricks	Sloan
Brown	Herrick	Smith, N. J.
Brush	Hibshman	B. Smith, Va.
Bryan	Hooks	Smith, N. C.
Burton	Hostetter	Stevens
Butler, Lou.	Kent	Street
Campbell	Kinsey	Strong, Va.
Cannon	Kinsley	Tarr
Clark	Little	Taylor
Cobb	Lowndes	Terrell
Cocks	Lyman	Tompkins
Cook	McCoy	Trimble
Crawford	McLean, Kan.	Tucker, S. C.
Crowell	Marchand	Tyler
Darlington	Mason	Van Rensselaer
Davidson	Metcalf	Wallace
Dewitt	R. Moore	Wendover
Dowse	Monell	Williams, N. C.
Earle	Murray	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Crafts	Mr. Edwards, N. C.
Anderson	Culbreth	Foot
Bateman	Culpepper	Forrest
Bayly	Cushman	Fuller
Buffum	Cuthbert	Fullerton
Burwell	Denaision	Hall, N. C.
Butler, N. H.	Eddy	Hardin
Case	Edwards, Con.	Hazard
Claggett	Edwards, Pen.	Hemphill

Mr. Heister
Hill
Holmes
Johnson
Jones, *Ten.*
Kendall
Linn
Livermore
Maclay
McCreary
McLane, *Del.*
Mallery
Meigs
Mercer
S. Moore

Mr. Morton
Moseley
Neale
Nelson, *Mass.*
Newton
Overstreet
Parker, *Mass.*
Plumer
Reed
Robertson
Russ
Sampson
Sawyer
Sergeant
Shaw

Mr. Silsbee
Simkins
Smith, *Md.*
Southard
Storrs
Strong, *N. Y.*
Swearingen
Tomlinson
Tracy
Tucker, *Va.*
Upham
Whitman
Williams, *Va.*
Wood

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The said main question was then put, to wit: *Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?*

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....90,
Nays..... 69.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams
Allen, *N. Y.*
Baker
Baldwin
Bateman
Beecher
Bloomfield
Boden
Brown
Brush
Campbell
Case
Clark
Cook
Darlington
Dennison
Bewitt
Dowse
Eddy
Edwards, *Con.*
Edwards, *Pen.*
Ervin
Fay
Folger
Ford
Forrest

Mr. Gross, *N. Y.*
Gross, *Pen.*
Guyon
Hackley
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hall, *Del.*
Hazard
Hemphill
Hendricks
Herrick
Hibshman
Hiester
Hoetetter
Kendall
Kinsey
Kinsley
Little
Linn
Lyman
Maclay
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Marchand
Mason
Meigs
Metcalf

Mr. R. Moore
S. Moore
Monell
Morton
Moseley
Murray
Newton
Parker, *Mass.*
Patterson
Phelps
Philson
Pitcher
Rich
Richmond
Rogers
Ross
Russ
Sampson
Sawyer
Sergeant
Shaw
Sloan
Smith, *N. J.*
Southard
Stevens
Storrs

Mr. Street	Mr. Tomlinson	Mr. Van Rensselaer
Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>	Tompkins	Wallace
Tarr	Tracy	Wendover
Taylor	Trimble	Wood90

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Cushman	Mr. Neale
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Cuthbert	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Anderson	Davidson	Overstreet
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Earle	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Plumer
Ball	Fisher	Rankin
Barbour	Floyd	Reed
Bayly	Foot	Rhea
Bryan	Fullerton	Robertson
Buffum	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Settle
Burton	Hardin	Silsbee
Burwell	Hill	Simkins
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Holmes	Slocumb
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Hooks	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Cannon	Johnson	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Claggett	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Swearingen
Cobb	Kent	Terrell
Cocke	Livermore	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Crafts	Lowndes	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Crawford	McCoy	Tyler
Crowell	McCreary	Whitman
Culbreth	Mallary	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Culpepper	Mercer	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 69

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 29, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Tyler have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Tuesday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Conrad Laub, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;

An act confirming the proceedings of the inhabitants of the village of Cahokia, in the state of Illinois, in laying out a town on the commons of said village;

An act to increase the allowance of the Judges of the Orphans' Court in the counties of Washington and Alexandria;

An act for the relief of John Steele; and

An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," passed the 18th day of March, 1818.

Mr. Foot also reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John B. Regnier;

An act for the relief of Fielding Jones; and

An act for the relief of captain Stanton Sholes; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, submitted the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to report a bill repealing any law or laws making appropriations for the increase of the navy of the United States,

2. Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to report a bill calling home the squadron in the Mediterranean sea.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, also submitted the following proposition to amend the standing rules of the House, to wit:

Resolved, That an additional standing committee be appointed, to be denominated "the Committee on Agriculture."

Ordered, That the said resolution lie on the table for one day.

Mr. Floyd submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to report a bill reducing the army of the United States to six thousand men, to consist of a due proportion of infantry, artillery, and riflemen.

Ordered, That the said resolution lie on the table.

Mr. McCoy moved that the House do now proceed to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John H. Piatt;" which motion was rejected by the House.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Christopher Miller," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the banks of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," was read; when,

Mr. Mercer moved that the House disagree to the said amendment; which motion was rejected.

The said amendment was then concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act granting certain privileges to the Ocean Steam Ship Company of New-York," was read

the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when, it was,

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

A motion was made by Mr. Slocumb to re-commit the bill to the Committee on Manufactures, with instructions to reduce the duty on bar iron to seventy-five cents per hundred weight.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 70,
Nays 90.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Fullerton	Mr. Reed
Alexander	Garnett	Rhea
Anderson	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Richards
Ball	Hazard	Ringgold
Barbour	Hill	Robertson
Bayly	Holmes	Sampson
Brevard	Johnson	Silsbee
Bryan	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Simkins
Burwell	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Slocumb
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Kent	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Cannon	Kinsley	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Claggett	Lowndes	Swearingen
Cobb	McCoy	Terrell
Cocke	McCreary	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Crafts	Mercer	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Crawford	Morton	Tyler
Culpepper	Neale	Upham
Cushman	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Walker
Cuthbert	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Warfield
Eddy	Overstreet	Whitman
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Floyd	Pinckney	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Foot	Plumer	
Fuller	Rankin	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Bateman	Mr. Burton
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Beecher	Campbell
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Bloomfield	Case
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Boden	Clark
Baker	Brown	Cook
Baldwin	Brush	Darlington

Mr. Davidson	Mr. Kendall	Mr. Rogers
Dennison	Kinsey	Ross
Dewitt	Little	Russ
Dickinson	Linn	Sergeant
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Lyman	Settle
Ervin	Maclay	Shaw
Fay	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Sloan
Fisher	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Folger	Marchand	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Ford	Mason	Southard
Forrest	Meigs	Stevens
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Metcalf	Storrs
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	R. Moore	Street
Guyon	S. Moore	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Hackley	Monell	Tarr
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Moseley	Taylor
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Murray	Tomlinson
Hardin	Newton	Tompkins
Hemphill	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tracy
Hendricks	Patterson	Trimble
Herrick	Philson	Van Rensselaer
Hibshman	Pitcher	Wallace
Hiester	Rich	Wendover
Hostetter	Richmond	Wood..... 90

Mr. Foot then moved that the said bill be postponed until the first day of the next session of Congress.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative, { Yeas.....78,
Nays..... 90.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Cobb	Mr. Hall, N. C.
Alexander	Cocke	Hardin
Anderson	Crafts	Hill
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Crawford	Holmes
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Culbreth	Hooks
Ball	Culpepper	Johnson
Barbour	Cushman	Jones, <i>Va.</i>
Bayly	Cuthbert	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Brevard	Davidson	Kent
Bryan	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Livermore
Burton	Fay	Lowndes
Burwell	Fisher	McCoy
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Floyd	McCreary
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Foot	Mallary
Cannon	Fuller	Mercer
Claggett	Garnett	Neale

the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when, it was,

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

A motion was made by Mr. Slocumb to re-commit the bill to the Committee on Manufactures, with instructions to reduce the duty on bar iron to seventy-five cents per hundred weight.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 70,
Nays 90.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Fullerton	Mr. Reed
Alexander	Garnett	Rhea
Anderson	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Richards
Ball	Hazard	Ringgold
Barbour	Hill	Robertson
Bayly	Holmes	Sampson
Brevard	Johnson	Silsbee
Bryan	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Simkins
Burwell	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Slocumb
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Kent	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Cannon	Kinsley	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Claggett	Lowndes	Swearingen
Cobb	McCoy	Terrell
Cocke	McCreary	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Crafts	Mercer	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Crawford	Morton	Tyler
Culpepper	Neale	Upham
Cushman	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Walker
Cuthbert	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Warfield
Eddy	Overstreet	Whitman
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Floyd	Pinckney	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Foot	Plumer	
Fuller	Rankin	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Bateman	Mr. Burton
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Beecher	Campbell
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Bloomfield	Case
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Boden	Clark
Baker	Brown	Cook
Baldwin	Brush	Darlington

Mr. Davidson	Mr. Kendall	Mr. Rogers
Dennison	Kinsey	Ross
Dewitt	Little	Russ
Dickinson	Linn	Sergeant
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Lyman	Settle
Ervin	Maclay	Shaw
Fay	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Sloan
Fisher	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Folger	Marchand	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Ford	Mason	Southard
Forrest	Meigs	Stevens
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Metcalf	Storrs
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	R. Moore	Street
Guyon	S. Moore	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Hackley	Monell	Tarr
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Moseley	Taylor
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Murray	Tomlinson
Hardin	Newton	Tompkins
Hemphill	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tracy
Hendricks	Patterson	Trimble
Herrick	Philson	Van Rensselaer
Hibshman	Pitcher	Wallace
Hiester	Rich	Wendover
Hostetter	Richmond	Wood..... 90

Mr. Foot then moved that the said bill be postponed until the first day of the next session of Congress.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative, { Yeas.....78,
Nays..... 90.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Cobb	Mr. Hall, N. C.
Alexander	Cocke	Hardin
Anderson	Crafts	Hill
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Crawford	Holmes
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Culbreth	Hooks
Ball	Culpepper	Johnson
Barbour	Cushman	Jones, <i>Va.</i>
Bayly	Cuthbert	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Brevard	Davidson	Kent
Bryan	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Livermore
Burton	Fay	Lowndes
Burwell	Fisher	McCoy
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Floyd	McCreary
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Foot	Mallery
Cannon	Fuller	Mercer
Claggett	Garnett	Neale

Mr. Nelson, *Mass.*
 Nelson, *Va.*
 Overstreet
 Parker, *Va.*
 Pinckney
 Plumer
 Rankin
 Reed
 Rhea
 Richards

Mr. Ringgold
 Robertson
 Settle
 Silsbee
 Simkins
 Slocumb
 B. Smith, *Va.*
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Swearingen

Mr. Terrell
 Tucker, *Va.*
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Tyler
 Upham
 Walker
 Warfield
 Whitman
 Williams, *Va.*
 Williams, *N. C.* 70

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams
 Allen, *N. F.*
 Baker
 Baldwin
 Bateman
 Beecher
 Bloomfield
 Boden
 Brown
 Brush
 Campbell
 Case
 Clark
 Cook
 Darlington
 Dennison
 Dewitt
 Dickinson
 Eddy
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Edwards, *Pen.*
 Ervin
 Folger
 Ford
 Forrest
 Fullerton
 Gross, *N. F.*
 Gross, *Pen.*
 Guyon
 Hackley

Mr. Hall, *N. F.*
 Hall, *Del.*
 Hazard
 Hemphill
 Hendricks
 Herrick
 Hibshman
 Hiester
 Hostetter
 Kendall
 Kinsey
 Kinsley
 Little
 Linn
 Lyman
 Maclay
 McLane, *Del.*
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Marchand
 Mason
 Meigs
 Metcalf
 R. Moore
 S. Moore
 Monell
 Morton
 Moseley
 Murray
 Newton
 Parker, *Mass.*

Mr. Patterson
 Philson
 Pitcher
 Rich
 Richmond
 Rogers
 Ross
 Russ
 Sampson
 Sawyer
 Sergeant
 Shaw
 Sloan
 Smith, *N. J.*
 Smith, *Md.*
 Southard
 Stevens
 Storrs
 Street
 Strong, *N. F.*
 Tarr
 Taylor
 Tomlinson
 Tompkins
 Tracy
 Trimble
 Van Rensselaer
 Wallace
 Wendover
 Wood.....90

The question was then taken, Shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....91,
 { Nays.....78.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hall, N. Y.	Mr. Philson
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Pitcher
Baker	Hazard	Rich
Baldwin	Hemphill	Richmond
Bateman	Hendricks	Rogers
Beecher	Herrick	Ross
Bloomfield	Hibshman	Russ
Boden	Hiester	Sampson
Brown	Hostetter	Sawyer
Brush	Kendall	Sergeant
Campbell	Kinsey	Shaw
Case	Kinsley	Sloan
Clark	Little	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cook	Linn	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Darlington	Lyman	Southard
Dennison	Maclay	Stevens
Dewitt	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Storrs
Dickinson	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Street
Dowse	Marchand	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Eddy	Mason	Tarr
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Meigs	Taylor
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Metcalf	Tomlinson
Ervin	R. Moore	Tompkins
Fay	S. Moore	Tracy
Folger	Monell	Trimble
Ford	Morton	Van Rensselaer
Forrest	Moseley	Wallace
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Murray	Wendover
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Newton	Wood..... 91
Guyon	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	
Hackley	Patterson	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Claggett	Mr. Fullerton
Alexander	Cobb	Garnett
Anderson	Cocke	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Crafts	Hardin
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Crawford	Hill
Ball	Culbreth	Holmes
Barbour	Culpepper	Hooks
Bayly	Cushman	Johnson
Brevard	Cuthbert	Jones, <i>Va.</i>
Bryan	Davidson	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Burton	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Kent
Burwell	Fisher	Livermore
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Floyd	Lowndes
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Foot	McCoy
Cannon	Fuller	McCreary

Mr. Mallary	Mr. Rhea	Mr. Swearingen
Mercer	Richards	Terrell
Neale	Ringgold	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Robertson	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Settle	Tyler
Overstreet	Silsbee	Upham
Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Simkins	Walker
Pinckney	Slocumb	Warfield
Plumer	B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>	Whitman
Rankin	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Reed	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 78

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Rich moved that the House do re-consider its vote of this day, concurring in the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the banks of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes."

And, the question being stated thereon,
The House then adjourned.

MONDAY, May 1, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Upham and Mr. Hemphill have leave of absence from the service of this House from to-day, Mr. Jones, of Virginia, from Wednesday next, and Mr. Barbour, and Mr. Hall, of Delaware, from Thursday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of sundry merchants and traders residing in various places in the interior of the state of New-York, and other states, assembled in the city of New-York, praying that a duty, not exceeding ten per centum, may be imposed on all sales at auction; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction, in certain cases.

Mr. Street, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Tench Francis, deceased."

