solution be the order of the day for the first Monday in December next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Nicholson moved that the House do come to the following resolution;

Resolved, That the following article, when adopted by two thirds of both Houses of Congress, and by the legislatures of three fourths of the respective states, shall become a part of the constitution of the United States, viz.

That the legislature of any state may, whenever the said legislature shall think proper, recall at any period whatever, any Senator of the United States, who may have been elected by them; and whenever a vote of the legislature of any state vacating the seat of any Senator of the United States, who may have been elected by the said state, shall be made known to the Senate of the United States, the seat of such Senator shall thenceforth be vacated.

A motion was made and seconded, that the said resolution be referred to a committee of the whole House,

And it was resolved in the affirmative, Yeas 53—Nays 46, as follows—

YEAS—Messrs. Alston, Anderson, Bard, Bowie, Brown, Bryan, Butler, Casey, Claiborne, J. Clay, Clinton, jr. Clopton, Conrad, Dawson, Earle, Early, Eppes, Goodwyn, Gregg, Hanna, Hasbrouck, Heister, Holland, Holmes, Knight, Leib, M'Cord, M'Creery, N. R. Moore, T. Moore, Morrow, Nelson, New, Newton, jr. Nicholson, Olin, Palmer, J. Randolph, Rea of Penn. Rhea of Ten. Richards, Sammons, Seaver, Sloan, Stanford, Stanton, Stewart, Thompson, Trigg, Whitehill, Wilson, Winn and Wynns.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baldwin, Betton, Blackledge, Boyd, Chamberlin, Chittenden, Clagett, Crowninshield, Cutler, Cutts, Davenport, Dwight, Elliot, Elmer, Findley, Fowler, Goddard, G. Griswold, R. Griswold, Hastings, Helms, Hough, Huger, Jackson, Kennedy, Larned, Lowndes, Lucas, Mitchell, Phelps, Root, Smilie, Southard, Stedman, Taggart, Tallmage, Tenney, Thatcher, Thomas, Tibbits, Van Rensselaer, Varnum, Wadsworth, L. Williams and M. Williams.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put that the said resolution be the order of the day for the first Monday in December next.

It was resolved in the affirmative,—Yeas 70—Nays 28.

YEAS—Messrs. Alston jun. Alexander, Anderson, Baldwin, Betton, Blackledge, Boyd, Bryan, Butler, Casey, Chamberlin, Claiborne, Clinton jun. Clopton, Conrad, Crowninshield, Cutler, Cutts, Davenport, Dawson, Earle, Early Elliot, Elmer, Eppes, Findley, Fowler, Goddard, Goodwyn, Gregg, R. Griswold, Hanna, Hasbrouck, Hastings, Heister, Holland, Holmes, Huger, Jackson, Kennedy, Knight, Larned, Lowndes, Lucas, M'Cord, M'Creery, Mitchell, Moore, Morrow, Newton, jr. Olin, Phelps, J. Rhea, of Pen. J. Rhea of Ten. Richards, Root, Sammons, Seaver, Smilie, Southard, Stewart, Taggart, Tallmage, Tenney, Thompson, Varnum, Walton, Williams, Wilson and Wynns.

NAYS—Messrs. Bard, Bowie, Brown, Chittenden, Clagett, J. Clay, Dwight, G. Griswold, Helms, Hough, Leib, Nelson, New, Nicholson, Palmer, J. Randolph, Sloan, Stanford, Stanton, Stedman, Thatcher, Thomas, Tibbits, Trigg, Van Rensselaer, Wadsworth, Whitehill and Winn.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana territory, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. *Nicholson* presented according to order, a bill for the further accommodation of the President of the U. S. which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The bill sent from the Senate further providing for the government of the district of Louisiana was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 2.

A petition was presented from James Paddock, of Craftsbury, Vemt. and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. *J. Clay*, from the committee of Ways and Means presented a bill, making an appropriation for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House, this day.

The bill from the Senate further providing for the government of the district of Louisiana was read the third time and passed.

The House according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House,

Mr. GREGG in the chair,

On the bill further to provide for the accommodation of the President of the U. S. and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, that it be engrossed for a third reading to-day.

The bill from the Senate, authorising the sale of a certain lot of land, was read the first and second time: when

A motion was made and seconded to postpone the farther consideration thereof to the first Monday in December next.

And resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House,

Mr. VARNUM in the chair.

On the bill from the Senate, amendatory of the act, intituled 'An act for imposing more specific duties on the importation of certain articles; and also, for levying and collecting light money on foreign ships and vessels; and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill without amendment.

The House then proceeded to consider the bill, when a motion was made and seconded to postpone the further consideration thereof until the first Monday in December next.

And passed in the negative—43 voting for and 46 against the postponement.

The main question then recurring, that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill further to provide for the accommodation of the President of the U. S. was read the third time and passed.

