

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JANUARY 18th, 1839.

Extract from the journal.

It is ordered to be certified to the Senate, that this House has taken bond from the printer elect, for the printing of the journals and miscellaneous work of this House, and that nothing remains for them to contract for, but the printing of the acts of the session.

Att.

JOS. B. LANCASTER, Clerk H. R.

Which were read.

Mr. Marvin offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the House of Representatives be informed by message, that the Senate have appointed a committee to join the committee of the House, to condense, revise, and collate the laws of the Territory: which was twice read, the rule being waived, and adopted.

Mr. Berthelot introduced the following resolution, viz: Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has already appointed a committee to take into consideration so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Indian war, and, that he certify to said House the names of said committee, and that said committee be empowered to join the committee appointed by the House of Representatives; which was twice read, the rule being waived, and adopted.

Mr. Duval gave notice that at some early day he should introduce a bill to locate the quarter section of land which was located in the township which Congress granted to General Lafayette, (as referred to in the Governor's message,) and to authorize the sale of the land given by Congress to erect public buildings at Tallahassee.

Mr. Berthelot offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the committee appointed on a former day to take bond and security from the printer elect, be instructed to join the committee appointed by the House of Representatives to take a joint bond for the printing of the laws of both Houses, and that said committee take a separate bond of the miscellaneous printing and journals of the Senate; which was read.

On motion the Senate adjourned until Monday 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 21st, 1839.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and the proceedings of Friday last were read.

Mr. Mills offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit to this House, for the use of the joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, all the correspondence between himself and General Taylor, and the Secretary of War, on the subject of the Seminole war; which was twice read, the rule being waived, and adopted.

Mr. Walker introduced the following preamble and resolution viz :

Whereas it is believed by this Legislative Council that the improvement of the navigation of the Yellow river, a stream mouth-
ing into the Bay of Pensacola, would speedily bring a large quanti-
ty of the public lands into market, would render acceptable a large
amount of live oak and other timber suitable for public purposes, and
would be of great convenience and advantage to the inhabitants re-
siding thereon:

Be it therefore Resolved by the Governor and Legislative Coun-
cil of the Territory of Florida, that Charles Downing, Esq'r, our
Representative in the Congress of the United States, be, and he is
hereby requested to use his best exertions to obtain from Congress
an appropriation of money to remove the obstructions in said river.

Which was twice read, the rule being waived, and adopted.

A resolution before offered by Mr. Duval in relation to the fees of
officers of the Territory, was again read and adopted.

Mr. Hart, in lieu of a resolution offered by him on Friday last,
proposed the following substitute, viz :

Whereas the river St. Johns, in East Florida, is one of the first
magnitude upon the Atlantic coast, South of the Potomac, being from
two to three miles in width, and extending from its mouth into the in-
terior through a fertile region, more than three hundred miles, con-
nected at various points with important navigable tributaries; and
looking to the time (which it is hoped is not far distant) when the In-
dians, who inhabit a great portion of the lands bordering upon the
said river and its tributaries, will be removed, and the pursuits of ag-
riculture be no longer interrupted; and whereas the commerce of the
said river is rapidly increasing and its waters must soon become the
outlet to the productions of a vast extent of country; and whereas
it is confidently believed and asserted by practical and scientific men
that the bar at the mouth of said river is susceptible of great improve-
ment, and that a break-water would deepen the water upon said bar
and eminently improve its navigation:

Therefore, be it resolved by the Governor and Legislative Coun-
cil of the Territory of Florida, that our Delegate in Congress be
requested to procure the appointment of a competent engineer, and
an appropriation to defray the expense of making a survey of the
said bar and its harbour, and to report the practicability and expense
of making a break-water thereat.

Which was accepted, and being again read, was adopted.

Mr. Duval offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved that a committee be appointed on that part of the Gov-
ernor's message that advises the Legislative Council to memorialize
Congress, for a grant of land to be applied to internal improvements
and that the said committee be instructed to embrace in the memo-
rial the subject of encouraging others permanently to reside on the
frontiers of East Florida, by granting under certain limitations to
each settler one quarter section of land, and also to present to Con-

gress the views of the Legislative Council as to the fortifications necessary to be erected for the ports of St. Marks, Apalachicola, St. Joseph, Key West, Tampa Bay, and other points near the Florida reef; which was twice read, the rule being waived, and adopted.

Messrs. Duval, Mills, Marvin, and Hawkins were appointed said committee.

A resolution passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate on Friday last, in relation to the remission of the Territorial tax on the sale of the pews of the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches in this city, was again read, and on motion to lay said resolution on the table the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Berthelot and Hawkins, and were, yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Berthelot, Duval, Hawkins, Walker, and Wright, 7; nays—Messrs. Dupont, Hart, Mills, and Marvin, 4. So said resolution was laid on the table. On motion said resolution was again taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Mills, the Senate went into committee of the whole on a bill entitled "an act to provide for and authorize the payment of the Florida troops for services rendered during the Seminole war," after some time spent in its consideration the committee rose, and Mr. Berthelot, chairman thereof, reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which was concurred in.

On motion said bill was laid on the table and copies ordered.

A resolution, before offered by Mr. Berthelot in relation to taking bond and security of the printer elect, for the faithful performance of the work, was again read and adopted.

On motion the Senate then adjourned until to-morrow 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 22nd, 1839.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and yesterday's proceedings were read.

The House sent to the Senate for their concurrence a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Ocilla Academy, in the county of Jefferson; which was read.

Also the following resolutions:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislative Council of Florida, that the Delegate in Congress be requested to apply to Congress for an appropriation to meet the expenses incurred by this Territory in their Convention held at the city of St. Joseph, by a law of the Legislative Council, passed at the session of 1838, authorizing the said Convention to form a Constitution and government for the State of Florida; and to apply to Congress for admission into the Union.

Be it further resolved, that the Auditor of public accounts be directed to make an estimate of the expenses of said Convention, in-