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill to prevent the commanders and other officers in the naval service of the United States, from accepting of any present, or emolument of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Silsbee, from the same committee, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of so modifying the act establishing a board of Commissioners of the Navy, as to make the Secretary of the Navy, for the time being, the presiding officer of that board; and, also, of so limiting the tenor of the commissions of the members thereof, as to secure the accumulating experience and talents of our naval commanders in that department, by a periodical rotation in office," made a report thereon, stating that it is inexpedient, at this time, to make any modification of the act under which the said board of Commissioners is established; which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Christopher Miller," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, that the select committee to which is referred the resolution from the Senate fixing a period for the termination of the present session of Congress, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The House then proceeded to consider the said resolution; when,

Mr. Robertson moved to amend the same by striking out "24th day of April next," and inserting "8th of May instant."

Mr. Taylor moved that the said resolution lie on the table; this motion was rejected.

Mr. Little then moved that the said resolution be postponed until Monday next; when,

Mr. Trimble moved that the said resolution lie on the table.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....75,
Nays.....76.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Culbreth	Mr. Forrest
Allen, N. F.	Cushman	Gross, N. Y.
Baker	Cuthbert	Gross, Pen.
Bateman	Darlington	Hackley
Beccher	Dennison	Hall, N. Y.
Bloomfield	Dewitt	Hazard
Brown	Dickinson	Hemphill
Brush	Dowse	Hendricks
Butler, Lou.	Edwards, Pen.	Hibshman
Campbell	Folger	Hill
Cook	Ford	Hostetter

Mr. Jones, *Ten.*
 Kendall
 Kinsey
 Kinsley
 Little
 Linn
 Lowndes
 Maclay
 McLean, *Ktn.*
 Mallery
 S. Moore
 Monell
 Murray
 Newton

Mr. Parker, *Mass.*
 Patterson
 Phelps
 Philson
 Pinckney
 Rich
 Rogers
 Ross
 Russ
 Sampson
 Sawyer
 Sergeant
 Shaw
 Sloan

Mr. Smith, *N. J.*
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Southard
 Stevens
 Storrs
 Street
 Strong, *N. F.*
 Taylor
 Tompkins
 Trimble
 Van Rensselaer
 Wendover
 Williams, *Va.*
 Wood..... 75

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot
 Alexander
 Allen, *Ten.*
 Anderson
 Archer, *Md.*
 Archer, *Va.*
 Barbour
 Bayly
 Bryan
 Buffum
 Burton
 Burwell
 Butler, *N. H.*
 Cannon
 Claggett
 Cobb
 Cocke
 Crafts
 Crawford
 Crowell
 Culpepper
 Davidson
 Earle
 Eddy
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Edwards, *N. C.*

Mr. Ervin
 Fisher
 Floyd
 Foot
 Fuller
 Garnett
 Hall, *Del.*
 Hall, *N. C.*
 Hardin
 Hiester
 Holmes
 Hooks
 Johnson
 Kent
 Livermore
 McCoy
 McCreary
 McLane, *Del.*
 Marchand
 Mason
 Meigs
 Mercer
 Metcalf
 Morton
 Neale
 Nelson, *Mass.*

Mr. Nelson, *Va.*
 Overstreet
 Parker, *Va.*
 Plumer
 Rankin
 Rhea
 Robertson
 Settle
 Silsbee
 Slocumb
 Smith, *Md.*
 B. Smith, *Va.*
 Strong, *Vi.*
 Swearingen
 Tarr
 Terrell
 Tomlinson
 Tracy
 Tucker, *Va.*
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Tyler
 Warfield
 Whitman
 Williams, *N. C.*

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The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Little, that the said resolution be postponed until Monday next,

And also determined in the negative, { Yeas 60,
 { Nays 98.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams
 Allen, *N. F.*
 Baker
 Baldwin
 Bateman
 Beecher
 Bloomfield
 Boden
 Brush
 Butler, *Lou.*
 Cushman
 Darlington
 Dewitt
 Dickinson
 Dowse
 Folger
 Forrest
 Gross, *N. F.*
 Guyon
 Hackley

Mr. Hall, *N. F.*
 Hazard
 Hendricks
 Hibshman
 Hill
 Hostetter
 Jones, *Ten.*
 Kendall
 Kinsey
 Kinsley
 Little
 Mallary
 S. Moore
 Moseley
 Newton
 Parker, *Mass.*
 Patterson
 Phelps
 Philson
 Pinckney

Mr. Rich
 Ross
 Russ
 Sampson
 Sawyer
 Sergeant
 Sloan
 Smith, *N. J.*
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Southard
 Stevens
 Storrs
 Street
 Strong, *N. F.*
 Taylor
 Tompkins
 Van Rensselaer
 Wallace
 Wendover
 Wood..... 60

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot
 Alexander
 Allen, *Ten.*
 Anderson
 Archer, *Md.*
 Archer, *Va.*
 Barbour
 Bayly
 Brevard
 Brown
 Bryan
 Buffum
 Burton
 Burwell
 Butler, *N. H.*
 Campbell
 Cannon
 Claggett
 Cobb
 Cocke
 Cook
 Crafts
 Crawford
 Crowell
 Culpepper
 Cuthbert

Mr. Davidson
 Dennison
 Earle
 Eddy
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Edwards, *Pen.*
 Edwards, *N. C.*
 Ervin
 Fisher
 Floyd
 Foot
 Ford
 Fuller
 Garnett
 Gross, *Pen.*
 Hall, *Del.*
 Hall, *N. C.*
 Hardin
 Hemphill
 Hiester
 Holmes
 Hooks
 Johnson
 Kent
 Linn
 Livermore

Mr. Lowndes
 Maclay
 McCoy
 McCreary
 McLane, *Del.*
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Marchand
 Mason
 Meigs
 Mercer
 Metcalf
 Monell
 Morton
 Murray
 Neale
 Nelson, *Mass.*
 Nelson, *Va.*
 Overstreet
 Parker, *Va.*
 Plumer
 Rankin
 Reed
 Rhea
 Richmond
 Robertson
 Rogers

Mr. Settle	Mr. Swearingen	Mr. Tucker, S. C.
Shaw	Tart	Tyler
Silsbee	Terrell	Warfield
Slocumb	Tomlinson	Whitman
Smith, Md.	Tracy	Williams, Va.
B. Smith, Va.	Trimble	Williams, N. C.
Strong, Va.	Tucker, Va.	

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Mr. Baldwin then moved that the said resolution be re-committed to the select committee who have been this day discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Holmes moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. McCoy moved that the House do now proceed to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John H. Piatt;" which motion was rejected by the House.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the motion made by Mr. Rich, and depending on Saturday at the time of adjournment, that the House do re-consider its vote concurring in the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the banks of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes."

And, on the question, Will the House re-consider the said vote?

It was determined in the negative.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign

An act in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;

An act for the relief of John Steele; and

An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," passed the 18th day of March, 1818.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to regulate the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes; and the bill laying duties on certain sales of merchandize at auction; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the former of the said bills, with an amendment, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the latter bill.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The question was then taken, Will the House concur with the committee of the whole in their amendment to the bill to regulate the payment of duties on merchandize imported, and for other purposes, to wit: *strike out the first section thereof,*

And passed in the affirmative,

{ Yeas.... 91,
{ Nays.... 55.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Garnett	Mr. Rich
Alexander	Hardin	Ringgold
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hill	Russ
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Holmes	Sampson
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hooks	Sawyer
Ball	Johnson	Sergeant
Barbour	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Settle
Bayly	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Silsbee
Brown	Kent	Simkins
Bryan	Kinsley	Slocumb
Burton	Linn	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Burwell	Livermore	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Lowndes	Street
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Lyman	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Cannon	Maclay	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Claggett]	McCoy	Swearingen
Cobb	McCreary	Tarr
Crafts	Mallery	Taylor
Culpepper	Marchand	Terrell
Cushman	Mercer	Tomlinson
Cuthbert	Monell	Tracy
Dennison	Morton	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Eddy	Neale	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Tyler
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Walker
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Newton	Whitman
Fisher	Overstreet	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Floyd	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Foot	Pinckney	Wood..... 91
Forrest	Plumer	
Fullerton	Rhea	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Culbreth	Mr. Hendricks
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Darlington	Hibshman
Anderson	Dewitt	Hiester
Baldwin	Dickinson	Hostetter
Bateman	Dowse	Kinsey
Beecher	Folger	Little
Bloomfield	Ford	McLane, <i>Del.</i>
Boden	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Brush	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Mason
Campbell	Guyon	Meigs
Case	Hackley	Metcalf
Cocke	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	R. Moore
Cook	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	S Moore

Mr. MurrayParker, *Mass.*

Patterson

Philson

Richmond

Rogers

Mr. Ross

Shaw

Sloan

Smith, *N. J.*

Stevens

Storrs

Mr. Trimble

Van Rensselaer

Wallace

Wendover

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And so the said bill was rejected.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act concerning the banks of the District of Columbia," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Darlington, from the same committee, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John B. Regnier;

An act for the relief of Fielding Jones;

An act for the relief of captain Stanton Sholes; and

An act for the benefit of Christopher Miller.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 2, 1820.

Mr. Pinckney presented a petition of Henry Wright, praying compensation for property taken from him by American officers upon the occupancy of Amelia Island, under orders of the government of the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, yesterday, approve and sign An act to increase the allowance of the judges of the Orphans' Court in the counties of Washington and Alexandria; and An act confirming the proceedings of the inhabitants of the village of Cahokia, in the state of Illinois, in laying out a town on the commons of said village. The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles:

An act for the relief of William Coffin, and others;

An act for the relief of James Merrill;

An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Isaac Melchior, deceased;

An act for the relief of Joseph M. Skinner, administrator of George Skinner, deceased;

An act for the relief of John Law and Jonathan Elliot, citizens of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia; and

An act for the relief of Jacob Konkopot, and others, of the nation of Stockbridge Indians, residing in the state of New-York, with an

amendment to the latter. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to regulate the fees of the clerk and marshal of the district court of the United States for the state of Louisiana; and

An act further to regulate the medical department of the army; in which amendment and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the marshal of the district of Connecticut to make use of Newgate prison, in the state of Connecticut, for the purpose of confining to hard labor such prisoners as shall, by the courts of the United States in that district, be sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for offences under the laws of the United States; provided, such state shall make it the duty of the keeper of said prison to keep safely all prisoners committed thereto, as aforesaid.

Ordered, That Mr. Kinsey be appointed of the Committee of Accounts, in the place of Mr. Upham, who is absent on leave.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Thomas Jones, of Vincennes, in the state of Indiana.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John H. Piatt;" whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate the fees of the clerk and marshal of the district court of the United States for the state of Louisiana," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to regulate the medical department of the army," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Konkopot and others, of the nation of Stockbridge Indians, in the state of New-York," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to prevent the commanders and other officers in the naval service of the United States, from accepting of any present, or emolument of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state, and for other purposes," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill for the relief of Susannah Stewart; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition

of John Crute, and that leave be given to withdraw the same, together with the accompanying documents.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported the said bill, with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

The bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table; and, Mr. Tracy moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely. And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas.....66,} \\ \text{Nays.....83.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Floyd	Mr. Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Alexander	Fuller	Overstreet
Anderson	Fullerton	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Garnett	Pinckney
Ball	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Pindall
Barbour	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Reed
Bayly	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Rhea
Bryan	Hardin	Ringgold
Buffum	Hiester	Settle
Burwell	Holmes	Silsbee
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Hooks	Slocumb
Cannon	Johnson	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cobb	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Cocke,	Kent	Swearingen
Culpepper	Livermore	Tarr
Cuthbert	Lowndes,	Terrell
Dennison	Maclay	Tracy
Earle	McCoy	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Eddy	Mercer	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Monell	Walker
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Neale	Warfield
Fisher	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 66

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Mr. Darlington
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Campbell	Dowse
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Case	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>
Baker	Claggett	Ervin
Baldwin	Clark	Folger
Bateman	Cook	Foot
Beecher	Crafts	Forrest
Bloomfield	Crawford	Gross, <i>N. C.</i>
Boden	Culbreth	Guyon
Brown	Cushman	Hackley

Mr. Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Mr. S. Moore	Mr. Shaw
Hendricks	Morton	Sloan
Hibshman	Murray	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Hill	Newton	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Hostetter	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Southard
Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Patterson	Stevens
Kinsey	Philson	Storrs
Kinsley	Pitcher	Street
Little	Plumer	Taylor
Linn	Rankin	Tompkins
McCreary	Rich	Trimble
McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Robertson	Van Rensselaer
McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Rogers	Wallace
Mallary	Ross	Wendover
Mason	Russ	Whitman
Meigs	Sampson	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Metcalf	Sawyer	Wood..... 83
R. Moore	Sergeant	

Mr. Butler, of New-Hampshire, moved further to amend the said bill by striking out *ten dollars*, the rate of duty for every hundred dollars of the purchase money arising on the sale by auction of certain goods, wares, and merchandize, therein specified, and, in lieu thereof, to insert "*five dollars*;" this motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Storrs moved to strike out *ten dollars*, as aforesaid, and to insert *three dollars*; this motion was also negatived by the House.

The said bill was further amended; when,

Mr. Culbreth moved to strike out the said ten dollars, and to insert *six dollars*; which was also rejected.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table; and, The question was taken, Shall it be engrossed, and read a third time?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....72,
Nays77.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Crawford	Mr. Hall, <i>Del.</i>
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Culbreth	Hendricks
Baker	Cushman	Hibshman
Baldwin	Darlington	Hill
Bateman	Dowse	Hostetter
Beecher	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Kinsey
Bloomfield	Ervin	Kinsley
Boden	Folger	Little
Brown	Foot	Linn
Campbell	Forrest	McCreary
Case	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	McLane, <i>Del.</i>
Clark	Guyon	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Cook	Hackley	Mallary

Mr. Mason	Mr. Rogers	Mr. Stevens
Meigs	Ross	Street
R. Moore	Russ	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
S. Moore	Sampson	Taylor
Morton	Sawyer	Tompkins
Newton	Sergeant	Tripple
Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Shaw	Van Rensselaer
Patterson	Sloan	Wallace
Philson	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Wendover
Rich	Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Whitman
Robertson	Southard	Wood..... 72
Those who voted in the negative, are,		
Mr. Alexander	Mr. Floyd	Mr. Overstreet
Anderson	Fuller	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Fullerton	Pinckney
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Garnett	Pindall
Ball	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Plumer
Barbour	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rankin
Bayly	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Rhea
Bryan	Hardin	Ringgold
Buffum	Hiester	Settle
Burton	Holmes	Silsbee
Burwell	Hooks	Simkins
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Johnson	Slocumb
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cannon	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Storrs
Claggett	Kent	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Cobb	Livermore	Swearingen
Cocke	Lowndes	Tarr
Crafts-	Maclay	Terrell
Culpepper	McCoy	Tracy
Cuthbert	Mercer	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Dennison	Metcalf	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Earle	Monell	Walker
Eddy	Murray	Warfield
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Neale	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Fisher	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	

And so the said bill was rejected.

