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thereto, Our Committee are Mr. Hugh Rutledge, Major Pinckney & Mr. Deas.
By order of the House, Jacob Read, Speaker

Ordered That the Message be sent to the Senate and that Mr. Hugh Rutledge and Mr. Deas do carry the same.

The House proceeded to the Second reading of a Bill to Incorporate the Baptist Church on Hornes Creek in Edgefield County, State of South Carolina, when a Motion was made and Seconded that the Bill be changed into An Ordinance, which was agreed to—the Ordinance being then read through and agreed to

Ordered That the Ordinance be sent to the Senate and that Mr. Simpkins and Colonel Anderson do carry the same.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20TH 1790

Read The Journals of Yesterday's proceedings.

Mr. Speaker Administered the Oath to Support the Constitution of the United States to Mr. Robert Patton, a Member of this House.

A Motion was made and Seconded, that a Message be sent to the Senate informing them that this House propose to Ratify such Acts and Ordinances as are Engrossed, and the Great Seal of the State affixed thereto at 1 o'Clock this day, and then to Adjourn to Saturday the Twenty Seventh day of November 1790, which being agreed to, the following Message was accordingly prepared Vizt.

In the House of Representatives January 20th 1790
Honorable Gentlemen

This House propose to ratify such Acts and Ordinances as are engrossed, and the Great Seal of the State affixed thereto at 1 o'Clock this day, and then to Adjourn to Saturday the Twenty Seventh day of November next, to which this House request Your Honors Concurrence.

Ordered That the Message be signed by the Speaker, and that it be sent to the Senate and that Colonel Lushington and Mr. Drury Robertson do carry the same.

A petition was presented to the House from Sundry Free Moors, Subjects of the Emperor of Morocco; and residents in this State, praying that in case they should Commit Any Fault amenable to be brought to Justice, that they as Subjects to a Prince in Alliance with the United States of America, may be tried under the same Laws as the Citizens of this State would be liable to be tried, and not under the Negro Act, which was received and read.

(The humble Petition of Francis, Daniel, Hammond and Samuel, (Free Moors) in behalf of themselves and their wives Fatima, Flora, Sarah and

Clarinda, Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioners some years past had the misfortune while fighting in the defence of their Country, to be captured with their wives and made prisoners of War by one of the Kings of Africa. That a certain Captain Clark had them delivered to him on a promise that they should be redeemed by the Emperor of Morocco's Ambassador then residing in England, in order to have them returned to their own Country: *Instead of which* he brought them to this State, and sold them for slaves. Since that period they have by the greatest industry been enabled to purchase their freedom from their respective Masters: And now prayeth your Honorable House, That as free born subjects of a Prince now in Alliance with these United States; that they may not be considered as subject to a Law of this State (now in force) called the negro law: but if they should unfortunately be guilty of any crime or misdemeanor against the Laws of the Land, that they may have a just trial by a Lawful Jury. And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.¹

Ordered That it be referred to a Committee, the following Gentlemen were accordingly appointed, Mr. Justice Grimke, General Pinckney & Mr. Edward Rutledge.

A petition was presented to the House from Sundry Inhabitants of Ninety Six District, praying that another Inspector of Tobacco for the Inspections at Campbells, Falmouth, and Adam's ferry Warehouses might be appointed, which was received and read.

Ordered That General Pinckney have leave to bring in An Ordinance agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners.

Major Pinckney from the Committee appointed to examine such Acts and Ordinances as are engrossed, and to get the great Seal of the State affixed thereto, Reported that there were Four Acts and Eight Ordinances ready for Ratifying.²

Mr. Isham Moore reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Richard Richardson and others, the Inhabitants of Clarendon County praying a repeal of An Act intituled "An Act to empower the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Episcopal Church of Claremont in Saint Marks Parish to sell and dispose of a Certain tract of Land in Saint Marks Parish aforesaid and for purchasing a more Convenient piece of Land as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the said Church of Claremont" passed March 7th 1789, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table where it was again read for information.

Ordered That it [be] taken into immediate Consideration, which being read through was agreed to and is as follows Vizt.

¹ Thomas Worth Glover Papers, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina. The petition printed here is taken from a copy that was probably made in the nineteenth century.

