

LEGISLATURE OF GEORGIA.

IN SENATE.

Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Mr. Davies, from the committee to whom was referred the Governor's communication on the subject of a proposition made by the Bank of Darien, through their agent Dr. Jas. Troup, Reported—

That the legislature accede to said proposition, to wit: That said Bank, according to its solemn pledge, will pay into the State Treasury annually, commencing from the first of January next, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in the bills of banks receivable at the Treasury, one half of said amount to be paid semi annually, until the whole amount of Darien money now in the Treasury be redeemed.

Which report being amended by the addition of the following proviso, was read and agreed to, viz. *Provided*, That this resolution shall not bar or prevent any future legislature from making such disposition of the bills of the Darien Bank now in the Treasury of the State, as they may deem proper.

Mr. Gamble presented a proposition of the Ogechee Canal Company relative to the surrender of their character, upon certain conditions—Which was read and referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Gamble, Lawson, Burton, Davies, and Denmark.

Notices for leave to report a bill.

By Mr Moore—To compel the clerks of the inferior courts in the several counties in this State, to advertise all estrays by them to be advertised, in three or four particular newspapers, and for other purposes.

Thursday, Nov. 22.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to lay off and divide the counties of the newly acquired territory into counties of a proper shape and size—Mr. Powell in the chair—The President having resumed the chair. Mr. Powell reported the bill with amendment; the report being agreed to, the bill was then taken up by sections. The senate having gone through the same, after several amendments had been proposed and rejected, the bill was read the third time and passed—Yeas 44, Nays 20.

[This bill provides for forming, out of the counties of Lee, Muscogee, Troup and Carroll four new counties, named Harris, Merriwether, Talbot and Marion.]

Notices for leave to report bills, viz.

By Mr Blair of Habersham—To authorize certain commissioners to establish a Lottery for the purpose of raising the sum of \$15,000. to be appropriated to the building of a Masonic Hall, in the town of Macon—Also,

On motion of Mr. Gamble, Resolved, that the Judiciary committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of re-organizing the Judicial circuits of this state, and nearly as may be, equalize the same, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Clayton of Clark, Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of preventing Judges of Superior Courts from presiding in cases in which they may have been employed when at the bar, and providing for the trial of the same.

Friday, Nov. 23

On motion of Mr. Cosby,

The bill laying off and dividing the counties of the newly acquired territory into counties of a proper shape and size, was reconsidered—Yeas 39, Nays 22.

On motion of Mr. Blair, of H.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Blair, Clayton, of Clarke, Barber, McTyre and Groves, to join such as may be appointed by the H. of R. to take into consideration the propriety of enlarging the State House, and for other purposes—Whereupon it was ordered, that the Secretary do carry forthwith said reference to the H. of R. for their concurrence.

Bills reported instanter and read the first time, viz

By Mr. Hendrick—To alter and amend the 2d sec. of the 4th art. of the constitution of this State.

By Mr. Moore—To Authorise certain commissioners therein named, to raise by lottery, the sum therein specified, for the purpose of building a Masonic Hall in the town of Monroe, Walton county.

Mr. Clayton, of Clarke, from the judiciary committee, reported the following bills, viz.

To amend an act entitled an act to compel the Judges of the superior courts of this State to convene at the seat of Government in this State once in each year for the purpose of establishing uniform rules of practice throughout this state, passed 24th Dec. 1821, and also to authorize said Judges to decide questions of law reserved by them, or either of them or their several circuits, and to make such decisions binding and obligatory upon the said several Judges.

To carry into effect the 8th Sec. of the 3d art. of the constitution—and

To alter and amend the first Sec. of the 3d art. of the constitution of the State of Georgia.