Mr. Butler, of New-Hampshire, then moved that the House do re-consider the vote just taken on the question to engross the said bill; when,

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 3, 1820.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of the proceedings of the court martial in the trial of colonel William King, of the 4th regiment of infantry,

and a copy of the orders and documents connected therewith, communicated in obedience to the resolution of the 18th of April last; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting sundry documents and statements in relation to the receipts and expenditures of the Department for Indian Affairs, communicated in obedience to the resolution of the 10th ultimo; which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Samuel Musgrove, which was read; and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

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

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act for the relief of Joseph M. Skinner, administrator of George Skinner, deceased;

An act for the relief of Jacob Konkopot and others, of the nation of Stockbridge Indians, residing in the state of New-York;

An act for the relief of William Coffin and others;

An act for the relief of John Law and Jonathan Elliot, citizens of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia;

An act for the relief of James Merrill; and

An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Isaac Melchior, deceased; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the letter from the Secretary of War, of the 23d of December last, reported a bill to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolution submitted by him on the 29th ultimo, for the appointment of a standing committee, to be denominated "*The Committee on Agriculture*;" and the said resolution being read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the committee consist of seven members.

Mr. Mercer moved that the House do now proceed to consider the bill to provide for clothing the militia when called into the service of the United States; which motion was rejected by the House.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the joint resolution to extend the use of the Library of Congress to the Secretary of the Senate and to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, during the recess of Congress; and, the said resolution being amended at the Clerk's table,

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, moved further to amend the same, by including therein the superintendent of the Patent Office; which motion was rejected.

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed for that purpose;" and the amendments reported thereto by the Committee for the District of Columbia being read, were in part concurred in, and in part disagreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Street,

The said bill was then further amended, and the amendments were ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time on Friday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of John McGrew, Richard Cravat, Hardy Perry, and Beley Cheney;" "An act for the relief of Elkanah Finney and others;" and, "An act for the relief of Abijah Hunt and William Gordon Forman," with an amendment to the latter; in which they ask the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider, the resolution from the Senate, "fixing a period for the termination of the present session of Congress;" and the question recurred on the motion of Mr. Robertson, depending on the 1st instant, to strike out *24th day of April next*, and to insert *8th of May instant*, as the period for the termination of the session; and, being stated,

Mr. Lowndes moved that the said resolution lie on the table; which motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Newton then moved that the said resolution be postponed until Saturday next; which was also rejected by the House.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Robertson,

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Trimble then moved to strike out the said *24th day of April next*, and to insert *12th of May instant*; which was also rejected.

Mr. Holmes moved to strike out the said *24th day of April next*, and to insert *15th day of May instant*;

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The said resolution, as amended, was then concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the said amendment.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Abijah Hunt and William Gordon Forman," was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit :

An act for the relief of John H. Piatt, and

An act further to regulate the medical department of the army; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Susannah Stewart," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House then proceeded to consider the motion made by Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, and depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, to wit: that the House do re-consider the vote taken on the question, "Shall the bill laying duties on sales of merchandize at auction, and for other purposes, be engrossed, and read a third time?"

Whereupon,

Mr. Butler withdrew his said motion, and thereupon submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the House, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, an estimate of the deficit in the revenue, which may ultimately arise from the adoption of the proposed tariff; and also what amount of revenue may be derived from a duty on sales at auction, and on spirituous liquors distilled from grain and other domestic materials.

The said resolution being read, the question was taken, Will the House now proceed to consider the same?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Storrs then renewed the motion that the House do reconsider the vote on the question, Shall the bill laying duties on sales of merchandise at auction, and for other purposes, be engrossed and read a third time?

Mr. Warfield moved that the consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow; which was rejected.

On the question, "Will the House reconsider the said vote?"

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas84,
Nays.....62.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Cocke	Mr. Ford
Allen, N. Y.	Cook	Forrest
Baker	Crawford	Gross, N. F.
Baldwin	Culbreth	Guyon
Bateman	Cushman	Hackley
Beecher	Darlington	Hall, N. F.
Bloomfield	Dennison	Hall, Del.
Brown	Dewitt	Hendric
Brush	Dickinson	Herrick
Butler, N. H.	Dowse	Hill
Campbell	Edwards, Penn.	Hostetter
Case	Folger	Kendall
Clark	Foot	Kinsey

Mr. Kinsley	Mr. Newton	Mr. Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Little	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Southard
Linn	Patterson	Stevens
Lyman	Philson	Storrs
McCreary	Rich	Street
McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Richmond	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Rogers	Tarr
Mallary	Ross	Taylor
Mason	Russ,	Tomlinson
Meigs	Sampson	Tompkins
Metcalf	Sawyer,	Trimble
R. Moore	Sergeant,	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
S. Moore	Shaw	Wallace
Morton	Sloan	Wendover
Murray	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Wood84

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Alexander	Fuller	Overstreet
Anderson	Fullerton	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Garnett	Pinckney
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Gross, <i>Penn.</i>	Pindall
Ball	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Plumer
Barbour	Hardin	Rankin
Bayly	Hiester	Rhea
Brevard,	Holmes	Ringgold
Bryan	Hooks	Settle
Burton	Johnson	Silsbee
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cannon	Kent	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Clagget	Livermore	Swearingen
Crafts	Lowndes	Terrell
Crowell	Maclay	Tracy
Cuthbert	McCoy	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Earle	Marchand	Warfield.
Eddy	Mercer	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Neale	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	62.

The question then recurred on engrossing the bill for a third reading; when

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend the same by striking out the words *ten dollars*, being the amount of duty payable upon every *hundred dollars* of the purchase money arising on the sale by auction of certain goods, wares, and merchandise, of foreign growth or manufacture, therein specified.

And the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Taylor moved to fill the blank, thus created, with the sum of *eight dollars*.

Mr. Sergeant moved to fill the said blank with the sum of *seven dollars and fifty cents*.

Mr. Case moved to fill the said blank with the sum of *six dollars*.

Mr. Culbreth moved to fill the said blank with the sum of *five dollars*.

Mr. Storrs moved to fill the said blank with *four dollars*.

Mr. Tracy moved to fill the said blank with the sum of *two dollars*.

The question was taken on filling the blank with *eight dollars*;

And determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on filling the blank with *seven dollars and fifty cents*;

And determined in the negative.

The question was taken on filling the blank with *six dollars*;

And also determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on filling the said blank with *five dollars*;

And passed in the affirmative.

The said bill was then further amended; and

Mr. Dennison moved further to amend the same, by striking out the following clause, viz: "*And if any goods, wares, and merchandise, shall be sold at auction in any other manner, or in any less quantities, dimensions, or weight, than those contained in the original bales or packages, in which they have been imported, there shall be levied and paid an additional sum of five dollars for every hundred dollars of the purchase money arising from such sales.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Culbreth moved further to amend the bill, by striking out *five dollars*, contained in the clause last recited, and in lieu thereof to insert "*two dollars and fifty cents.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then again taken, Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....93,
Nays.....58.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Butler, N. H.	Mr. Cushman
Allen, N. Y.	Campbell	Darlington
Baker	Case	Dennison
Baldwin	Claggett	Dewitt
Bateman	Clark	Dickinson
Beecher	Cocke	Dowse
Bloomfield	Cook	Earle
Brown	Crawford.	Edwards, Pen.
Brush	Culbreth	Ervin

Folger	Mr. McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Mr. Russ
Foot	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Sampson
Ford	Mallary	Sawyer
Forrest	Marchand	Sergeant
Fuller	Mason	Shaw
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Meigs	Sloan
Guyon	Metcalfe	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Hackley	R. Moore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	S. Moore	Southard
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Monell	Stevens
Hendricks	Morton	Storrs
Herrick	Murray	Street
Hill	Newton	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Hostetter	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Taylor
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Patterson	Tomlinson
Kendall	Philson	Tompkins
Kinsey	Plumer	Trimble
Kinsley	Rankin	Van Rensselaer
Little	Rich	Wallace
Linn	Richmond	Wendover
Lyman	Rogers	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
McCreary	Ross	Wood98.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Mr. Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Alexander	Fisher	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Anderson	Fullerton	Overstreet
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Garnett	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Pinckney
Ball	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Pindall
Bayly	Hardin	Rhea
Brevard	Hiester	Ringgold
Bryan	Holmes	Settle
Buffum	Hooks	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Burton	Johnson	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Swearingen
Cannon	Kent	Tarr
Cobb	Livermore	Terrell
Crafts	Lowndes	Tracy
Crowell	Maclay	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Culpepper	McCoy	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Cuthbert	Mercer	Warfield
Eddy	Neale	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>Calif.</i>		58.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Ten.*

Baker

Baldwin

Bateman

Beecher

Boden

Brown

Brush

Butler, *N. H.*

Campbell

Case

Claggett

Clark

Cocke

Cook

Crawford

Culbreth

Cushman

Darlington

Dennison

Dewitt

Dickinson

Dowse

Edwards, *Pen.*

Ervin

Folger

Foot

Ford

Forrest

Mr. Fuller

Gross, *N. F.*

Guyon

Hackley

Hall, *N. F.*

Hendricks

Herrick

Hill

Kendall

Kinsey

Kinsley

Little

Linn

Lyman

McCreary

McLane, *Del.*

McLean, *Ken.*

Mallery

Marchand

Mason

Meigs

Metcalf

R. Moore

S. Moore

Monell

Murray

Newton

Parker, *Mass.*

Patterson

Philson

Mr. Plumer

Rankin

Rich

Richmond

Robertson

Rogers

Ross

Russ

Sampson

Sawyer

Sergeant

Shaw

Sloan

Smith, *N. J.*

Smith, *Md.*

Southard

Stevens

Storrs

Street

Strong, *Vt.*

Taylor

Tomlinson

Tompkins

Trimble

Van Rensselaer

Wallace

Wendover

Williams, *Va.*

Wood

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*

Archer, *Va.*

Ball

Barbour

Bayly

Bryan

Buffum

Burton

Burwell

Butler, *Lou.*

Cannon

Mr. Cobb

Crafts

Culpepper

Cuthbert

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *N. C.*

Fisher

Floyd

Fullerton

Garnett

Gross, *Pen.*

Hardin

Hazard

Mr. Hiester

Holmes

Hooks

Johnson

Jones, *Va.*

Kent

Lowndes

Maclay

McCoy

Mercer

Neale

Nelson, *Mass.*

Nelson, *Va.*

Overstreet

Mr. Parker, Va.	Mr. Settle	Tucker, Va.
Pinckney	Smith, N. C.	Tucker, S. C.
Pindall	Strong, N. Y.	Walker
Pitcher	Swearingen	Warfield
Reed	Tarr	Williams, N. C.
Rhea	Terrell	
Ringgold	Tracy	61

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and request their concurrence therein.

An engrossed "resolution, extending the use of the books in the Library of Congress," was read the third time, and the question was stated, Shall it pass? When,

Mr. Taylor moved that the said resolution be postponed indefinitely.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Joseph M. Skinner, administrator of George Skinner, deceased;

An act for the relief of Jacob Konkopot, and others, of the nation of Stockbridge Indians, residing in the state of New York;

An act for the relief of William Coffin and others;

An act for the relief of John Law and Jonathan Elliot, citizens of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia;

An act for the relief of James Merrill;

An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Isaac Melchior, deceased; and

An act concerning the Banks in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Foot also reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John M'Grew, Richard Cravat, Hardy Perry, and Beley Cheney;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Abijah Hunt and William Gordon Forman; and

An act for the relief of Elkanah Finney and others; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis, deceased," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive the powers of the Commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit, and for settling the claims to land at

Green Bay and Prairie des Chiens, in the territory of Michigan," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying that the President did, on the 2d instant, approve and sign

An act for the benefit of Christopher Miller;

An act for the relief of Captain Stanton Sholes;

An act for the relief of John B. Regnier; and

An act for the relief of Fielding Jones.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 5, 1820.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the President and Directors of the Washington Canal Company, containing a statement of their receipts and expenditures since their report of the 30th of January, 1817; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the bill of this House, entitled "An act regulating the duties on imports, and for other purposes." And then he withdrew.

A motion was made by Mr. Ford that the House re-consider the vote taken yesterday, on the question, Shall the engrossed bill, entitled "An act laying duties on the sale of merchandize at auction, and for other purposes," pass?

And, on the question, Will the House re-consider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 86,
Nays..... 65.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Bayly	Mr. Dennison
Alexander	Boden	Dewitt
Allen, N. F.	Brevard	Dickinson
Anderson	Burton	Dowse
Archer, Md.	Burwell	Eddy
Archer, Va.	Butler, Lou.	Edwards, Con.
Baker	Clark	Edwards, N. C.
Baldwin	Cook	Fisher
Ball	Culpepper	Floyd
Barbour	Darlington	Ford

Mr. Fullerton
 Gross, *N. Y.*
 Gross, *Pen.*
 Hackley
 Hall, *N. Y.*
 Hall, *N. C.*
 Hardin
 Hazard
 Hendricks
 Herrick
 Hibshman
 Hiester
 Holmes
 Hooks
 Hostetter
 Johnson
 Jones, *Va.*
 Kendall
 Livermore

Mr. Lowndes
 Lyman
 Maclay
 McCoy
 Marchand
 Mercer
 R. Moore
 S. Moore
 Neale
 Nelson, *Mass.*
 Nelson, *Va.*
 Overstreet
 Patterson
 Philson
 Pinckney
 Pindall
 Pitcher
 Rhea
 Richmond

Mr. Ringgold
 Rogers
 Settle
 Shaw
 Silsbee
 Sloan
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Stevens
 Strong, *N. Y.*
 Swearingen
 Tarr
 Taylor
 Tracy
 Tucker, *Va.*
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Wallace
 Warfield
 Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams
 Allen, *Ten.*
 Bateman
 Beecher
 Bloomfield
 Brown
 Brush
 Buffum
 Butler, *N. H.*
 Campbell
 Cannon
 Case
 Claggett
 Cobb
 Cocke
 Crafts
 Crawford
 Culbreth
 Cushman
 Earle
 Edwards, *Pen.*
 Folger

Mr. Foot
 Forrest
 Fuller
 Guyon
 Hill
 Jones, *Ten.*
 Kent
 Kinsley
 Little
 Linn
 McCreary
 McLane, *Del.*
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Mallary
 Meigs
 Metcalf
 Morton
 Murray
 Newton
 Parker, *Mass.*
 Parker, *Va.*
 Plumer

Mr. Rankin
 Rich
 Robertson
 Ross
 Russ
 Sampson
 Sawyer
 Smith, *N. J.*
 Smith, *Md.*
 Southard
 Storrs
 Street
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Terrell
 Tomlinson
 Tompkins
 Trimble
 Wendover
 Whitman
 Williams, *Va.*
 Wood..... 65

Mr. Baldwin then moved that the said bill be postponed until the next session of Congress.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....88,
 { Nays..... 62.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Ford	Mr. S. Moore
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Fulherton	Neale
Anderson	Garnett	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Baker	Gross, <i>Penn.</i>	Overstreet
Baldwin	Hackley	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Ball	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Patterson
Barbour	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Philson
Bayly	Hardin	Pinckney
Boden	Hazard	Pindall
Brevard	Hendricks	Pitcher
Bryan	Herrick	Richmond
Buffum	Hibshman	Rogers
Burton	Hiester	Settle
Burwell	Holmes	Shaw
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Hooks	Silsbee
Cannon	Hostetter	Sloan
Clark	Johnson	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cook	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Stevens
Culpepper	Kendall	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Darlington	Kent	Swearingen
Dennison	Livermore	Tarr
Dewitt	Lowndes	Taylor
Dickinson	Lyman	Tracy
Dowse	Maclay	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Eddy	McCoy	Walker
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Marchand	Warfield
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Mason	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Fisher	Mercer	
Floyd	R. Moore	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Earle	Mr. Meigs
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Metcalf
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Folger	Morton
Bateman	Foot	Murray
Bloomfield	Forrest	Newton
Brown	Fuller	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Brush	Guyon	Rankin
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hill	Rhea
Campbell	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rich
Case	Kinsley	Ringgold
Claggett	Little	Robertson
Cocke	Linn	Ross
Crafts	McCreary	Russ
Crawford	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Sampson
Culbreth	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Sawyer
Cushman	Mallary	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>

Mr. Smith, *Md.*
Southard
Storrs
Street
Strong, *Vt.*

Mr. Terrell
Tomlinson
Tompkins
Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*

Mr. Wendover
Whitman
Williams, *Va.*
Wood.....62

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, moved that the House do now proceed to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians;" which motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Pinckney moved the following amendment to the rules and orders of the House, to wit:

Resolved, That, in future, a bill that has passed, and become a law, shall not be carried to the Senate for two hours after the reading of the journal the next day, except in the two last days of the session.