A message was received from the Senate, notifying that they have passed the bill to establish the districts of Gennessee, of Buffaloe creek and of Miami, and to alter the port of entry of the district of Erie; and that they have passed a bill, supplementary to the act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the convention between the U. S. and his Britannic majesty.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House,

Mr. DAWSON in the chair,

On the bill in addition to an act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the U. S. during the revolutionary war; and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill with an amendment, which, after being read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the bill, with the amendment, be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message was received from the Senate, notifying that they have passed the bill making an appropriation for the payment of witnesses summoned on the part of the United States, in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chase, with several amendments, one of which makes a provision for paying the witnesses of Samuel Chase, that they have passed the bill providing for the accommodation of the President of the United States, without amendment: that they have passed a bill making provision for the widow and orphan children of Thomas King, and a bill for the relief of George Scoone, and Cameron.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House.

Mr. VARNUM, in the Chair.

On the amendments of the Senate to the bill regulating the clearance of armed merchant vessels; and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported their agreement to the same, with the several amendments, which after being read, were agreed to by the House.

A message was received from the Senate notifying that,—the Vice President having obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the session, they have elected the honorable Joseph Anderson, President *pro tempore*, and that they have passed sundry resolutions expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen and marines, of his squadron.

The said resolutions were read and committed to Mr. R. Griswold, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. J. Clay.

Adjourned to five o'clock, P. M.

Five o'clock, P. M.

A message was received from the Senate notifying their agreement to the amendments of this House, to the amendments of the Senate, regulating the clearance of armed merchant vessels, that they have passed the bill for the relief of Richard Taylor, without amendment; that they have passed the bill supplementary to the act, making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana territory, with an amendment, also the bill further to alter and establish certain Post roads with several amendments.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate, to the bill further to alter and establish certain Post roads—whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendments.

The bill from the Senate for the relief of George Scoone, and Alexander Cameron, was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, this day.

The bill from the Senate, making provision for the widow and orphan children of Thomas Hinn, was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, this day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House.

Mr. DAWSON, in the Chair.

On the bill making an appropriation for carrying into effect, certain Indian treaties; and after some time spent therein, the committee rose, and reported the bill with several amendments, which were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the bill with the amendments, be engrossed for a third reading, to-day.

A message was received from the Senate, notifying their disagreement to the amendment of House, to the bill in addition to the act making provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds, received in the actual service of the United States during the revolutionary war.

The House took the said message into consideration—Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do insist on their amendment, and desire a conference with the Senate on the subject matter thereof and have appointed as conferees on their part, Mr. Dana, Mr. Root, and Mr. Nelson.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House.

Mr. GREGG in the chair.

On the bill from the Senate for the relief of George Scoone and Alexander Cameron, and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill without amendment.

The said bill was then read the third time and passed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House.

Mr. GREGG in the chair.

On the bill from the Senate, for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Thomas Kinn, and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill without amendment.

The said bill was then read the third time, and passed.

A message was received from the Senate, notifying that they have passed the bill for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Robert Elliot.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate, to the bill making an appropriation for the payment of witnesses summoned on the part of the United States, in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chase,—Whereupon.

Ordered, That the amendments, together with the bill, be committed to a committee of the whole House, immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into said committee.

Mr. DAWSON in the chair.

And after some time spent therein, the committee rose, and reported their disagreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Senate—Whereupon.

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole, in their disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate, for striking out, in the first section of the bill—line 3d, the words "on behalf of the House of Representatives, and of all the people of the United States, to attend the Senate in support," and to insert in lieu thereof, the words "to attend the Senate in the trial."

And resolved in the affirmative, 60 voting for, and 18 against it.

Resolved, That the House disagree to all the other amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

The bill from the Senate, supplementary to the act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the convention between the United States, and his Britannic Majesty, was read the first, second and third times, and passed.

Mr. R. Griswold, made a report from the committee, to whom were referred the resolutions of the Senate, expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen and marines of his squadron, which was read and committed to the same committee.

A message was received from the Senate notifying their agreement to the conference demanded by this House, on the subject matter of the amendments disapproved of by the Senate, to the bill making farther provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds &c. and have appointed conferees on their part.

The House, then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House.

Mr. DAWSON in the chair.

On the bill making an appropriation for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill with several amendments, which, after being read, and considered by the House, were agreed to.

Ordered that the bill, with the amendments, be engrossed for a third reading, to-morrow.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

SUNDAY March 3.

An engrossed bill making an appropriation for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, was read the third time and passed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee of accounts be authorised to adjust and settle an account of Wm. Duane, for arrears of printing, the 2d session of the 7th Congress and to direct payment of such sum as they shall allow thereon.

Mr. Findley, from the committee of elections, to whom was referred the certificate of election of G. Clinton, jun. reported that they have examined the said certificate, or credentials of the election of Geo. Clinton, jun. and are of opinion that he is entitled to a seat in this House.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The House according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

Mr. VARNUM in the chair.

On the bill for the relief of sundry persons therein named; and after some time spent therein the committee rose and reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-day.

