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kins, Mills, and Wright, 8; nays—Messrs. Berthelot and Marvin, 2; so said resolutions were adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to divorce Martha P. Blackwell from her husband Jacob A. Blackwell, was read a third time, the yeas and nays were called for, and were, yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Duval, Dupont, Hart, Mills, and Walker, 7; nays—Messrs. Berthelot, Hawkins, Marvin, and Wright, 4; so said bill passed.

A resolution sent from the House of Representatives on a former day, asking for an appropriation of Congress for the improvement of the navigation of the Suwannee and Santa Fe rivers, was again read, and the following amendment offered, viz:

"And also such sum as may be necessary for the purpose of erecting a light house at Cedar Keys, near the mouth of said river, Suwannee," which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the St. Andrews and Chipola Canal Company, was again read and referred to the committee on the state of the Territory.

A bill to be entitled "an act to provide for the appointment of pilots, and to regulate the rates of pilotage at Tampa Bay," was again read and laid on the table.

A bill entitled "an act for the appointment of weighers of cotton for the city of Tallahassee and town of St. Marks," was read a third time and passed; ordered that the title be as follows, viz: "an act to provide for the appointment of weighers of cotton for the city of Tallahassee and town of St. Marks."

A resolution sent from the House of Representatives on Thursday last, proposing to adjourn on the 23rd inst., was read again and laid on the table for to-morrow.

On a bill to be entitled "an act regulating proceedings before Justices of the Peace, the Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Marvin in the chair; after sometime spent in its consideration, the committee rose and reported the bill as amended, and ordered it to be engrossed for to-morrow.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 19th, 1839.

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

Mr. Hawkins, agreeable to previous notice, offered a bill entitled "an act to authorise the county court of Franklin county to levy a tax for the building a jail in said county," which was read by its title and ordered for to-morrow.

Also, a bill to be entitled "an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Apalachicola," was read by its title and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Walker offered a bill to be entitled "an act to determine the fees of certain officers, and for other purposes, was read by its title and laid among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Berthelot, agreeable to previous notice, offered a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Tallahassee, which was read by its title and laid among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Also, a bill to be entitled "an act to raise by lottery a sum of money to build a Masonic Hall in the city of Tallahassee, and for other purposes," which, being read by its title, was placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A preamble and resolutions passed by the House of Representatives on the 13th inst., and sent to the Senate for their concurrence, was made the orders of the day for Thursday next:

The Senate went into committee of the whole on a bill reported by the committee on the state of the Territory, to authorise the Governor of the Territory of Florida to raise a force of mounted volunteers for the defence of the Florida frontier, for which Mr. Duval offered a substitute, which was adopted; the committee then arose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

A bill to be entitled "an act to amend an act to incorporate the subscribers to the Union Bank of Florida," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled "an act for the relief of Dr. Richard Weightman," was read a third time, to which Mr. Walker offered the following additional section:

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That all officers of the Army and Navy who shall have resided in the Territory twelve months, and shall be the owner of real estate in said Territory, shall be deemed and considered legal voters, which was lost.

Said bill was laid over for to-morrow.

"An act to authorise George Frederick Hamilton and Louis Schmidt to dispose of real estate and other property by lottery," was read a third time, and on the question of its final passage, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Walker and Hawkins, and were, yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Berthelot, Hart, Hawkins, Mills and Marvin, 6; nays—Messrs. Bailey, Duval, Dupont, Walker and Wright, 5; so said bill passed,

Mr. Duval offered the following as a substitute for the title of the bill, viz. An act to lottery off the honor of the Territory of Florida; upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Walker and Berthelot, and were, yeas—Messrs. Duval, Marvin, and Walker, 3; nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Berthelot, Dupont, Hart, Hawkins, Mills and Wright, 8; so said substitute was lost; ordered that the title be as first read.

An act to secure the more effectual administration of justice in the Southern Judicial District, was passed; ordered that the title be as above.

A bill to be entitled "an act to repeal an act entitled an act to

amend an act concerning power" was read a third time and upon the question of its final passage the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Duval, Hart, Walker, and Wright. The said bill passed, ordered that the title be as stated.

The Senate went into committee of the whole on a bill to be entitled "an act to provide for the appointment of Pilots, and to regulate the rates of pilotage at Tampa Bay, and after some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

A Resolution from the House of Representatives sent to the Senate on a former day, proposing to adjourn on the 23d inst. *sine die*, was read a second time and the following amendment made, to wit: "Saturday the 23d day Feb'y inst." was stricken out and the words "Saturday the 2d day of March next" were inserted and adopted.

A bill to be entitled "an act regulating proceedings before Justice of the Peace" was read a third time and passed, ordered that the title be as above.

The House transmitted to the Senate a bill entitled "an act for the relief of Esther Sparkman" which was read by its title and ordered for to-morrow.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 20th, 1839.

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

Mr. Hawkins offered a letter from Wm. F. Stockton, in relation to mails which was read and referred to a select committee. Messrs. Hawkins, Marvin, and Hart were appointed said committee.

Mr. Mills, from the committee on the state of the Territory to whom was referred an act to incorporate the St. Andrews and Chippola Canal Company, with instructions to report on the expediency of repealing the 13th section of the act to incorporate said company, approved Feb. 12, 1837, has the honor to report that the 13th section proposed to be repealed, restricting said company, to a certain point on the river Apalachicola in locating said Rail Road.

The majority of the committee are of opinion that it is at this time inexpedient to make any alteration in said charter, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration. Which report was received and placed among the orders of to-day.

Mr. Wright from a select committee to whom was referred a resolution to increase the number of Senators, reported a bill to be entitled an act to increase the number of members of the Senate, and to apportion the additional members throughout the Territory, which was read and ordered for to-morrow.

The Senate went into secret session on certain nominations of his