The said amendment was read, and ordered to lie on the table till to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose," was read the third time, and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate *disagree* to the *first amendment*, and *agree* to the *second* and *third amendments* proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufactures, and for other purposes."

They have passed bills and a resolution of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Beck and Harvey;

An act for the benefit of the Columbian Institute, established for the promotion of arts and sciences, in the city of Washington;

An act for the relief of Charles S. Jones and Richard Buckner, junior, administrators of William Jones;

An act for the relief of John D. Carter;

An act for the relief of Stephen Baxter, late paymaster of the third regiment of New-York volunteers;

An act for the relief of Joseph Bruce;

An act for the relief of Daniel Converse and George Miller;

An act for the relief of the widow of John Heaps, deceased;

A resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the Journal of the Convention which formed the Constitution;

An act for the relief of Thomas C. Withers; and

An act for the relief of Daniel Bickley, and Catharine Clark, administratrix of John Clark, deceased, with an amendment to each of the two latter. They have, also, passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned; and

An act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart; in which amendments, and two last mentioned bills, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported the bill to authorize the President of the United States to borrow two millions of dollars, and for other purposes, with amendments; which were read at the Clerk's table.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 6, 1820.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John M'Grew, Richard Cravat, Hardy Perry, and Beley Cheney;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Abijah Hunt; and William Gordon Forman;

An act for the relief of Elkanah Finney and others.

Mr. Darlington also reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the benefit of the Columbian Institute, established for the promotion of arts and sciences, in the city of Washington;

An act for the relief of Joseph Bruce;

An act for the relief of Beck and Harvey;

An act for the relief of Stephen Baxter, late paymaster of the third regiment of New York volunteers;

An act for the relief of Charles S. Jones and Richard Buckner, junior, administrators of William Jones;

An act for the relief of the widow of John Heaps, deceased;

An act for the relief of John D. Carter;

An act for the relief of Daniel Converse and George Miller;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis;

An act for the relief of John H. Piatt;

An act further to regulate the medical department of the army;

Resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the Journal of the Convention which formed the Constitution; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Oampbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive the powers of the commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit, and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Prairie des Chiens, in the territory of Michigan," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Bayard and others, of New York, owners of United States three per cent. stocks, by David Ogden, their attorney; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to repeal certain parts of "an act to authorize the president and managers of the Washington Turnpike Road Company of the state of Maryland, to extend and make their turnpike road to or from Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, through the said district, to the line thereof;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned;" was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Bickley, and Catharine Clark, administratrix of John Clark, deceased," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas C. Withers," was read, and also concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, notifying their disagreement to the first amendment of this House to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufactures, and for other purposes;" whereupon,

Resolved, That this House *insist* on their said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the Committee of the whole on the State of the Union, to the bill to authorize the President of the United States to borrow two millions of dollars, and for other purposes; and

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

The said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the same, with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Pindall then moved further to amend the said bill, by inserting, after the 81st line of the 2d section of the printed bill, these

words, viz. "That the post road from Clarksburg, in Virginia, on which the mail has heretofore been carried to Marietta, shall pass to Parkersburg; and the post road from Clarksburg to Marietta shall pass by Middlebourne, and cross the Ohio river near the mouth of Middle Island."

And the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, May 8, 1820.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of the legislature of the state of Louisiana, praying for a grant of a small tract of land, for the use of the inhabitants of Point Coupee; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Thomas C. Withers; and

An act for the relief of Daniel Bickley and Catharine Clark, administratrix of John Clark, deceased, and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Silsbee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Thomas C. Robertson, Thomas Shields, for stores lost in gun-boats, of sundry inhabitants of Portland, in the District of Maine, and of sundry inhabitants of the city of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, on the subject of marine hospitals; which reports were severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Mercer, from the committee on the subject of the slave trade, to whom was referred the memorial of the President and Managers of the American Society for colonizing the free people of color of the United States, made a report thereon; which was committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy; and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy.'"

Mr. Mercer, from the same committee, also reported amendments to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy; and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy;'" which were committed to the committee of the whole to which the said bill is committed.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from the collector of the customs for

the port of New-Orleans, containing the information that the agent of the contractor for building the light-house on Frank's island, at the mouth of the river Mississippi, has abandoned the undertaking, accompanied with a report on the state of the building, and an estimate of certain extra work done by the contractor, &c.; which letter and accompanying documents were referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Ordered, That the committee, appointed on the 24th of February last, to enquire into the circumstances under which powder and lead have been loaned by the War Department, or by any of the officers of the United States' army, to certain individuals, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; and,

On motion of Mr. Forrest,

The following preamble and resolution were agreed to by the House, viz.

Whereas it appears, by a report of the Secretary of War, dated the 12th of February, 1820, made in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives, that large loans of powder and lead, munitions of the United States, were made to private citizens by the Ordnance Department; therefore,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to enquire, and report to this House, by whom the said loans were made, and by what authority; why the same was not reclaimed at the expiration of the loan; what time the said loans were reported to the head of department; and if a loss should be sustained, how far, and to whom is the responsibility attached for such loss? and, further, to report the proper mode of proceeding forthwith against such delinquent or delinquents, for the recovery of the same.

Mr. Forrest, Mr. Cocke, and Mr. McLane, of Delaware, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Pindall submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report a bill to suspend, until the first day of January next, the operation of an act, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.'"

The question was taken, Will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

And determined in the negative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive the powers of the commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit, and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Prairie des Chiens, in the territory of Michigan," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," was read the third time, amended by unanimous consent, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of claims to land in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri, and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the said bills, with an amendment to the former, which was read; when,

Mr. Cocke moved that the said bill be postponed until the next session of Congress.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 9, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Mason have leave of absence from the service of this House, from to-day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Bateman presented a petition of Joseph Winner, late collector of the customs for the district of Great Egg Harbor, in the state of New-Jersey, stating that a suit was commenced against him by the United States, for a balance of money claimed of him, and that, upon a proper adjustment of the accounts, it was found that the United States were indebted to him; that he has been subjected to much inconvenience, and that he has suffered in his character and pecuniary concerns by reason of said suit, and praying a reimbursement of his court expenses, and some remuneration for the injuries he has sustained from said suit.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

- An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis;
- An act for the relief of John H. Piatt;
- An act further to regulate the medical department of the army;
- An act for the relief of Thomas C. Withers;
- An act for the relief of Daniel Bickley, and Catharine Clark, administratrix of John Clark, deceased;
- An act for the benefit of the Columbian Institute, established for the promotion of arts and sciences, in the city of Washington;
- An act for the relief of Joseph Bruce;
- An act for the relief of Beck and Harvey;
- An act for the relief of Stephen Baxter, late paymaster of the third regiment of New York volunteers;
- An act for the relief of Charles S. Jones, and Richard Buckner, junior, administrators of William Jones;
- An act for the relief of John D. Carter;
- An act for the relief of the widow of John Heaps, deceased;

An act for the relief of Daniel Converse and George Miller; and
A resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the journal of the convention which formed the constitution.

Mr. Darlington also reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to revive the powers of the commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit, and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Prairie des Chiens, in the territory of Michigan," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Mercer, from the committee on the subject of the slave trade, reported a bill to incorporate the American Society for colonizing the free people of color of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force the Act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy; and, also, to make further provision to punish the crime of piracy."

Mr. Mercer, from the same committee, reported resolutions authorizing the President of the United States to negotiate with foreign governments on the means of effecting an entire abolition of the African slave trade, and for other purposes; which were read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole last mentioned.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American consul at Algiers," reported the same, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Storrs, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill providing for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh, and disagree to the first, second, and third amendments of this House to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish additional land offices in the state of Alabama." They also concur in the second, third, fourth, and fifth of the amendments of this House to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose," and disagree to the first of the amendments to the said bill, and ask a conference upon the subject of the disagree-

ing votes of the two Houses on the said first amendment, to which conference they have appointed managers on their part. They have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act to annex certain lands in the territory of Michigan to the land district of Detroit;

An act for the relief of certain settlers in the state of Illinois, who reside within the Vincennes land district;

An act for the relief of Angus O. Frazer, and others; and

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes," with amendments to the three latter. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain; and

An act to limit the term of office of certain officers therein named, and for other purposes; in which amendments, and two latter bills, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Pindall submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the instalments of pensions which shall become due or payable on or before the 4th day of September next, by virtue of an act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," shall be paid to the respective pensioners in like manner as if the act in addition to the act first aforesaid, approved the first day of May, in the year 1820, had not passed.

The said resolution was read; and the question was taken, Will the House now proceed to consider the same?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....66,
Nays.....57.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Dennison	Mr. Kinsley
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Little
Baker	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Livermore
Baldwin	Fuller	Lyman
Ball	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	McCreary
Bateman	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	McLane, <i>Del.</i>
Bayly	Guyon	Meigs
Boden	Hardin	Mercer
Brush	Hendricks	R. Moore
Buffum	Hibshman	S. Moore
Burton	Hicster	Murray
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hill	Neale
Claggett	Holmes	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Cook	Hostetter	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Cushman	Kinsey	Patterson

Mr. Pindall
Pitcher
Rich
Rogers
Sampson
Sergeant
Silsbee

Mr. Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *Md.*
Stevens
Street
Strong, *N. F.*
Swearingen
Taylor

Mr. Tomlinson
Tracy
Van Rensselaer
Wallace
Wendover
Whitman
Wood..... 66

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander
Anderson
Archer, *Md.*
Archer, *Va.*
Barbour
Beecher
Bloomfield
Brown
Burwell
Butler, *Lou.*
Campbell
Cannon
Cobb
Cocke
Crafts
Culpepper
Cuthbert
Darlington
Dewitt

Mr. Eddy
Edwards, *N. C.*
Fisher
Floyd
Folger
Foot
Ford
Forrest
Garnett
Hall, *N. F.*
Johnson
Jones, *Va.*
Jones, *Ten.*
Linn
Lowndes
Maclay
McCoy
McLean, *Ken.*
Metcalf

Mr. Newton
Parker, *Va.*
Rankin
Reed
Rhea
Richmond
Robertson
Ross
Sawyer
Simkins
Sloan
Smith, *N. C.*
Southard
Strong, *Vt.*
Tompkins
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.* 57

The said resolution was then read the second time; whereupon, Mr. Reed moved that it be committed to a committee of the whole. And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....62,
Nays.....79.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot
Alexander
Anderson
Archer, *Md.*
Archer, *Va.*
Baker
Ball
Barbour
Beecher
Brown
Burton
Burwell

Mr. Butler, *Lou.*
Campbell
Cannon
Cobb
Cocke
Crafts
Crowell
Culpepper
Culbreth
Darlington
Dewitt
Eddy

Mr. Edwards, *N. C.*
Fisher
Floyd
Folger
Ford
Forrest
Fullerton
Garnett
Hall, *N. F.*
Hooks
Johnson
Jones, *Va.*

Mr. Jones, Ten.	Mr. Reed	Mr. Strong, Vt.
Linn	Rhea	Tompkins
Lowndes	Richmond	Trimble
McCoy	Robertson	Tucker, Va.
McLean, Ken.	Ross	Tucker, S. C.
Metcalf	Sawyer	Walker
Newton	Simkins	Williams, Va.
Parker, Va.	Sloan	Williams, N. C.
Rankin	Smith, N. C.	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hendricks	Mr. Philson
Allen, N. F.	Hibshman	Pinckney
Allen, Ten.	Hiester	Pindall
Baldwin	Hill	Pitcher
Bateman	Holmes	Rich
Bayly	Hostetter	Rogers
Bloomfield	Kendall	Sampson
Boden	Kinsey	Sergeant
Brush	Kinsley	Silsbee
Buffum	Little	Smith, N. J.
Butler, N. H.	Livermore	Smith, Md.
Case	Lyman	Stevens
Claggett	Maclay	Storrs
Clark	McCreary	Street
Cook	McLane, Del.	Strong, N. F.
Cushman	Marchand	Swearingen
Dennison	Meigs	Taylor
Dowse	Mercer	Tomlinson
Edwards, Con.	R. Moore	Tracy
Edwards, Pen.	S. Moore	Van Rensselaer
Foot	Moseley	Wallace
Fuller	Murray	Warfield
Gross, N. F.	Neale	Wendover
Gross, Pen.	Nelson, Mass.	Whitman
Guyon	Nelson, Va.	Wood..... 79
Hackley	Parker, Mass.	
Hardin	Patterson	

Mr. Parker, of Virginia, then moved that the said resolution lie on the table; which motion was rejected.

The said resolution was then amended, by adding thereto the following proviso: "Provided, that the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to suspend the payment of the pension to any person who, in his opinion, is not entitled to such pension by virtue of the provisions of the last mentioned act."

The question was then taken, Shall it be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....85,
Nays..... 67.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hardin	Mr. Phelps
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Hendricks	Pindall
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hibshman	Pitcher
Baker	Hiester	Plumer
Baldwin	Hill	Rich
Bateman	Holmes	Rogers
Bayly	Kendall	Russ
Boden	Kent	Sampson
Brush	Kinsey	Sergeant
Buffum	Kinsley	Shaw
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Little	Silsbee
Case	Livermore	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Claggett	Lyman	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Clark	McCreary	Stevens
Cook	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Storrs
Culbreth	Mallery	Street
Cushman	Marchand	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Dennison	Meigs	Swearingen
Dickinson	Mercer	Taylor
Dowse	R. Moore	Tomlinson
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	S. Moore	Tracy
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Monell	Van Rensselaer
Foot	Moseley	Wallace
Fuller	Murray	Warfield
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Neale	Wendover
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Whitman
Guyon	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Wood..... 85
Hackley	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Patterson	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Cannon	Mr. Ford
Alexander	Cobb	Forrest
Anderson	Cocke	Fullerton
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Crafts	Garnett
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Crawford	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>
Ball	Crowell	Herrick
Barbour	Culpepper	Hooks
Beecher	Cuthbert	Hostetter
Bloomfield	Darlington	Johnson
Brevard	Dewitt	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Brown	Earle	Linn
Burton	Eddy	Lowndes
Burwell	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Maclay
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Ervin	McCoy
Campbell	Floyd	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>

Mr. Newton	Mr. Robertson	Trimble
Overstreet	Ross	Tucker, Va.
Parker, Va.	Sawyer	Tucker, S. C.
Philson	Simkins	Walker
Rankin	Sloan	Williams, Va.
Reed	Smith, N. C.	Williams, N. C.
Rhea	Tarr	
Richmond	Tompkins	

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Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate announcing their disagreement to the first, second, and third amendments of this House to the bill, entitled "An act to establish additional land offices in the state of Alabama; whereupon,

Resolved, That this House recede from their said amendments, and that they agree to that proposed by the Senate upon concurring in that proposed by the House as an amendment to the title of the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate announcing their disagreement to the first amendment of this House to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose," and asking a conference on the said amendment; whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the amendment aforesaid, and that managers be appointed to attend the same on their part.

