

*Thursday morning, January 14.*—Two insolvent petitions were received and referred.

An act was read and laid on the table, to substitute nett weight for gross weight, in sales and contracts.

A petition from the Franklin Society in Providence, for grant of Lottery to raise a sum for scientific purposes, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Two Convict's petition was received.

Petition of Old Warwick Baptist Church, for incorporation, was referred.

Mr. Potter offered a resolution to abolish imprisonment for debt, for a less sum than five dollars. It was proposed to confine it to debts contracted in this State, but that course was objected to. The resolution was laid on the table.

Memorial of William E. Richmond and sixty or seventy others, for extension of Jail-Bounds in the town of Providence, was received and referred to Messrs. L. H. Arnold and Bull.

Petition relating to extension of Jail limits in Washington County, was called up, and Mr. Allen appointed on the Committee in place of Mr. Champlin, not a member.

Mr. Urdike offered a resolution that Clerks of Supreme Courts be required to pay into the State Treasury the entries on insolvent petitions.

The Senate joined the House, and the consideration of the docket was renewed.

Petition of John J. Paine and others for a Turnpike, and of Cranston and Marshall for new trial, were tried and granted.

Petition of Charitable Baptist Society to tax pews for repairs of parsonage, was called up, and after considerable discussion between Mr. N. Brown, who advocated the postponement of the petition, and Mr. Olney Winsor, who opposed it, it was laid on the table for the present.

Petition of Providence and Killingly Turnpike Company, to alter day of holding meetings, was granted. The Senate then retired.

A petition from the Gloucester Temperance Society, signed by the President and Secretary, was presented, praying for an increase of the tax on retailers of ardent spirits, so as to diminish the number. The petition was drawn with great force, and apparently made a deep impression on the House, except one member, who is a distiller. We have rarely met with a more striking and at the same time concise delineation of the evils resulting from the use of ardent spirits. The petition was referred to the Finance Committee, and the House adjourned.

*Thursday Afternoon.*—A communication from the Governor, covering communications from Vermont in favor of the Tariff of 1828, (a very able paper) and from Mississippi against it, were read and referred to Messrs Carrington, Hazard and J. F. Simmons. An inquiry was made why that committee had not reported on several communications from anti-tariff states, heretofore referred to them. The chairman replied they had not prepared a report. A letter from Hilliard, Gray & Co. Boston, accompanying copies of Artillery tactics, by order of the Secretary at war, was also received.

The act of incorporation of the Old Warwick Baptist Church and proprietors, passed.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in discussing the act to exempt firemen from militia duty, after serving as firemen five years, and also from procuring fire buckets, while belonging to Fire Companies. On motion of Mr Pratt, it was amended so as to exempt all who should hereafter serve five years.

Mr Hazard moved to strike out the exemption for five years, on which considerable debate arose.

Mr Arnold considered the act necessary as an inducement to fill the fire companies.

Messrs Carrington, Eanis, Pratt, Potter and the Speaker, opposed the amendment, and the militia was incidentally talked about at considerable length. Messrs Hazard, Simmons, and Bull advocated it, and on dividing, the amendment was adopted 31 to 18. Mr Pratt then said that the bill was rendered useless, and it was laid on the table. The House then adjourned.