

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Of this State, which convened at Providence last week, adjourned from Saturday to Monday, and have since continued in session.

From the Providence Journal we have compiled the following abstract of their daily proceedings, (in addition to what was published in our last.)

MONDAY, Feb. 1.—The act to incorporate the Unitarian Church in Newport, was reported.

Mr. Dorr called up the bill providing for alterations and improvements in the interior of the State-House in Providence. Mr. B. Hazard offered an amendment, providing for similar alterations and improvements in the State-House in Newport, provided the U. States will give an additional \$500 for that State-House, making \$1000 for both, and moved to refer both the bill and his amendment, to a committee of one from each county.—A long debate ensued on this motion, and it was finally carried by a majority of seven; the bill and amendment were then referred to Messrs. Randolph, Dorr, T. T. Hazard, Thurston and Luther.

Mr. Brayton offered a bill to increase the tax on Banks half per cent. which was referred to committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Curtis, the committee on Finance were also instructed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the bonus on Bank capital to 1½ per cent. and to enquire generally into the whole subject.—Adj. to 10 o'clock, to-morrow.

TUESDAY, Feb. 2.—The bill relative to poor persons confined for debt, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. B. Hazard laid on the table a bill for appointing Fire Engine Companies.

Mr. Tillinghast called up his resolution instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in Congress to procure the passage of an act, apportioning the avails of the sales of the United States public lands among the States.

Mr. Brayton offered an amendment to this resolution substituting for it, after the enacting clause, that the surplus funds of the U. States be appropriated to the building of forts, and fortifications for the national defence. A resolution was read, which had been just sent down from the Senate, declaring that the public lands are the common property of all the States in the Union, and not of the States only in which they lie, that a distribution of the proceeds ought to be made among the several States, to cense on the breaking out of war, to be appropriated at the will and for the benefit of the States; and instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their utmost exertions, to procure the passage in Congress, of a bill similar to that formerly offered by Henry Clay.

On motion, both the above resolutions from the Senate, and the resolution pending in the House, with Mr. Brayton's amendment, were all referred to Messrs. Hazard, Tillinghast, Taylor, James and D'Wolf.

Mr. Atwell offered a bill providing for five Judges, the Chief Justice to have a salary of \$1500 a year, and the other Judges \$1200 each. Each Court of Common Pleas to be holden by one of the five Judges, and the Supreme Court by the whole five, and also providing for the payment of the above salaries by fees to be paid into the State Treasury by the parties to the suits brought into the Courts.

Mr. D'Wolf called up his resolution for a Committee to report an expression of the views of this General Assembly on the momentous subject of peace or war. He advocated his resolution by several judicious and pertinent remarks, after which it was referred to Messrs D. Wolf, Hazard and Curtis, to report to this House on the subject as soon as may be.

The petition of Wm. Ellery and others, for an act of incorporation of Unitarian Church and Society, in Newport, was granted, and the act was passed.

Mr. Horwell, from Newport, called up the petition of Ann P. Townsend for compensation for 50 feet of land, being a part of a square lot belonging to the petitioner, and for injury done to the lot. Accompanying this petition was read an appraisal of the damage by three men at 225 dollars, and an eloquent letter of Mrs. Townsend addressed the General Assembly on this subject.

After considerable discussion, a resolution passed for paying the sum of \$225, being the amount claimed.

The House adjourned to 10 o'clock on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 3.—The Committee to whom was referred the Resolutions requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence to procure the passage of an act dividing the proceeds of the sales of the public lands among the several States, reported a resolution embracing the substance of the others, which was passed.

An act passed, authorizing the Courts in suits between partners, to appoint auditors to investigate their accounts.

The petition of the 4th Baptist Church in Newport, for an amendment of their charter, was granted.

The remainder of the day was occupied in disposing of private petitions, &c.

THURSDAY, Feb. 4.—The report of the Committee on the memorial against the proceedings of the New-York, Boston and Providence Rail Road Company, was received, and a resolution was passed appointing Messrs Atwell, Brayton and Randolph, a committee to enquire into the alleged proceedings.

Mr. Dorr, from the committee on the subject, reported a bill providing for the appointment of commissioners to enquire into alleged violations by the Banks in this State, of their Charters, &c.—He also reported a resolution, appointing a committee to enquire and ascertain the condition of the Banks in this State, examine their officers on oath, their books and papers, &c. and that said committee shall report their proceedings to the General Assembly. Messrs. Dorr, Atwell, and Curtis, comprising the committee, each stated his views upon the important bill and resolution reported.

The bill was postponed to the next session on motion of Mr. Hazard.

The resolution was then passed, and Messrs. Dorr, Curtis and Atwell were appointed the committee to carry the same into effect.

Mr. Atwell moved, that the consideration of all the petitions for Bank Charters be postponed to the next session. After a debate upon this subject in which Messrs. Atwell, Tillinghast, Cranston, D'Wolf and Simmons took part, the question was taken, when 27 members answered for a postponement, and 35 against it.

The House then adjourned to Friday morning.