Mr. Kent, Mr. Cobb, and Mr. McLane, of Delaware, were appointed the said managers.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of certain settlers in the state of Illinois, who reside within the Vincennes land district; and

An act for the relief of Angus O. Frazer, and others, were read, and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;'" and the said amendments being read,

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, moved to amend the first thereof, by striking out "three newspapers," the greatest number in which it is provided that the laws of the United States may be published in each state or territory, and, in lieu thereof, to insert "one newspaper."

Mr. Anderson then moved that the said bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Smith;

And also determined in the negative.

The said amendments were then concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying that the President did, on the 4th instant, approve and sign

An act for the relief of Joseph M. Skinner, administrator of George Skinner, deceased;

An act for the relief of William Coffin, and others;

An act for the relief of John Law and Jonathan Elliot, citizens of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia;

An act for the relief of Jacob Konkopot, and others, of the nation of Stockbridge Indians; residing in the state of New-York;

An act for the relief of James Merrill;

An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Isaac Melchior, deceased; and

An act concerning the banks of the District of Columbia.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Brent also delivered in the following message, in writing:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress a correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary of State and the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of his Catholic Majesty, since the message of the 27th March last, respecting the treaty which was concluded between the United States and Spain, on the 22d February, 1819.

After the failure of his Catholic Majesty, for so long a time, to ratify the treaty, it was expected that this minister would have brought with him the ratification; or, that he would have been authorized to give an order for the delivery of the territory, ceded by it, to the United States. It appears, however, that the treaty is still unratified, and that the minister has no authority to surrender the territory. The object of his mission has been to make complaints, and to demand explanations, respecting an imputed system of hostility, on the part of citizens of the United States, against the subjects and dominions of Spain, and an unfriendly policy in their government, and to obtain new stipulations against these alleged injuries, as the condition on which the treaty should be ratified.

Unexpected as such complaints and such a demand were, under existing circumstances, it was thought proper, without compromising the government, as to the course to be pursued, to meet them promptly, and to give the explanations that were desired, on every subject, with the utmost candor. The result has proved, what was sufficiently well known before, that the charge of a systematic hostility being adopted, and pursued by citizens of the United States, against the dominions and subjects of Spain, is utterly destitute of foundation; and that their government, in all its branches, has maintained, with the

utmost rigor, that neutrality, in the civil war between Spain and the colonies, which they were the first to declare. No force has been collected, nor incursions made from within the United States, against the dominions of Spain; nor have any naval equipments been permitted, in favor of either party, against the other. Their citizens have been warned of the obligations incident to the neutral condition of their country; the public officers have been instructed to see that the laws were faithfully executed; and severe examples have been made of some who violated them.

In regard to the stipulation proposed, as the condition of the ratification of the treaty, that the United States shall abandon the right to recognize the revolutionary colonies in South America, or to form other relations with them, when, in their judgment, it may be just and expedient so to do, it is manifestly so repugnant to the honor, and even to the independence of the United States, that it has been impossible to discuss it. In making this proposal, it is perceived, that his Catholic Majesty has entirely misconceived the principles on which this government has acted, in being a party to a negotiation so long protracted, for claims, so well founded and reasonable, as he likewise has the sacrifices which the United States have made, comparatively, with Spain, in the treaty, to which it is proposed to annex so extraordinary and improper a condition.

Had the Minister of Spain offered an unqualified pledge that the treaty should be ratified by his Sovereign, on being made acquainted with the explanations which had been given by this government, there would have been a strong motive for accepting and submitting it to the Senate, for their advice and consent, rather than to resort to other measures for redress, however justifiable and proper; but he gives no such pledge; on the contrary, he declares, explicitly, that the refusal of this government to relinquish the right of judging and acting for itself, hereafter, according to circumstances, in regard to the Spanish colonies, a right common to all nations, has rendered it impossible for him, under his instructions, to make such engagement. He thinks that his Sovereign will be induced, by his communications, to ratify the treaty; but still, he leaves him free, either to adopt that measure, or to decline it. He admits, that the other objections are essentially removed, and will not, in themselves, prevent the ratification, provided the difficulty on the third point is surmounted. The result, therefore, is, that the treaty is declared to have no obligation whatever; that its ratification is made to depend, not on the considerations which led to its adoption, and the conditions which it contains, but on a new article, unconnected with it, respecting which a new negotiation must be opened, of indefinite duration and doubtful issue.

Under this view of the subject, the course to be pursued would appear to be direct and obvious, if the affairs of Spain had remained in the state in which they were when this Minister sailed. But, it is known, that an important change has since taken place in the government of that country, which cannot fail to be sensibly felt, in its intercourse with other nations. The minister of Spain has essentially declared his inability to act in consequence of that change. With

him, however, under his present powers, nothing could be done. The attitude of the United States must now be assumed, on full consideration of what is due to their rights, their interest, and honor, without regard to the powers or incidents of the late mission. We may, at pleasure, occupy the territory which was intended and provided, by the late treaty, as an indemnity for losses so long since sustained by our citizens; but still, nothing could be settled definitively without a treaty between the two nations. Is this the time to make the pressure? If the United States were governed by views of ambition and aggrandizement, many strong reasons might be given in its favor. But they have no objects of that kind to accomplish; none which are not founded in justice, and which can be injured by forbearance. Great hope is entertained that this change will promote the happiness of the Spanish nation. The good order, moderation, and humanity, which have characterised the movement, are the best guarantees of its success. The United States would not be justified, in their own estimation, should they take any step to disturb its harmony. When the Spanish government is completely organized, on the principles of this change, as it is expected it soon will be, there is just ground to presume, that our differences with Spain will be speedily and satisfactorily settled.

With these remarks I submit it to the wisdom of Congress, whether it will not still be advisable to postpone any decision on this subject until the next session.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 9th May, 1820.

The said message and documents were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Samuel B. Beall;

An act extending the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes, in certain cases;

An act for the relief of Martha Flood;

An act authorizing the sale of thirteen sections of land lying within the land district of Canton, in the state of Ohio;

An act for the relief of General James Wilkinson; and

An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia, with an amendment to the latter. They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois;" in which amendments and bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;

2. An act to limit the term of office of certain officers therein named, and for other purposes; and

3. An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois; were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the *first* to the Committee of Claims, the *second* to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the *third* to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri, and the question which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, again recurred. to wit: That the said bill be postponed until the first day of the next session of Congress; and being put,

It passed in the affirmative: whereupon,

Mr. Cobb moved that the House do reconsider the said vote, which motion was rejected.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana," be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Parker, of Virginia, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate, for the time being, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, on Friday, the 12th day of the present month: and that the resolution heretofore passed, authorizing an adjournment on the 15th instant be, and the same is hereby, rescinded and made void.

The said resolution being read, the question was taken, will the House now proceed to consider the same?

And determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 10, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Mallery have leave of absence from the service of this House, from to-morrow, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a land office at the town of Potosi, in the said territory, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820," which

was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Culbreth, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American consul at Algiers."

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Samuel B. Beall;

An act to annex certain lands within the territory of Michigan, to the district of Detroit;

An act extending the time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct taxes, in certain cases;

An act authorizing the sale of thirteen sections of land, lying within the district of Canton, in the state of Ohio;

An act for the relief of General James Wilkinson;

An act for the relief of Angus O. Fraser, and others;

An act for the relief of Martha Flood;

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;"

An act for the relief of certain settlers in the state of Illinois, who reside within the Vincennes land district;

An act to alter the times of the session of the Circuit and District Courts in the District of Columbia; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee appointed on the 5th ultimo, reported a bill, fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress; which was read the first and second time; and

The question was taken, shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....69,
Nays..... 59.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Cannon	Mr. Culpepper
Baker	Case	Cushman
Baldwin	Claggett	Darlington
Beecher	Clark	Dewitt
Bloomfield	Cocke	Eddy
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Cook	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Culbreth	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>

Mr. Folger	Mr. Kinsley	Mr. Sampson
Foot	Little	Sawyer
Forrest	Livermore	Shaw
Fullerton	Lyman	Sloan
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Mallary	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Guyon	Marchand	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Hackley	R. Moore	Stevens
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	S. Moore	Storrs
Hardin	Newton	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Hibshman	Phelps	Taylor
Hill	Philson	Tomlinson
Holmes	Pinckney	Tompkins
Hostetter	Pitcher	Tracy
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rhea	Wallace
Kendall	Rogers	Whitman
Kinsey	Russ	Wood69

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Mr. Patterson
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Fisher	Pindall
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Floyd	Reed
Anderson	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Rich
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Richmond
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hiester	Robertson
Barbour	Johnson	Ross
Bateman	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Sergeant
Boden	Linn	Silsbee
Brevard	McCoy	Simkins
Bryan	McCreary	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Burwell	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Tarr
Cobb	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Terrell
Crafts	Meigs	Trimble
Crawford	Metcalf	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Crowell	Murray	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Cuthbert	Neale	Walker
Dennison	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Dickinson	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Earle	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	

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Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of his proceedings and expenditures, under the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings, and for furnishing the Capitol and President's House," which was read, and referred to the Committee of Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly with such committee as may be appointed by the Senate, to enquire and report what subjects before the two Houses are proper to be acted on during the present session of Congress.

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Lowndes, were appointed of the said committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Strong, of New York, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ascertain, and report to the next session of Congress, the amount of claims upon the United States, in favor of American citizens, growing out of the last war with Great Britain, the Creek war, and the Seminole war, designating the names of the claimants, and the sum or sums which, in their opinion, shall be equitably and fairly due to each: and, also, as to the expediency of providing for the payment of the same by an issue of stock, bearing an interest of per centum, per annum, redeemable at the pleasure of the United States, out of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Nelson of Virginia,

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be authorized and directed to make the same allowance for extra services to each person serving this House, as was granted at the end of the last session.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed "resolution to suspend, for a limited time, the act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war,'" was read the third time:

And the question was taken, shall the said resolution pass?

And passed in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas.....78,} \\ \text{Nays.....69.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Clark	Mr. Guyon
Allen, N. F.	Cook	Hackley
Allen, Ten.	Culbreth	Hardin,
Baker	Cushman	Hendricks
Baldwin	Dennison	Hibshman
Bateman	Dickinson	Hiester
Bayly	Edwards, Con.	Hill
Boden	Edwards, Pen.	Holmes
Brush	Folger	Kendall
Buffum	Foot	Kent
Butler, N. H.	Fuller	Kinsley
Case	Gross, N. F.	Livermore
Claggett	Gross, Pen.	Lyman

Mr. McCreary	Mr. Patterson	Mr. Smith, Md.
McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Phelps	Stevens
Mallary	Pinckney	Storrs
Marchand	Pindall	Street
Meigs	Pitcher	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
R. Moore	Plumer	Taylor
S. Moore	Rich	Tomlinson
Monell	Rogers	Tracy
Moseley	Russ	Van Rensselaer
Murray	Sampson	Wallace
Neale	Sergeant	Wendover
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Shaw	Whitman
Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Silsbee	Wood..... 75

Those who voted in negative, are

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Darlington	Mr. McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Alexander	Dewitt	Metcalf
Anderson	Earle	Newton
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Eddy	Overstreet
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Ball	Ervin	Philson
Barbour	Fisher	Rhea
Beecher	Floyd	Richmond
Bloomfield	Forrest	Ringgold
Brevard	Fullerton	Robertson
Brown	Garnett	Ross
Bryan	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Sawyer
Burton	Herrick	Simkins
Burwell	Hostetter	Sloan
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Johnson	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Campbell	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Tarr
Cannon	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Tompkins
Cobb	Kinsey	Trimble
Cocke	Linn	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Crafts	Lowndes	Walker
Crawford	Ross	Warfield
Crowell	Maclay	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Culpepper	McCoy	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Cuthbert		

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Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the eighth instant, approve and sign An act further to regulate the medical department of the army; and An act for the relief of John H. Piatt: they agree to the

resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to enquire and report what subjects before the two Houses are proper to be acted on during the present session of Congress, and have appointed a committee on their part. The Senate insist on their disagreement to the first amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the clothing of the army of the United States in domestic manufactures, and for other purposes:" they have postponed, indefinitely, bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Groeme Keith Spence," and "An act for the relief of William Panoost;" and they have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to authorize the legal representatives of Elisha Winter and William Winter, and the Attorney General, on the part of the United States, to take the examination of witnesses by commission;" and "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out a canal in the State of Ohio;" in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House: and then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying that the President did, on the eighth instant, approve and sign,

An act for the relief of Thomas C. Withers.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis.

An act for the relief of Daniel Converse and George Miller.

An act for the relief of Daniel Bickley and Catherine Clark, administratrix of John Clark, deceased.

An act for the relief of Charles S. Jones and Richard Buckner, junior, administrator of William Jones.

An act for the relief of John McGrew, Richard Cravat, Hardy Perry, and Beley Cheney.

An act for the benefit of the Columbian Institute established for the promotion of arts and sciences in the City of Washington.

An act for the relief Elkanah Finney and others.

An act for the relief of the heirs of Abijah Hunt and William Gordon Forman.

An act for the relief of Beck and Harvey.

An act for the relief Joseph Bruce.

An act for the relief Stephen Baxter, late paymaster of the third regiment of New York volunteers.

An act for the relief of the widow of John Heaps, deceased.

An act for the relief of John D. Carter; and

A resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the journal of the Convention which formed the constitution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported, that the committee had, according to order, the state of the Union under consideration, and come to the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide, by law, a suitable outfit and salary, for such minister or ministers as the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may send to any of the

Mr. Hibshman	Mr. S. Moore	Mr. Russ
Hill	Murray	Sawyer
Hostetter	Neale,	Sergeant
Johnson	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Shaw
Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Sloan
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Newton	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Kendall	Overstreet	Stevens
Kinsey	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Storrs
Kinsley	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Street
Little	Patterson	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Linn	Phelps	Swearingen
Livermore	Philson	Tarr
Lowndes	Pinckney	Tompkins
Maclay	Pindall	Tracy
McCoy	Pitcher	Trimble
McCreary	Plumer	Van Rensselaer
McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Rhea	Walker
McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Richmond	Wallace
Mallary	Ringgold	Warfield
Marchand	Robertson	Whitman. . . . 112
Metcalf	Rogers	
R. Moore	Ross	

Mr. Overstreet then moved that the House do reconsider the vote on the call for the previous question; this motion was rejected; and, The *previous question* was put in the form prescribed by the rules and orders of the House, to wit: *Shall the main question be now put?* And passed in the affirmative.

