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Proceedings of Congress.

REPRESENTATIVES

MONDAY, January 11.

R. TRUMBULL from Connecticut, Mr. Hathorn from New-York, and Mr. Moore from Virginia, appeared and took their seats. The petition of Christopher Sad-

ler, of Nova-Scotia, was read a fen de me cond time, praying relief against a ure of his vessel and cargo, which was made at the of Boiton, for a violation of the impon law of the ted States, of which, at the time, he afferts he totally ignorant.

he petition states, that he brought a cargo of fish Nova-Scotia into Boston, but that his vessel, bender the dimensions required by the laws of the ed States, was seized, &c.—Some debate took upon this question, whether the petition should eferred to a committee of the house; but it was ed, that it should be referred to the secretary of tion were true, and the said Sadler a proper object he compatition of the house.

he report of the committee who had been appointstate the errear of business lest unfinished at the g of the last session, was read, containing a list of tions from Dr. Ramsay, Mr. Morse, Mr. Fitch, &c. respecting a law to secure to them the excluright of fundry works of literature and genius; a of matters under consideration, such as uniform tralization, bankrupt laws, permanent feat of go-

Ir. Smith, from the committee to whom it was rered to prepare an answer to the speech of the preof the United States, presented a draught of which was read, and referred to a committee of whole house to-morrow.

Ir. Goodhue informed the house, that he was one e committee appointed, at the last session, to bring bill for the actual enumeration of the inhabitants he United States; and observing, that in the report he unfinished business this subject was brought for-I, he begged to know the sense of the house, whehe should now consider himself of that committee ot; and if it was the sense of the house he should, nformed them, that the reason the committee had eported was, that they found themselves wholly quate-to a business of so difficult a nature, from committee—That he would suggest to the house, and made no amendment thereto. he deemed it highly proper, in a matter where acy was so necessary, that the house should avail itof the collective information of a committee comd of a member from each state.

his brought on a discussion, whether the unfinished nels should be taken up in its last stage, or whether ould be brought forward de novo.

hat a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for western frontiers. A motion was then made to have the galleries clear-

his being carried, a committee of ten, confiiting member from each state, was appointed, except vare, which is not represented.

e members are-Messis. Foriter, Goodhue, Sher-Lawrence, Schureman, Clymer, Seney, White, , Baldwin.

this it is established, that all unfinished business the last session should be taken up de novo. message from the president of the United States, Ir. Secretary Lear, was received, with the followcommunications:

United States, January 11, 1790.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

HAVE directed Mr. Lear, my private fecretary y before you a copy of the adoption and ratificatiof the constitution of the United States by the state North-Carolina, together with the copy of a letter fession. his excellency Samuel Johnston, president of the vention of said state, to the president of the United

he originals of the papers which are herewith smitted to you, will be lodged in the office of the retary of state. G. WASHINGTON.

Fayetteville, state of North-Carolina, 4th December, 1789.

order of the convention of the people of this I have the honour to transmit to you the ratificaand adoption of the constitution of the United regiment, Henry Malcolm and Charles Markle, ref- whole house, this day fortnight. Adjourned

States by the said convention, in behalf of the peo-

With sentiments of the highest consideration and respect. I have the honour to be,

Your most faithful and obedient servant. SAMUEL JOHNSTON, (Signed) President of the convention.

To the President of the United States.

I do certify the above to be a true copy from the TOBIAS LEAR, Secretary to the

President of the United States. A copy of the adoption and ratification of the constitution of

the United States by the state of North-Carolina. STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, IN CONVENTION.

WHEREAS the general convention which met in Philadelphia, in pursuance of a recommendation of congress, did recommend to the citizens of the United States a constitution or form of government in the following words, viz.

" We, the people," &cc. Here follows the constitution of the United States,

Resolved, That this convention in behalf of the freetreasury to ascertain whether the sacts stated in said men, citizens and inhabitants of the state of North-Carolina, do adopt and ratify the said constitution and form of government.

Done in convention this 21st day of November,

SAMUEL JOHNSTON, President (Signed) of the convention.

J. HUNT, JAS. TAYLOR, Sec'ries. By the direction of the president of the United

States, I have examined and compared the foregoing with the adoption and ratification of the constitution of the United States by the state of North-Carolina, which was transmitted to the president of the United States, by Samuel Johnston, president of the convention of said state, as well as the transcript of the constitution of the United States, recited in the said ratification, which I certify to be a true copy.

TOBIAS LEAR, Secretary to the President of the United States.

The house then adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 12.

whole on the address in answer to the speech of the president of the United States; and having gone through the same, by paragraphs, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee, accordvant of a sufficient number of members to compose ing to order, had the said address under consideration,

> The house then unanimously agreed to the said address; and Mr. Smith (S. C.) Mr. Clymer and Mr. Lawrence were appointed a committee to wait on the president, to know at what time and place it would be convenient for him to receive the same.

