

The following Members appeared and took their seats, viz. From Pennsylvania, *James H. Mitchell*; from Maryland, *Robert Wright*; from Virginia, *Daniel S. Jeffrey*; from North Carolina, *Wm. Gaston*; from South Carolina, *John J. Chappell*.

Several petitions for the establishment of post routes were presented and referred.

*Mr. Shepherd* presented the petition of *Mary Fletcher*, praying to be relieved from her distressed situation occasioned by the death of her husband, who was killed by the enemy while in the military service of the U. States — Referred

*Mr. Wilson* of Penn. presented the petition of *John Wilson* for a pension in consideration of his having been accidentally disabled by a soldier in the service of the U. States — Referred.

*Mr. Robertson* presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Orleans Navigation Company, praying a grant for a lot of ground at the mouth of the Bayou St John, on which to erect a building for the use of the company. Referred

*Mr. Rhea* of Tenn. from the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill authorising the transmission of certain documents free of postage; which was twice read and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to day. The bill was subsequently read a third time and passed.

On motion of *Mr. Hempstead* of Missouri,

*Resolved*, That the committee on Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the speedy and final confirmation of all grants of land, or orders of survey lawfully made and completed, by the proper officer in the late district of Louisiana, now territory of Missouri, during the time the said territory was in the actual possession of Spain or France, or while either of those powers exercised the sovereignty therein.

*Resolved*, That said committee enquire into the expediency of making provision by law, for granting all such claims to land in said territory, not exceeding 640 acres to each claimant, where the claimant or the person under whom he claims had actually cultivated the same prior to the 30th day of December, 1803

*Resolved* That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, to enable persons claiming lands in said territory, and which shall not be conferred or granted under the laws of the United States, to contest the legality of such decisions in a court of law.

*Resolved*, That said committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the right of pre-emption to actual settlers on the public lands in said territory; and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

*Resolved*, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making provision by law for the appointment of an additional Judge of the Superior Court in the territory of Missouri, exclusively for the district of Arkansas—with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of *Mr. Wilson* of Penn.

*Resolved*, That the committee on the Naval Establishment enquire and report on the expediency of a provision by law for deepening the channel into the harbor of Picague Isle, on Lake Erie.

*Resolved*, That the Military Committee enquire & report upon the expediency of improving the water communications and roads necessary for the transportation of troops, military and naval stores and provisions between certain parts of the U States and the Lakes

*Mr. Pickering* of Mass moved the following joint resolution, which was twice read and ordered to be engrossed.

*Resolved*, *By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That of the public journals of the Senate and House of Representatives of the present and every future Congress, commencing with the present session; and of the documents published under the orders of the Senate and of the House of Representatives respectively, from the commencement of the present session, there shall be printed two hundred copies beyond the number usually printed; of which twenty five copies shall be deposited in the library of the United States at the seat of government, to be delivered to members of Congress during any session, and to all other persons authorized by law to use the books in the library, upon their applications to the librarian, and giving their responsible receipts for the same, in like manner as for other books: And that so many other of the said copies shall be transmitted in like manner as the acts of Congress are transmitted, to the several states and territories, as shall be sufficient to furnish one copy to each Executive, one copy to each branch of every state and territorial legislature, one copy to each university and college in each state, and one copy to the historical society incorporated, or which shall be incorporated, in each state: And that the residue of the said two hundred copies be deposited in the library of the United States, subject to the future disposition of Congress.

A motion was made that when the house adjourn this day it adjourn to Monday next; which was negatived, 64 to 50.

The galleries were then cleared & the doors closed, on motion of Mr *Cruady*, and so remained until five o'clock, when the House adjourned.