The *main question* was then put, to wit: Will the House concur with the committee of the whole on the state of Union in their said resolution?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 80,
Nays 75.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Campbell	Mr. Dows
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Cannon	Earle
Anderson	Case	Fisher
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Clark	Floyd
Baker	Cocke	Ford
Ball	Crawford	Fullerton
Bateman	Crowell	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>
Beecher	Culbreth	Gayon
Bloomfield	Culpepper	Hackley
Boden	Cuthbert	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>
Brown	Darlington	Hendricks
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Dewitt	Herrick

Mr. Hibshman
Holmes
Hostetter
Johnson
Jones, *Va.*
Jones, *Ten.*
Kinsey
Kinsley
Linn
Lyman
McCreary
McLean, *Ken.*
Mallary
Marchand
Metcalf

Mr. R. Moore
S. Moore
Monell
Murray
Overstreet
Parker, *Mass.*
Patterson
Phelps
Philson
Pitcher
Plumer
Richmond
Robertson
Regers
Ross

Mr. Shaw
Sloan
Southard
Stevens
Storrs
Tarr
Tomlinson
Tompkins
Tracy
Trimble
Walker
Wallace
Warfield
Williams, *Va...*80

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot
Adams
Alexander
Archer, *Md.*
Baldwin
Barbour
Bayly
Brush
Bryan
Burton
Burwell
Butler, *N. H.*
Claggott
Cobb
Cock
Crafts
Cushman
Dennison
Eddy
Edwards, *Con.*
Edwards, *Pen.*
Edwards, *N. C.*
Ervin
Folger
Foot

Mr. Forrest
Fuller
Garnett
Gross, *Pen.*
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hardin
Heister
Hill
Kendall
Kent
Little
Livermore
Lowndes
Maclay
McCoy
McLane, *Del.*
Meigs
Mercer
Neale
Nelson, *Mass.*
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Va.*
Pinckney
Pindall

Mr. Reed
Rhea
Rich
Ringgold
Russ
Sampson
Sawyer
Sergeant
Silsbee
Simkins
Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *Md.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Street
Strong, *Vi.*
Strong, *N. F.*
Swearingen
Taylor
Terrell
Tucker, *S. C.*
Van Rensselaer
Wendover
Whitman
Williams, *N. C.*
Wood.75

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 11.

Ordered, That Mr. Richmond and Mr. Ford have leave of absence from the service of this House; and Mr. Guyon, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Marchand, after to-day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to limit the term of office of certain officers therein named, and for other purposes," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, to which was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate the fees of the clerk and marshal of the district court of the United States for the state of Louisiana," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant also reported the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the building an addition to the custom-house now erecting in the city of New Orleans, for the use of the district court of the United States for the state of Louisiana," without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, viz.

An act for the relief of Samuel B. Beall;

An act to annex certain lands within the territory of Michigan to the District of Detroit;

An act extending the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes in certain cases;

An act authorizing the sale of thirteen sections of land, lying within the land district of Canton, in the state of Ohio;

An act for the relief of General James Wilkinson;

An act for the relief of Angus O. Fraser, and others;

An act for the relief of Martha Flood;

An act to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;"

An act for the relief of certain settlers in the state of Illinois, who reside within the Vincennes land district;

An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia; and

An act to revive the powers of the commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit, and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Prairie des Chiens, in the territory of Michigan.

Mr. Foot also reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to establish additional land offices in the states of Alabama and Illinois;

An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana; and found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Kent, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend the conference with the managers appointed on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on an amendment of this House to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed for that purpose," made a report, which was read: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House recede from their first amendment to the said bill, and that they agree to the amendment recommended in the report of the committee of conference.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Tracy, from the select committee to which were referred the petitions of John Daley and Andrew Westbrook, made a report thereon, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their respective petitions and papers.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the legal representatives of Elisha Winter and William Winter, and the Attorney General on the part of the United States, to take the examination of witnesses by commission," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out a canal in the state of Ohio," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, informing that they insist on their disagreement to the first amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for clothing the army of the United States in domestic manufactures, and for other purposes:" Whereupon,

Mr. Cobb moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Mercer, it was then

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sloan reported the same, with amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time today.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state

of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Taylor reported that the committee had, according to order, the state of the Union under consideration, and come to the following resolution; viz.

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, a plan for the reduction of the army to six thousand, officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, and preserving such parts of the corps of engineers, as, in his opinion, without regard to that number, it may be for the public interest to retain; and, also, what saving of the public revenue will be produced by such an arrangement of the army as he may propose in conformity with this resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution; and, being read, it was,

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland, amended by striking out the word *officers*, where it first occurs; and,

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, the resolution was further amended by inserting therein, after the word *privates*, the words, to wit: "and including such reduction of the general staff as may be required by the state of the army as is herein proposed."

The question was then taken to agree to the said resolution, as amended,

And passed in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill, entitled An act in addition to the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Simkins submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to report to this House, at an early period of the next session of Congress, such plan or plans for a navy peace establishment as he may deem expedient, with a view to a reduction of the expenditures of that establishment.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendment recommended by the committee of conference to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed for that purpose."

They have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to establish an uniform mode of discipline and field exercise for the militia of the United States; An act giving the right of pre-emption to James Shields; and An act to alter and establish certain post roads, with amendments to the latter, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. They have also passed the resolution giving the consent of Congress to a compact concluded between the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, for the settlement of their boundary line: And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting a copy of his general account for the quarter ending on the 30th of September, 1819; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy;" and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy,' and also to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy;" as, also, on the bill of this House to incorporate the President and Managers of the American Colonization Society; and the resolution authorizing the President of the United States to negotiate with foreign governments on the means of effecting an entire abolition of the African slave trade, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the bill from the Senate, with amendments; and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the residue of the subjects to them committed.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the residue of the said order.

The amendments reported to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States and punish the crime of piracy,' and also to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to establish additional land offices in the states of Alabama and Illinois; and

An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Foot submitted the following amendment to the standing rules and orders of the House, to wit:

"It shall be the duty of the Committee on Enrolled Bills to correct any error in date in any engrossed or enrolled bills, and report such correction to the House."

The said amendment was read, and ordered to lie on the table for one day.

And then, the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 12, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Hackley have leave of absence from the further service of this House, and Mr. Stevens, after to-day, for the remainder of the session.

The Speaker presented a petition of I. Ottramare, jeweller, of Bordeaux, in France, stating that, owing to a trifling error in an invoice of watches and jewellery shipped by him to New Orleans, which was the result of accident in copying the said invoice, the whole of said watches and jewellery were condemned and sold, and the proceeds thereof paid into the public treasury, and praying a remission of the said forfeiture; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to establish an uniform mode of discipline and field exercise for the militia of the United States.

An act giving the right of pre-emption to James Shields; and

A resolution giving the consent of Congress to a compact concluded between the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, for the settlement of their boundary line; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act granting to the state of Ohio, the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of all such matters and things to them referred during the present session, and upon which they have not reported, and that they lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the legal representatives of Elisha Winter and William Winter, and the Attorney General, on the part of the United States, to take the examination of witnesses by commission," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it lie on the table.

Ordered, That the same committee, to which was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred, the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of War, containing the proceedings of the court martial on the trial of William King, colonel of the fourth regiment of infantry, made a report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was

referred the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of the annual receipts and expenditures of the department for Indian Affairs within the district of Columbia, from its commencement, to the present time, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the several matters and things to them referred during the present session, and upon which they have not reported; and that they severally lie on the table.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the committee appointed to enquire whether any, and, if any, what, further provision may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of the treaty made at Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting a copy of the report of the Land Commissioners at St. Helena, and a copy of their list of actual settlers, dated 24th December, 1819, and 17th March, 1820; which letter, and its accompanying documents, were ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Henry B. Livingston.

On motion of Mr. Foot,

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by him yesterday, to the rules and orders of the House, and the same being again read, was agreed to by the House.

Mr. Taylor, from the joint committee appointed to enquire and report what subjects before the two Houses are proper to be acted on during the present session, made a report, which was read: when,

Mr. Anderson moved that it lie on the table; which motion being rejected;

The resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the business before this House be acted on according to the arrangement contained in the schedule hereto annexed.

Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina, moved that the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and to punish the crime of piracy;" the bill to incorporate the president and managers of the American Colonization Society, and the resolutions authorizing the President of the United States to negotiate with foreign governments on the means of effecting an entire abolition of the African slave trade, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Edwards then moved that the said resolutions lie on the table.

A division of the question on that motion was called for;

And, on the question, Shall the first of the said resolutions, which is in the following words, lie on the table? to wit:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested to negotiate with all the governments where ministers of the United States are or shall be accredited, on the means of effecting an entire and immediate abolition of the slave trade:

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....35,
Nays78.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Crafts	Mr. Lowndes
Alexander	Culbreth	McCoy
Anderson	Dennison	Newton
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Eddy	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Ball	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Phelps
Boden	Folger	Philson
Brevard	Hill	Rhea
Buffum	Hostetter	Ross
Burwell	Johnson	Simkins
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Kent	Stevens.....35
Cobb	Livermore	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Mr. Fullerton	Mr. Overstreet
Baldwin	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Bateman	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Patterson
Beecher	Hendricks	Pindall
Bloomfield	Herrick	Pitcher
Brush	Hibshman	Plumer
Campbell	Hiester	Rich
Case	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rogers
Claggett	Kendall	Russ
Clark	Kinsey	Sampson
Cocke	Kinsley	Sawyer
Cook	Little	Sergeant
Crawford	Linn	Silsbee
Culpepper	Maclay	Sloan
Cushman	McCreary	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cuthbert	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Darlington	Meigs	Southard
Dickinson	Mercer	Storrs
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	R. Moore	Street
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	S Moore	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Floyd	Monell	Swearingen
Foot	Murray	Taylor

Mr. Tomlinson	Mr. Van Rensselaer	Mr. Whitman
Tompkins	Wallace	Williams, Va.
Tracy	Warfield	Williams, N. C.
Tucker, S. C.	Wendover	Wood..... 78

The question was then taken, Shall the second resolution (which is in the following words:) lie on the table? viz:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested to enter into a stipulation or formal declaration with the several maritime powers, recognizing the independence and permanent neutrality of any colony of the free people of color of the United States which shall be established on the western coast of Africa:

And determined in the negative.

The question was then also taken, Shall the third resolution (which is in the following words:) lie on the table? viz:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested, in such use as he may deem it expedient to make of the public ships of the United States, to afford every aid, not inconsistent with the public welfare, to the efforts of the American Society for colonizing the free people of color of the United States upon the western coast of Africa:

And passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Brush then moved that the first and second resolutions be postponed until the next session of Congress.

And, on the question, Shall the first resolution be postponed, as aforesaid?

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion as far as relates to the second resolution,

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the first resolution be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Ordered, That the bill to incorporate the President and Managers of the American Colonization Society be postponed until the first day of the next session of Congress.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed indefinitely the resolution to suspend, for a limited time, the act in addition to the act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war: And then he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy,' and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy," was read the third time, as amended; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? When,

Mr. Rich moved that the said bill be recommitted to a select com-

mittee, with instructions to strike out the last section of the amendments.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken, Shall the said bill pass, as amended?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the said bill.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign

An act for the relief of Martha Flood;

An act to annex certain lands in the territory of Michigan to the land district of Detroit;

An act for the relief of certain settlers in the state of Illinois who reside within the Vincennes district;

An act to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;"

An act extending the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes in certain cases;

An act for the relief of General James Wilkinson;

An act authorizing the sale of thirteen sections of land lying within the land district of Canton, in the state of Ohio;

An act for the relief of Samuel B. Beall;

An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia; and

An act for the relief of Angus O. Frazer and others.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to authorize the President of the United States to borrow two millions of dollars, and for other purposes: When,

Mr. Lowndes moved to amend the said bill by striking out of the first section thereof these words: "*at a rate of interest payable quarter yearly, not exceeding five per centum per annum, and reimbursable at the will of the government at any time after the first day of January, 1832; or*"—and also, to strike out the words "*paying in like manner:*" also contained in the first section.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, moved further to amend the said bill, by striking out "*three millions of dollars,*" the amount proposed to be borrowed, and in lieu thereof to insert "*two millions five hundred thousand dollars.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time tomorrow.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to amend the act authorizing the employment of an additional naval force, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the several acts providing for sick and disabled seamen, and for establishing navy hospitals; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide relief for sick and disabled seamen;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the latter bill with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House, except that which proposes to strike out the thirteenth section, which was disagreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended, and the amendments were ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Parrott to be of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on their part, in the place of Mr. Wilson, who is absent on leave. The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, yesterday, approve and sign An act to establish land offices in the states of Alabama and Illinois; An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana; and An act to revive the powers of the commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit, and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Prairie des Chiens, in the territory of Michigan. They have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit: An act for the relief of Susannah Stewart; and An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress. They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Babbitt;" in which they ask the concurrence of this house. And then he withdrew.

Two messages, in writing, were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent.

The first of the said messages was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I communicate to Congress translations of letters from the minister of Spain to the Secretary of State, received since my message of the 9th instant.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, May 12, 1820.

Ordered that the said message and the accompanying documents, lie on the table.

The other message was then read, and is as follows:

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I transmit to the House of Representatives a report from the Secretary of State, with the document prepared in pursuance of a resolution of the House of the 14th ultimo, on the subject of claims of citi-

zens of the United States for Spanish spoliations upon their property and commerce.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 12th May, 1820.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents lie on the table.

The House again proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" and the said amendments being again read, were concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the building of a certain number of small vessels of war;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. McCoy reported the same, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Cocke then moved that the said bill lie on the table; which motion being rejected,

The question was taken, Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....78,
Nays.....37.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Earle	Mr. Neale
Allen, N. F.	Eddy	Nelson, Mass.
Anderson	Edwards, Con.	Newton
Archer, Md.	Edwards, N. C.	Parker, Mass.
Archer, Va.	Fisher	Phelps
Baker	Floyd	Pinckney
Baldwin	Folger	Pitcher
Ball	Fullerton	Plumer
Bateman	Hill	Rankin
Bloomfield	Hostetter	Rich
Brush	Johnson	Rogers
Burton	Jones, Ten.	Sampson
Butler, Lou.	Kent	Sergeant
Case	Kinsley	Silsbee
Cobb	Little	Smith, N. J.
Crawford	Livermore	Smith, Md.
Culbreth	Lowndes	Smith, N. C.
Culpepper	Lyman	Stevens
Cushman	McCoy	Storrs
Cuthbert	McLane, Del.	Street
Darlington	Meigs	Strong, N. F.
Dennison	Mercer	Swearingen
Dickinson	S. Moore	Taylor

Mr. Terrell
Tompkins
Trimble

Mr. Wallace
Warfield
Wendover

Mr. Whitman
Williams, Va.
Wood78.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams
Allen, Ten.
Boden
Bryan
Buffum
Campbell
Cannon
Cocke
Crafts
Foot
Forrest
Gross, Pen.
Hendricks

Mr. Herrick
Hibshman
Hiester
Kendall
Kinsey
Linn
Maclay
McCreary
Metcalf
R. Moore
Murray
Overstreet

Mr. Patterson
Philson
Pindall
Rhea
Russ
Sawyer
Sloan
Southard
Strong, Vl.
Tucker, S. C.
Walker
Williams, N. C.

