

of taxes and per centage under act of 1828, chap. 161, and the several supplements thereto ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Also, laid before the Convention a report from the clerk of Queen Anne's county, in obedience to the order of the Convention of the 15th ult., containing tabular statements of the gross receipts of his office, &c.;

Which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The President also laid before the Convention a communication from His Excellency, the Governor of North Carolina, covering the acts of Assembly, establishing and regulating common schools, together with proper forms for returns, &c.;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Also, laid before the Convention a communication from Charles Richardson, Esq., calling the attention of the Convention to the propriety of taking into consideration the wasteful plan followed in the repairing of the State or county roads, &c.;

Which was read and referred to standing committee, No. 7, to consider and report respecting the appointment, tenure of office, duties and compensation of all civil officers not embraced in the duties of other standing committees.

On motion of Mr. Ege, it was

Ordered, That the committee on Representation be requested to enquire into the propriety and justice of adopting the following principles of representation:

1st. Representation according to white population.

2nd. The ratio in the House of Delegates to be governed by the population of the smallest county in the State, commencing with one member, and giving an additional member to each county and city for every given number of inhabitants equaling the number of the lowest county on which the basis may be formed.

The basis of the Senate to be governed by population, dividing the State into twenty-four Senatorial districts, each district to elect one Senator.

Mr. Merrick, chairman of the committee on Representation, submitted the following Report :

The committee on Representation respectfully report the following resolutions :

1. Resolved, That it is inexpedient to regard federal numbers in fixing the estimates and basis of representation in the House of Delegates.

2. Resolved, That it is inexpedient to adopt a principle of representation based exclusively upon popular numbers, in organizing the House of Delegates or the Senate.

Which was read.

Mr. Gwinn, offered as an amendment to the second resolution, to strike out all after the word "resolved," and substituting in lieu thereof, the following :

"That representation in the Senate and House of Delegates, should be based on the principle of population only."