Mr. Dana reported from the managers appointed to attend a conference with the Senate on their disagreeing votes on the amendments to the bill to make provision for persons disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the U. States, that they could come to no agreement on the subject matter of said amendments:

The House according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

Mr. VARNUM in the chair.

On the bill to revive and make permanent the act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives, and to compel the attendance of witnesses; and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported two amendments, which having been twice read, were concurred in by the House.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-day.

The House according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

Mr. GREGG in the chair,

On the bill from the Senate to extend jurisdiction in certain cases, to the state and territorial courts; and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill with several amendments, which having been twice read, were concurred in by the House.

The bill with the amendments were then read the third time and passed.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Robert Patton and others was read the third time and passed.

Mr. R. Griswold, from the committee to whom were recommitted their report on the resolutions expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, &c. made a supplementary report, proposing sundry amendments thereto. which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered that the resolutions with the amendments be read the third time to-day.

An engrossed bill to revive and make permanent the act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections of members of the House of Representatives, &c. was read the third time and passed.

A motion was made and seconded, that the clerk be authorised to pay out of the contingent fund of this House 200 dollars to Jos. Wheaton, sergeant at arms, to Thos. Claxton and Thomas Dunn, the door-keepers and assistant do. for their extra services; and to John Philips and Alexander Claxton, 50 dols.

Another motion was made and seconded, that the farther consideration of the above motion be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

And was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Varnum, one of the members from Massachusetts, presented to the House, a letter from the governor of said state, inclosing an attested copy of two resolutions of the Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts, instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representatives of said state in Congress, to take all necessary and legal steps—and to use their utmost exertions, as soon as it is practicable, to obtain an amendment of the federal constitution, so as to empower the Congress of the United States to pass a law whenever they may deem it expedient, to prevent the further importation of slaves, from any of the West India islands from the coast of Africa, or elsewhere, into the United States, or any part thereof—

Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution.

"*Resolved, by the Senate & House of Representatives of the U. States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring*, That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several states, as an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which when ratified by three fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the said constitution, to wit:"

"That the Congress of the United shall have power to prevent the further importation of slaves into the United States, and the territories thereof."

The said proposed resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution from the Senate, expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen and marines of his squadron, with the amendments, were read the third time and *unanimously* agreed to.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

Mr. DAWSON in the chair.

On the bill to provide for a light house on Welch Hill point, in Rhode Island, and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That it be engrossed for a third reading to-day.

The order of the day was called for on the bill for the relief of Philip Nicklin and Robert Eglesfield Griffith.

Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded to postpone the farther consideration thereof, to the first Monday in December next.

And resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Newton, made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of York county Pennsylvania.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate, to the bill for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbours of the United States &c.

Whereupon.

The bill, with the amendments, was committed to Messrs. Nicholson, Crowninshield, and Huger.

It was moved and seconded that the thanks of this House, be presented to *Nathaniel Macon*, in testimony of their approbation of his conduct, in the discharge of the arduous and important duty assigned to him, while acting as Speaker, and *unanimously* resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker made his acknowledgements to the House, as followeth,

Gentlemen,

Accept my thanks for the vote which you have been pleased to pass, approving my conduct in the chair, permit me to assure you that it has been my constant endeavor so to conduct myself as to do justice to each member, and the highest gratification which I can receive is your approbation.

A message was received from the Senate, notifying that they had passed the bill for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the U. S. and in the waters under their jurisdiction, with several amendments.

A motion was made and seconded that the clerk of this House be authorised to pay out of the contingent fund of this House, 250 dollars to Samuel Hamilton jun. for his services in the library, and 250 dollars to Alexander Claxton for his services as a messenger.

The House proceeded to consider the said motion, when

Another motion was made and seconded to postpone the farther consideration to the first Monday in Decem. next.

And was resolved in the affirmative.

A message was received from the Senate, notifying that they adhere to their disagreement to the amendment insisted on by the this House, to the bill in addition to an act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the U. States during the revolutionary war.

An engrossed bill to provide for a light-house on Watchhill point, was read the third time and passed.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock P. M.

WASHINGTON CITY.

MONDAY, March 11.

Paris, Dec. 25.

Gen. Moreau, it is thought, will embark for America in the beginning of January.

By AUTHORITY.

AN ACT

To regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That after due notice of this act at the several custom houses, no vessel owned in whole, or in part, by any citizen or citizens of the United States, or by any person or persons residing within the same, or the territories thereof, and armed or provided with the means of being armed at sea, shall receive a clearance, or be permitted to leave the port where she may be so armed, or provided, for any Island in the West Indies, or for any other port or place situated on the continent of America between Cayenne and the southern boundary of Louisiana, without bond with two sufficient sureties being given by the owner or owners, agent or agents, together with the master or commander, to the use of the United States, in a sum equal to double the value of said vessel, her arms, ammunition, tackle, apparel and