

Monday, December 11.

The bill to provide for the compilation of a civil code of the laws of this state, and

The bill further to support and encourage education in this state, and for the relief of the academies thereof,

Were read the second time and ordered for committee of the whole.

The senate went into a committee of the whole on the bill to raise a tax for the support of government for the year 1827, Mr. Powell of M'Intosh in the chair. Mr. Powell reported the bill with amendment.

The senate took up the report, and on motion of Mr. Jones to strike out the paragraph in these words—"and be it further enacted that all houses and lots, in cities, towns and villages, occupied by the owners thereof as dwelling houses, shall not be taxed as heretofore, the sum of thirty-one and a fourth cents on every hundred dollars of their value,"—it was determined in the affirmative, yeas 35, nays 27.

Mr. Clayton of Clark offered an additional section—

"And be it further enacted that the present general tax of the state on all subjects of taxation, be reduced twenty-five per centum."

On the motion to agree thereto, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 38, nays 34.

The report being amended and agreed to, the bill was read the third time and passed.

The senate took up by paragraphs, the bill from the house, to organize the territory lately acquired from the Creek nation.

Mr. *Clayton* of Clarke laid on the table the following resolution:

Whereas both branches of the general assembly are too numerous, creating great expense and delay in the despatch of public business, and is according to the population in the respective counties very unequal;

And whereas also, from the increasing number of members in both branches of the general assembly, the house set apart for their usual deliberations, will not be sufficiently large for that purpose and will consequently be required to be enlarged at very great expense—

*Therefore be it resolved,* That at the next general election, for the members of the general assembly, the voters be requested to signify to the ensuing legislature whether they wish a convention for the special and exclusive purpose of altering the third section and seventh

section of the constitution of this state, so far as to authorize a reduction of the members of the senate and house of representatives, and to be apportioned thereafter upon the principles of population alone, and in order to ascertain the sentiments of the voters on this subject, those who are in favor of a convention, will please endorse on their ticket the word "Convention," and those who are against it will endorse the words "no Convention."