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Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Babbitt," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An Act authorizing the employment of an additional naval force,'" was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid.

An engrossed "resolution authorizing the President of the United States to negotiate with foreign governments on the means of effecting an entire abolition of the slave trade," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said bill and resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the building of a certain number of small vessels of war," was read the third time and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the amendment to the said bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act concerning navigation,'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storrs reported the same, without amendment.

The question was then taken, Shall the said bill be read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas94,
Nays.....25.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Foot	Mr. Rhea
Alexander	Fullerton	Rich
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Rogers
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Russ
Anderson	Hibshman	Sampson
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Hiester	Sergeant
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hill	Silabee
Baker	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Simkins
Bateman	Kent	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Bloomfield	Kinsley	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Brevard	Little	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Brush	Linn	Southard
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Livermore	Stevens
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Lowndes	Storrs
Campbell	Lyman	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Cannon	Maclay	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Claggett	McCreary	Swearingen
Cobb	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Taylor
Crafts	Meigs	Terrell
Crawford	Mercer	Tompkins
Culbreth	Metcalf	Trimble
Culpepper	S. Moore	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Cushman	Murray	Van Rensselaer
Cuthbert	Neale	Walker
Dickinson	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Wallace
Earle	Newton	Warfield
Eddy	Overstreet	Wendover
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Whitman
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Pindall	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Fisher	Pitcher	Wood
Floyd	Plumer	
Folger	Rankin	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Forrest	Mr. R. Moore
Baldwin	Garnett	Patterson
Ball	Hendricks	Philson
Boden	Herrick	Pinckney
Burwell	Hostetter	Sawyer
Clark	Johnson	Sloan
Cocke	Kinsey	Street
Darlington	McCoy	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Dennison		

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The said bill was then read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to establish an uniform mode of discipline and field exercise for the militia of the United States;

An act giving the right of pre-emption to James Shields: and

A resolution giving the consent of Congress to a compact concluded between the states of Kentucky and Tennessee for the settlement of their boundary line.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to limit the term of office of certain officers therein mentioned;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That, when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again at seven o'clock in the evening.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 12, 1820—*Seven o'clock P. M.*

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the "Act making reservation of certain public lands for naval purposes," passed the first of March, 1817; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to revive and continue in force the act, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to provide for repairing the roof of the general post office, and to procure an engine for the protection of that building; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Margaret Hall, late Margaret McKenzie; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for carrying into effect the treaty lately concluded with the Chippewa nation of Indians; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill designating the ports within which only foreign armed vessels shall be permitted to enter; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cocke reported the same, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time tomorrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the recovery of debts in the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storrs reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

The question was then taken, Shall the committee of the whole have leave to sit again?

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to increase the number of clerks in the War Department; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the same, with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time tomorrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Richard S. Hackley; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time tomorrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, and others;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

The question was then taken, Shall the committee of the whole have leave to sit again?

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Rhea then moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely: When,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 13, 1820.

Ordered, That Mr. Livermore and Mr. Fuller have leave of absence from the service of the House during the remainder of the session.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, from the committee of accounts, to whom was referred the report of the Speaker, and his account, with the voucher in support thereof, respecting the expenditures for furnishing the hall and offices of the House of Representatives, made a report, which was read, and the resolution and order therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the House doth approve of the said expenditure, amounting to the sum of twenty-four thousand nine hundred and seven dollars thirty-seven and an half cents, and that it be certified to the Treasury accordingly.

Ordered, That the Doorkeeper of the House do provide for the safe-keeping and preservation of the stock of carpeting intended for the hall of the House of Representatives, now on hand.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means, the Committee on Private Land Claims, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee of Claims, the Committee on Roads and Canals, and the Committee on Foreign Relations, severally, be discharged from the further consideration of all such matters and things to them respectively referred during the present session, and upon which they have not reported.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Susannah Stewart;

An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress; and

An act to alter and establish certain post roads; and found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of Stephen Thomas, Moses Bursill, Benjamin Dickerson, Joseph Hackett, and Thomas W. Todd, with their accompanying documents.

Mr. Storrs, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the appointment of commissioners to lay out a canal in the state of Ohio," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill providing for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Bailey and Rinker be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe,

Mr. Sampson	Mr. Street	Mr. Trimble
Sergeant	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>	Van Rensselaer
Silsbee	Tarr	Wallace
Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Taylor	Wendover
Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Tomlinson	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Tompkins	Wood..... 76

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Culpepper	Mr. Metcalf
Baldwin	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Plumer
Boden	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Ross
Burton	Hendricks	Sloan
Burwell	Hostetter	Southard
Campbell	Kendall	Storrs
Cannon	Kinsey	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Cobb	Linn	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Cocke	Livermore	Walker
Crafts	McCoy	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>

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Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to amend the act making reservation of certain public lands to supply timber for naval purposes;

An act designating the ports within which, only, foreign armed vessels shall be permitted to enter.

An act to revive and continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war, and for other purposes;'

An act providing for repairing the roof of the General Post Office, and to procure an engine for the protection of the said building;

An act for the relief of Richard S. Hackley; and

An act to increase the number of clerks in the War Department; were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House proceeded to consider the bill for the relief of Margaret Hall, late Margaret M'Kenzie: whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The House proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others:" whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Joshua Newsom, Peter Crooks, and James Rabb, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Wood reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Conrad Laub, deceased, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the Governor of Illinois to obtain certain abstracts of land from certain public offices; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the same with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force an act entitled 'An act to provide for reports of decisions of the Supreme Court,'" approved 3d of March, 1817; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the same with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the bill be read a third time to-day.

The said amendment was accordingly engrossed, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for altering the times for holding the court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the same with an amendment: which was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the expense of surveying certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wood reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Tench Francis, deceased;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Ambrose Vasse; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. M'Coy reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Hunter;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Smyth;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time; and Mr. Pindall moved that it lie on the table; which being rejected, The question was taken, Shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Margaret Hall, late Margaret M'Kenzie;

An act to authorize the governor of Illinois to obtain certain abstracts of land from certain public offices;

An act for the relief of Ambrose Vasse;

An act for the relief of Joshua Newsom, Peter Crook, and James Rabb; and,

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Conrad Laub, deceased; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for altering the times for holding the court of the United States for the western district of the state of Pennsylvania," was read the third time, and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the title be amended by adding thereto "*and for other purposes,*" and that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the said amendments.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Leiper;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Kent reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Rhea then moved that the said bill lie on the table; which motion being rejected, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American consul at Algiers;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storrs reported the same, with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the President, Directors, and Company, of the Merchants' Bank of Newport, in Rhode Island;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Forrest reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Susannah Stewart;

An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress; and

An act to alter and establish certain post roads.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American consul at Algiers," was read the third time, and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendment to the said bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the erection of a light

house on one of the Isles of Shoals, near Portsmouth, in New Hampshire;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the same, with amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-day.

The amendments being engrossed, the said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the title be amended, by adding thereto "*and for other purposes;*" and that the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tomlinson reported the same with amendments, which were read, and concurred in by the House.

The question was then taken, Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....74,
 { Nays.....35.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Mr. Earle	Mr. Moseley
Anderson	Eddy	Murray
Baker	Edwards, <i>Penn.</i>	Neale
Baldwin	Fullerton	Newton
Bateman	Hendricks	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Beecher	Herrick	Patterson
Bloomfield	Hibshman	Philson
Boden	Hill	Pinckney
Brush	Hostetter	Pitcher
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Kinsey	Plumer
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Little	Rankin
Campbell	Lin	Rich
Cook	Livermore	Ringgold
Crafts	Downes	Rogers
Crowell	Lyman	Ross
Cushman	Machy	Sergeant,
Cuthbert	Metcalf	Sitsbee
Darlington	R. Moore	Sloan
Dennison	St Moore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Dowse	Monell	Southard

Mr. Storrs	Mr. Tomlinson	Mr. Warfield
Street	Tracy	Wendover
Strong, <i>N. F.</i>	Trimble	Whitman
Swearingen	Van Rensselaer	Wood.....74
Taylor	Wallace	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Culpepper	Mr. Johnson
Alexander	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Kinsley
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	McCreary
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Floyd	Meigs
Ball	Folger	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Buffum	Foot	Rhea
Burton	Forrest	Russ,
Case	Garnett	Sawyer,
Clagget	Gross, <i>Penn.</i>	Tompkins
Clark	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Cobb	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Crawford	Hiester	35.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The amendments being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to continue in force An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy; and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy.

An act for altering the times for holding the court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes;

An act to continue in force the act, entitled An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court, approved the 3d of March, 1817; and

An act authorizing the building of a certain number of small vessels of war. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from George F. Strother, resigning his seat as one of the representatives for the state of Virginia; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Hunter;" Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying that the President did, on the 12th instant, approve and sign

An act to establish an uniform mode of discipline and field exercise for the militia of the United States;

An act giving the right of pre-emption to James Shields;

A resolution giving the consent of Congress to a compact concluded between the states of Kentucky and Tennessee for the settlement of their boundary line;

And, on this day,

An act to alter and establish certain post roads;

An act for the relief of Susannah Stewart; and

An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the House of Representatives, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, what alterations or modifications, if any, are required, in the several acts of Congress, fixing the fees and emoluments of the collectors of the customs, naval officers, and surveyors of the customs; and, also, a plan for compensating such officers according to the services respectively performed by them.

Ordered, That the bill making appropriations for carrying into effect the treaty lately concluded with the Chippewa nation of Indians, be recommitted to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported the said bill with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, May 15, 1820.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to limit the term of office of certain officers therein named, and for other purposes;

An act supplementary to an act, entitled An act concerning navigation;

An act granting to the state of Ohio the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land;

An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois;



An act authorizing the building of a certain number of small vessels of war;

An act to provide for the expense of surveying certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, and for other purposes;

An act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart;

An act to continue in force "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy," and also to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Tench Francis, deceased;

An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose;

An act for the relief of Richard Smyth;

An act for the relief of Thomas Leiper;

An act to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the supreme court," approved the 3d of March, 1817; and

An act for altering the times for holding the court of the United States for the western district of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of James Duffie, executor of James Sloo, deceased, Elizabeth King, Perez Bradford, Ezra Dunham, and Alexander Gardner.

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions, bills, and other matters and things, to them referred at the present session, and upon which they have not finally acted.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House cause to be prepared and printed, for the use of the members, a list of all business remaining undetermined, which, by the existing rule, is to be resumed and acted upon at the next session of Congress; designating bills, reports, and resolutions, committed, from those laid upon the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the better organization of the Treasury Department;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported the same with amendments, which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Crowell then moved that the said bill be postponed until the first day of the next session of Congress; which motion was rejected.

And the amendments were ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the House, at the next session of Congress, such offices of the customs as may be properly suppressed on account of their inutility, or from any other cause.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the several petitions and memorials presented to this House, at the present session, and not finally acted upon.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled bills, reported, that the committee had presented to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act to limit the term of office of certain officers therein named, and for other purposes;

An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act concerning navigation;"

An act granting to the state of Ohio the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land;

An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois;

An act authorizing the building of a certain number of small vessels of war;

An act to provide for the expense of surveying certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, and for other purposes;

An act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart;

An act to continue in force "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy;" and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Trench Francis, deceased;

An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose;

An act for the relief of Richard Smyth;

An act for the relief of Thomas Leiper;

An act to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to provide for reports of decisions of the Supreme Court," approved the 3d of March, 1817; and

An act for altering the times for holding the courts of the United States for the western district of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for carrying into effect the treaty lately concluded with the Chippewa nation of Indians, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect the treaties concluded with the Chippewa and Kickapoo nations of Indians;" and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the first, third, fourth, and fifth, and disagree to the second and sixth, amendments proposed by the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to provide relief for sick and disabled seamen."

They have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of persons holding confirmed unlocated claims to land in the state of Illinois;

An act to amend the act making reservation of certain public lands for naval purposes, passed the 1st of March, 1817;

Mr. Dennison	Mr. McCreary	Mr. Silsbee
Dickinson	Meigs	Sloan
Dowse	Metcalf	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Eddy	R. Moore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	S. Moore	Storrs
Ervin	Monell	Street
Fisher	Murray	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Folger	Neale	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Forrest	Newton	Taylor
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Overstreet	Terrell
Hibshman	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tomlinson
Hicster	Patterson	Tompkins
Hill	Philson	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Hostetter	Rankin	Van Rensselaer
Johnson	Rhea	Wallace
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rich	Warfield
Kent	Ringgold	Wendover
Kinsey	Rogers	Whitman
Little	Russ	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Linn	Sampson	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Lowndes	Sawyer	Wood..... 89
Maclay	Sergeant	

Those who voted in negative, are

Mr. Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Mr. Crowell	Mr. Herrick
Ball	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Bateman	Foot	Ross
Brush	Garnett	Swearingen.....14
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Hendricks	

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the amendments to the said bill.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the recovery of debts in the District of Columbia: Whereupon,

The said bill was again ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign,

An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, and to repeal all other acts heretofore passed for that purpose;

An act to continue in force "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy," and, also, to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Tench Francis, deceased;

An act granting the state of Ohio the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land;

An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois;

An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act concerning navigation;"

An act for altering the times for holding the court of the United States for the Western district of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes;

An act for the relief of Thomas Leiper;

An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court," approved March 3d, 1817;

An act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart;

An act to authorize the building of a certain number of small vessels of war;

An act to provide for the expense of surveying certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, and for other purposes;

An act for the relief of Richard Smyth; and

An act to limit the term of office of certain officers therein named, and for other purposes.

The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives to bills of the following titles:

An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned;

An act to authorize the settlement of the accounts between the U. States and Richard O'Brien, late American consul at Algiers; and

An act to authorize the erection of a light house on one of the Isles of Shoals, near Portsmouth, in New Hampshire.

The Senate have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act authorizing the employment of an additional naval force;"

An act for the relief of Richard S. Hackley;

An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War; and

An act designating the ports within which, only, foreign armed ships shall be permitted to enter; with an amendment to the latter, in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

They have postponed indefinitely the bill of this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Margaret Hall, late Margaret McKenzie." And then he withdrew.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act designating the ports, within which, only, foreign armed vessels shall be permitted to enter," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay, out of the contingent fund of the House, such sum as he may deem just, not exceeding the compensation of the regular clerks of his department, for the same period, to an assistant clerk, during the present session.

The House proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for building an addition to the custom house now erecting in the city of New Orleans, for the use of the district court of the United States for the state of Louisiana:" When it was

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Hendricks moved that the House do now proceed to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries.

Which motion was rejected by the House.