A message in writing was received from the president of the United States, by the secretary at war, commufter some time spent thereon, it was moved and se- nicating to the house in a considential manner, sundry papers, respecting the tribes of Indians on the south-

ed, which was done accordingly.

Mr. Boudinot from the committee to whom it was referred to examine the journal of the last session, and to report therefrom all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, have according to order, examined the journal, and agreed to the following report. [This was presented to the house on Monday last.]

It appears to your committee that the several petitions of David Ramsay, John Churchman, Alexander Lewis, Arthur Greer, Jedidiah Morse, John Fitch, Englehart Cruse, Nicholas Pike, Samuel, Briggs, John Christopher Stoebel, Leonard Harbaugh, Hannah Adams, Christopher Colles, David Greenleaf, John Macpherson, Abraham Westerviet, James Rumsev, and William Hoy, respectively praying for exclusive privileges as authors or inventors of some work or discovery, were ordered to lie on the table, and so remained during the

It further appears to your committee that the feveral petitions of Martha Walker, Duncan Campbell, Tristram Coffin, William Finne, Englebert Kemmana, Thomasin Gordon, Prudent la Jenesse, Baron de Steuben and Richard Ham, respectively praying to be compensated for military services, or for injuries or losses fustained during the late war, were referred to the secretary of the treasury to examine and report upon to the present session.

It further appears to your committee that the leveral petitions of John M'Garrah, Dudley Tyler, Patrick Bennet, John Durt, James Gibbons, Archibald M'Allister, Alexander Power, attorney for colonel Flower's

pectively praying to be compensated for military services rendered during the late war, were referred to the fecretary at war to examine and report upon to the prefent felhon.

It further appears to your committee that the several petitions of Andrew Newell and Seth Clarke, Sarah Parker, Bartlet Hinds, Robert Frazier, David Sturges, Richard Philips, James M'Lean, James Read, and Thomas Barclay, respectively praying that certain claims which they exhibit against the United States, may be considered and allowed, were ordered to lie on the table, and so remained during the session.

It also appears to your committee, that the petition of Joseph Wheaton, sergeant at arms, to this house, praying an inquiry into the charges exhibited against him in certain anonymous letters, was ordered to lie on the table, and so remained during the session.

Your committee further report, that committees were appointed to prepare and bring in the several bills following, to wit:

A bill to establish an uniform system on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United States.

A bill for the further encouragement of the commerce and navigation of the United States.

A bill providing for the actual enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States. Also, a bill providing a proper system of regulation

for the militia of the United States. Neither of which bills were reported during the fef-

It also appears to your committee, that there were postponed by this house for further consideration until the present session, the several bills, to wit:

A bill to promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries. A bill for the establishment of hospitals, for the re-

lief of fick and disabled seamen, and prescribing regulations for the harbours of the United States. A bill concerning the importation of certain persons

prior to the year 1808. A bill to establish a land-office in and for the West. ern territory. Also a bill sent from the senate, enti-

tled, An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States. That the bill, entitled, An act to establish the seat

of government of the United States, was postponed by the senate for the further consideration of an amendment proposed by this house, until the present session. And lastly, That the report of the committee ap-

The house resolved itself into a committee of the pointed to examine into the measures taken by congress, and the state of Virginia, respecting lands reserved sor the officers and soldiers of the said state, was postponed by this house for further consideration until the present session.

WEDNESDAY, January 13.

Mr. Smith of the committee appointed o wait on the president of the United States, to know at what time and place the house should wait on him to present their andress, reported that the president had appointed to-morrow at twelve o'clock, at his own

Mr. Huntington, from Connecticut; Mr. Cadwalader, from New-Jersey; Mr. Heester, from Pennsylvania: and Mr. Smith, from Maryland, appeared and took their scats.

On motion, Ordered, That so much of the standing rules and orders of this house, as directs the mode of appointing committees, be rescinded; and that hereaster it be a standing rule of the house, that all committees shall be appointed by the speaker, unless otherwise specially directed by the house, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot, and if upon such ballot the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the house shall proceed to a second ballot, in which a plurality of votes shall prevail; and in case a greater number than are required to compose or complete the committee shall have an equal number of votes, the house shall proceed to a further ballot or

The house then resumed the reading of the statement of the fouth-western frontiers, and of the Indian department, as referred to in the prefident's message of yes-

terday: Whereupon, Ordered, That the said message and statement be referred to a committee of five, and that Mr. Wadfworth, Mr. Brown, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Baldwin, be of the said committee. Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 14. Mr. Sedgwick, from Massachusetts, and Mr. Hartley, from Pennsylvania, appeared and took their

Mr. Livermore, Mr. Ames, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Scott, Mr. Smith, (M.) were added to the committee, to whom was referred the flatement of the fouth-west-

ern frontiers and Indian department. The report of the secretary of the treasury was received and read, and referred to a committee of the