² This report probably was made later in the day. At least one of the four acts and four of the eight ordinances were not yet engrossed at this time.

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Ordered That the Resolution be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence and that General Pinckney and Major Pinckney do carry the same.¹⁶

A Motion was made and Seconded that a Message be prepared and sent to the Senate requesting that they would appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of this House to Contract for and inspect the printing of the Acts and Ordinances of the General Assembly passed during the present sitting—which being agreed to—A Message was prepared, which being read was agreed to and is as follows Vizt.

In the House of Representatives January 20th 1790

Honorable Gentlemen

This House inform your House that this House have appointed a Committee to Contract for and Inspect the printing of the Acts and Ordinances of the General Assembly passed during the present Sitting, and to Contract with the printer now here for the printing of Three hundred Copies of the Census Act. This House request that your House would appoint a Committee to Join the Committee of this House for the said purpose. Our Committee are Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hutson, Commodore Gillon, Mr. Hugh Rutledge, Mr. Ralph Izard Junr.

Ordered That Mr. Speaker do sign the Message and that Mr. Porcher and Mr. Isham Moore do carry the same to the Senate.

The Senate returned to this House by their Clerk the following Ordinances which had been Severally read a third time in that House and passed Vizt.

An Ordinance to Incorporate a Society for the purpose of raising and Securing a Fund for the relief of the Widows and Children of the deceased Presbyterean Ministers belonging thereto, and

An Ordinance for Adding another Inspector of Tobacco for the Inspection at Campbells, Falmouth, and Adams's ferry Warehouses.

Ordered That the Ordinances be engrossed.

On Motion Resolved That the Commissioners of the Treasury be directed to pay to James Brown or to his order Fourteen pounds, for Carpenters work done for the Legislature during the present Sitting.

Ordered That the Resolution be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence and that Colonel Lushington and Mr. Ellison do carry the same.¹⁷

Mr. Edwd. Rutledge reported from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Free Moors, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table where it was again read for information.

Ordered That it be taken into immediate Consideration which being read through was agreed to and is as follows Vizt.

Report That they have Considered the same and are of opinion that no Law of this State can in its Construction or Operation apply to them, and that persons

¹⁶ The Senate received the resolution, but did not consider it.

¹⁷ The Senate referred the resolution to a committee that did not report.

who were Subjects of the Emperor of Morocco being Free in this State are not triable by the Law for the better Ordering and Governing of Negroes and other Slaves.

Resolved That this House do agree with the Report.

The Senate sent to this House by their Clerk the following message.

In the Senate January 20th 1790

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen

This House agreeably to your request by message Just received, have appointed a Committee to Join the Committee of your House to Contract for, and inspect the printing of the Acts and Ordinances of the General Assembly passed during the present Sitting, and to Contract with the printer now here for the printing Three hundred Copies of the Census Act. Our Committee are Colonel Gervais, Colonel Hampton & Mr. Brown.

By order of the Senate, D. Desaussure, President

The Senate returned to this House by their Clerk An Ordinance to Vest in Richard and Wade Hampton and their Heirs the right and property in the Bridge built across Congaree river at the place called Fridigs ferry which had been read twice in that House.¹⁸

The Senate returned to this House by their Clerk the following Resolutions with their Concurrence thereto Vizt.

A Resolution of the 18th instant respecting amendments to the Constitution of the United States

A Resolution of the 19th instt. respecting Tobacco Manifests

A Resolution of the 20th instant directing an Indent to be issued to Duncan Ingraham Junr.

A Resolution of the 20th instant respecting persons appointed to Public Offices, and have not taken the Oath to Support the Constitution of the United States

A Resolution of the 20th instant respecting the mode of Conducting the next General Election of Members to the Senate and House of Representatives

A Resolution of the 16th instant respecting the Debt due by this State to his most Christian Majesty

A Resolution of the 20th instant providing payment for the Pilot of Georgetown

A Resolution of the 20th instant respecting [an]¹⁹ Indent of James Grier Esquire

¹⁸ The journal does not record any further consideration of the ordinance. The index to the engrossed journal states that the ordinance was withdrawn on a motion by Alexander Gillon because of a request by Wade Hampton.

¹⁹ Journal of the House of Representatives, 1790, rough copy. The engrossed journal reads "and."

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