On motion of Mr. Street,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act granting certain privileges to the Ocean Steam-ship company of New York," be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill: When it was,

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Archer, of Maryland, laid in at the Clerk's table sundry statements, marked A B C E and F, in relation to the expenditures of public moneys in the Navy Department; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American consul at Algiers;

An act for the relief of Thomas Hunter;

An act to authorise the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned; and found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Foot, from the same Committee, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to amend the act making reservation of certain public lands for naval purposes, passed the first of March, 1817;

An act for the relief of persons holding confirmed unlocated claims to lands in the state of Illinois;

An act to provide for repairing the roof of the General Post Office, and to procure an engine for the protection of said building;

An act authorising the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Henry Burdin;

An act designating the ports within which only foreign armed vessels shall be permitted to enter;

An act to amend the act entitled An act authorising the employment of an additional naval force;

An act to increase the number of clerks in the War Department; and

An act for the relief of Richard S. Hackley; and found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Buildings, and the Committee on the Expenditures in the War Department, respectively, be discharged from the further consideration of the several matters and things to them referred during the present session, and upon which they have not finally acted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels;

An act to authorize the Governor of Illinois to obtain certain abstracts of land from certain public offices;

An act for the relief of Ambrose Vasse;

An act for the relief of Joshua Newsom, Peter Crook, and James Rabb;

An act to revive and continue in force an act, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war, and for other purposes;" and

An act in addition to the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820;" with amendments to the two latter, in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to borrow three millions of dollars, and for other purposes; and have agreed to the conference asked by this House thereon, to which they have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled An act in addition to the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820;" was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said amendment; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the agreement of the committee of the whole thereto.

The said amendment was then again read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war, and for other purposes," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the managers on the part of this House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments depending to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to borrow three millions of dollars, and for other purposes," made a report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House insist on their disagreement to the *first* and *fourth* of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill, and recede from their disagreement to the *third* of the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had presented to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act designating the ports within which, only, foreign armed vessels shall be permitted to enter;

An act for the relief of persons holding confirmed unlocated claims for lands in the state of Illinois;

An act to provide for repairing the roof of the General Post Office, and to procure an engine for the protection of said building;

An act to authorize the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Henry Burdin;

An act to amend an act making reservation of certain lands for naval purposes, passed the first of March, 1817;

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act, authorizing the employment of an additional naval force;"

An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War;

An act for the relief of Richard S. Hackley.

An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American consul at Algiers;

An act for the relief of Thomas Hunter; and

An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Joshua Newsom, Peter Crooks, and James Rabb.

An act for the relief of Ambrose Vasse.

An act to authorize the governor of the state of Illinois to obtain certain abstracts of land from certain public offices;

An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels;

An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820."

An act to revive and continue in force an act, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war, and for other purposes;" and found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign,

An act designating the ports within which, only, foreign armed vessels shall be permitted to enter;

An act for the relief of persons holding confirmed unlocated claims for lands in the state of Illinois;

An act to provide for repairing the roof of the General Post Office; and to procure an engine for the protection of said building;

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An act to amend an act making reservation of certain public lands for naval purposes, passed the first of March, 1817;

An act to amend the act entitled an act authorizing the employment of an additional naval force;

An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War; and

An act for the relief of Richard S. Hackley.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign,

An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American consul at Algiers;

An act for the relief of Thomas Hunter; and

An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned.

The Senate have postponed, to the next session of Congress, the bill, entitled "An act to provide for sick and disabled seamen."

They have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act making appropriations for carrying into effect the treaties concluded with the Chippewa and Kickapoo nations of Indians; and

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Conrad Laub, deceased; with an amendment to the latter.

The Senate recede from their first and fourth amendments to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to borrow three millions of dollars, and for other purposes." And then he withdrew.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Conrad Laub, deceased," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Warfield, it was

Resolved unanimously, by the House of Representatives of the United States of America, That the thanks of this House be given to the Hon. HENRY CLAY, Speaker thereof, for the dignity, ability, and impartiality, with which he has discharged the duties of that station.

Upon which, Mr. CLAY rose, and addressed the House as follows:

GENTLEMEN: The House of Representatives has, on former occasions, honored me by a vote of its thanks. I then felt that the sole claim which I had to a testimony of the public approbation, so distinguished, was the zeal with which I have ever sought to discharge the highly responsible duties of the chair; and I am now sensible that I am indebted to your belief of the continued exertion of that zeal for the fresh proof of your favorable sentiments towards me, in the resolution which you have just adopted.

If, gentlemen, the traveller parts with regret from those agreeable acquaintances which he casually makes, as he journeys on his way, how much more painful must be the separation of those who have co-operated many months in the anxious endeavor to advance the prosperity of a common country; who have been animated by mutual sympathies; and who have become endeared to each other by an interchange of all the friendly offices incident to the freest social intercourse? Addressing you as I now do, probably the last time from this place, I confess I feel a degree of emotion which I am utterly unable to express. I shall carry with me into that retirement which is necessary to the performance of indispensable private duties, a grateful recollection of all your kindnesses; of the respectful and affectionate consideration of me which you have always evinced; of the generous and almost unlimited confidence which you have ever reposed in me; and of the tenderness with which you have treated even my errors. But, interesting as have been the relations in which I have stood, for many years, to this House, I have yet higher motives for continuing to behold it with the deepest solicitude. I shall regard it as the great depository of the most important powers of our excellent constitution; as the watchful and faithful centinel of the freedom of the people; as the fairest and truest image of their deliberate will and wishes; and as that branch of the government where, if our beloved country shall unhappily be destined to add another to the long list of melancholy examples of the loss of public liberty, we shall witness its last struggles and its expiring throes.

Gentlemen, I beg you to carry with you my sincerest wishes for your individual happiness, and the prosperity of your respective families.

Mr. FOOT, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had presented to the President of the United States for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Joshua Newsom, Peter Crooks, and James Rabb;

An act for the relief of Ambrose Vasse;

An act to authorize the governor of Illinois to obtain certain abstracts of land from certain public offices;

An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels;

An act in addition to the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820;" and

An act to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to pro-

vide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war, and for other purposes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill that there be a call of the House: And the question being taken to agree thereto, It was determined in the negative.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign,

An act for the relief of Joshua Newsom, Peter Crooks, and James Rabb;

An act for the relief of Ambrose Vasse;

An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820;"

An act to revive and continue in force an act, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war, and for other purposes."

An act to authorize the governor of Illinois to obtain certain abstracts of lands from certain public offices; and,

An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels. Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait upon the President of the United States, and to make known to him the approaching recess of the two Houses of Congress, if he has no further communications to make to them; and the Senate have appointed a committee on their part: and then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read and concurred in by the House, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, and Mr. Van Rensselaer, were appointed of the said committee on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act making appropriations for carrying into effect the treaties lately concluded with the Chippewa and Kickapoo nations of Indians.

An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars; and,

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Conrad Laub, deceased, and found the same to be duly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the Treasury Department;" and then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Daniel Brent, notifying that the President did, on this day, approve and sign,

An act making appropriations for carrying into effect the treaties lately concluded with the Chippewa and Kickapoo nations of Indians.

An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars; and,

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Conrad Lamb, deceased.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Darlington, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act to authorize the erection of a light house on one of the isles of Shoals, near Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, and for other purposes.

An act to provide for the building an addition to the custom house now erecting in the city of New Orleans, for the use of the district court of the United States, for the state of Louisiana; and,

An act providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department: and found the same to be duly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had presented to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the three enrolled bills, the examination of which was last reported.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign,

An act to authorize the erection of a light house on one of the isles of Shoals, near Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, and for other purposes.

An act to provide for the building an addition to the custom house now erecting in the city of New Orleans, for the use of the district court of the United States, for the state of Louisiana; and,

An act providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department.

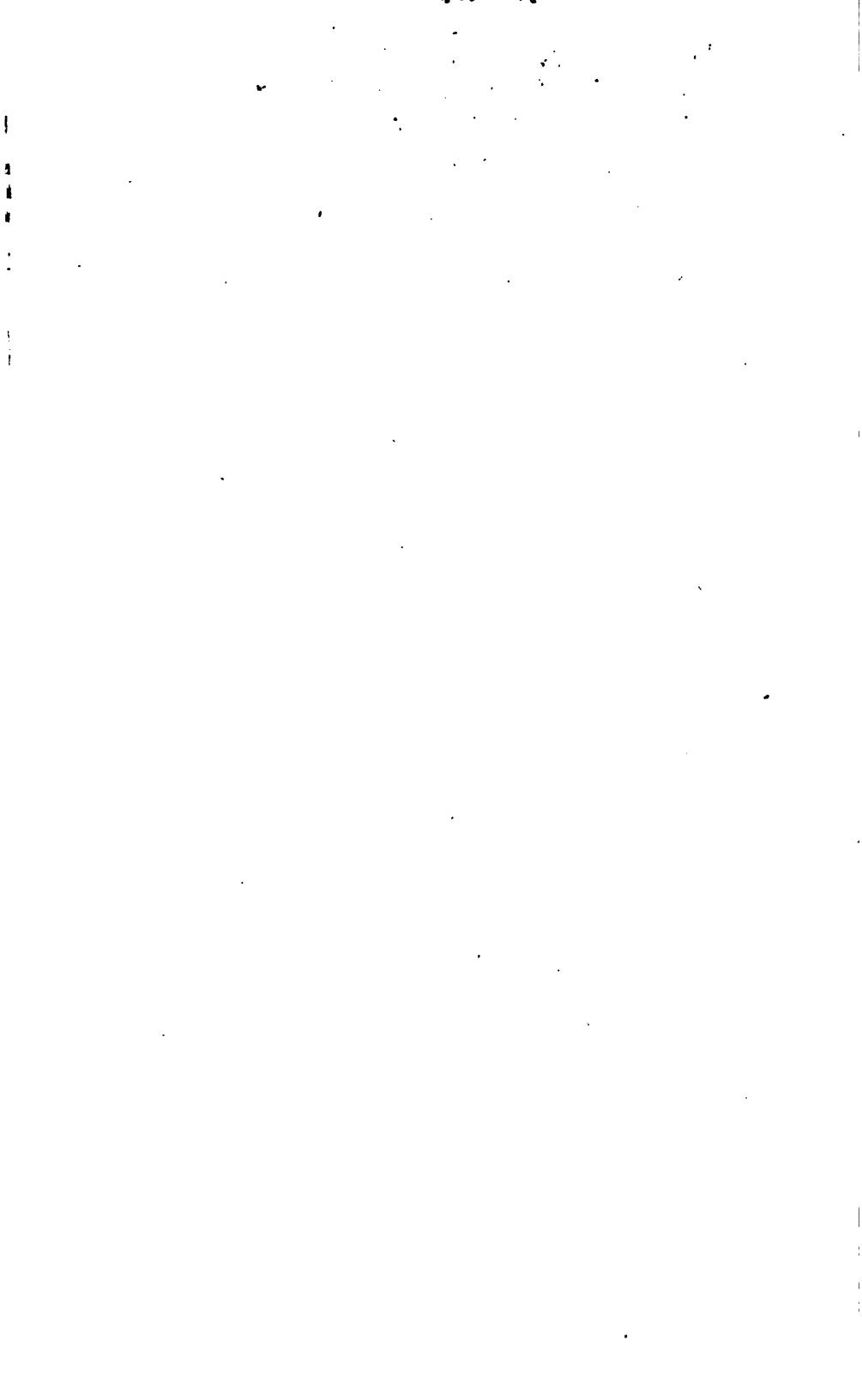
I am directed to inform this House that the Senate, having completed the legislative business before them, are now ready to adjourn: and then he withdrew.

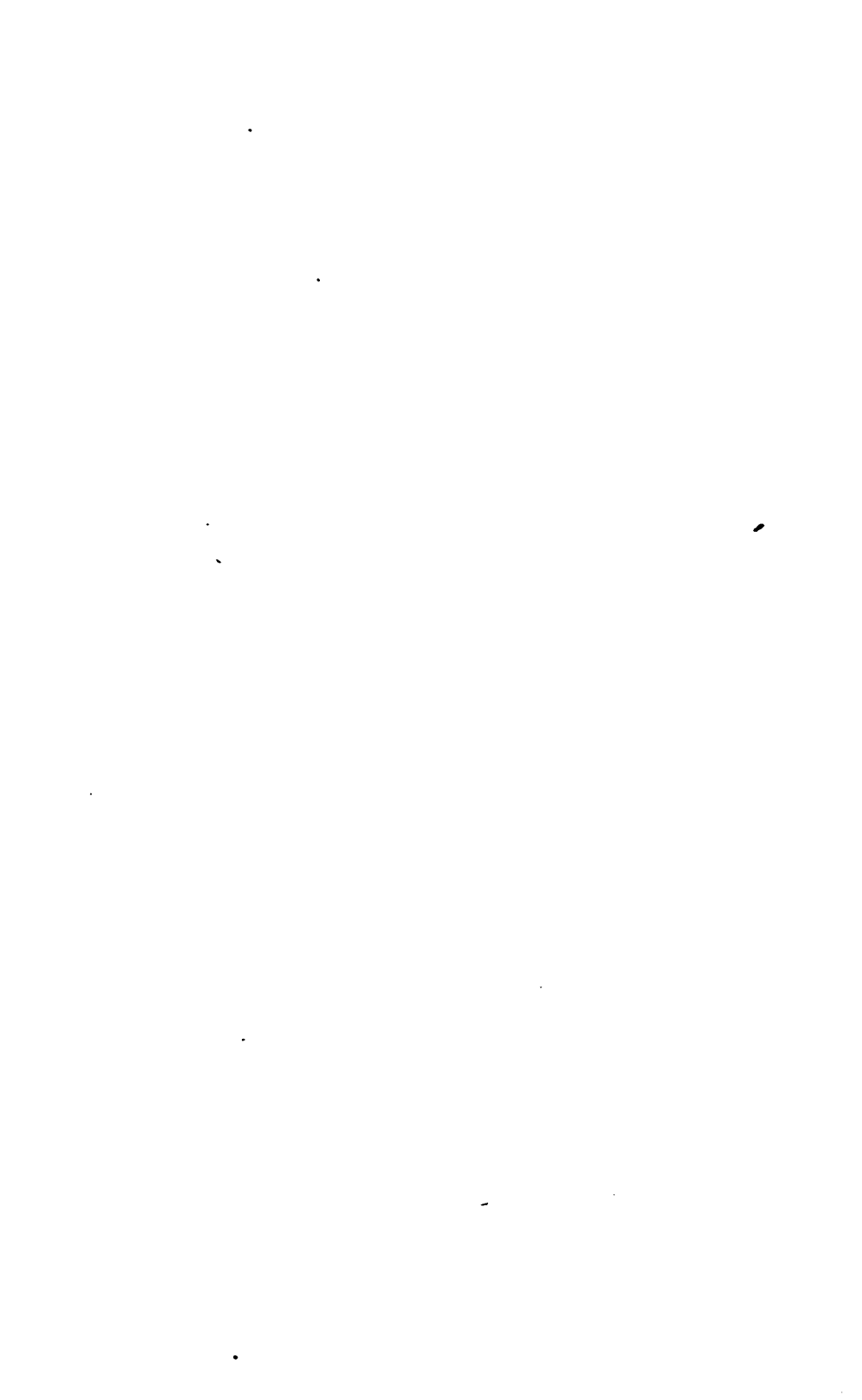
Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the joint committee appointed for the purpose, reported that they had waited upon the President of the United States, and made known to him the approaching recess of the two Houses of Congress, and that they were answered that he had no further communications to make to Congress at the present session.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate that this House is now ready to adjourn.

The Clerk having discharged the duty assigned him by the above order, and being returned,

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