

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON Tuesday—  
Mr. Buchanan from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled an Act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate, Clerk of the House of Representatives, and other Clerks employed in these offices, and of the Librarian, reported the same without amendment, and the bill was twice read and committed.

Mr. Holcombe from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Mrs. Susan Decatur, widow of the late Commodore Stephen Decatur, accompanied by a bill for her relief; which was twice read and committed for tomorrow.

Mr. Henry from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill to authorise the subscription, or purchase of stock in the Louisville and Portland Canal Company of Kentucky: which bill was twice read and committed.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Johnson, of Virginia, the Committee on Military Affairs were instructed to inquire into the expediency of requesting the Secretary of War to cause a survey to be made of the Cascades of the Tygart Valley River in Western Virginia, with a view to the location of the contemplated Western Armory.

On motion of Mr. White, of Florida, the Committee of Ways and Means were instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the settlement of the accounts of the Judges of East and West Florida, and their clerks, while acting *ex officio* Commissioners in adjusting the claims under the 9th article of the Treaty between Spain and the U. States, in pursuance of an act of Congress, approved the 3d of March, 1823; and further, to inquire into the expediency of making compensation to Henry M. Breckenridge, of Florida, for services rendered in the office of Alcade and Interpreter in 1821 and 1822, at Pensacola, in the territory of Florida.

On motion of Mr. Adams of New York, the committee on Roads and Canals were instructed to inquire into the expediency of a survey being made of the valley of the Alleghany river, from Pittsburg, in Pennsylvania, to Olean, in the state of New York, and thence through the valley of the Olean River and Joshua Creek, to Batavia, in New York, and thence to the Erie Canal, in the same state, with a view to making a canal on that route, and if deemed advisable, to solicit the President of the United States to have the survey made by one or more of the Engineers of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, of Maine, the committee on Commerce were instructed to inquire into the expediency of defining by law what shall constitute a *chest of medicines* for ships and vessels in the merchant service; and what provisions, if any, are necessary to carry the 8th section of the act of July 20th, 1790, and the act of 2d March, 1805, into full effect.

#### JUDICIAL BILL.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill "further to amend the Judicial System of the United States," Mr. Mercer's motion for recommitting the bill with certain instructions, being the question first to be determined. Mr. Kerr, of Maryland, was entitled to the floor, but not appearing in his seat, and no other member offering to speak, the question was put upon Mr. Mercer's resolution for recommitting, and the resolution rejected by a large majority. Mr. Bartlett, of New Hampshire, then moved to recommit the bill with other instruc-

tions, but withdrew his motion on the appearance of Mr. Kerr; in order to give that gentleman an opportunity of delivering his sentiments agreeably to his intention expressed the evening before. Accordingly Mr. Kerr rose and delivered a speech in favor of the Bill, occupying an hour and a half. Mr. Forsyth, of Georgia, then offered an amendment to the bill, going almost to an entire new system.

Upon this amendment a short debate took place, in which Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Webster, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Livingston and Mr. Alston participated; the latter of whom moved to lay the bill, together with the amendment offered by Mr. Forsyth on the table, in order to give time for the fair examination of the system proposed by that amendment, but the motion to lie was lost by a large majority. The question was then taken on the amendment, which was also lost without a division. Mr. Kremer, of Pennsylvania, now moved to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with certain instructions, which were read.—This motion the Speaker determined to be out of order, a similar one having been made and lost on the same day, and at the same stage of the bill, and the rules of the House forbidding under these circumstances, a repetition of such a motion.

Mr. Forsyth then renewed an amendment which he had previously offered in the committee of the Whole, and demanded the ayes and noes thereon, which were ordered to be taken, when a motion for adjournment was made and lost. Mr. Sloan, of Ohio, called for the previous question, but the House did not sustain the call; and the motion for adjournment being renewed, was carried, at half-past four o'clock, by a majority of two.—*Alex. Gazette.*