

the subject has already met with a very favorable consideration. In addition to this, at the same session of the Council, an act was passed incorporating the Dade Institute of Florida, from which it is also evident the claims of the petition, as well as the great object in view, was properly appreciated by the representatives of the people of Florida. Your committee, concurring in sentiment with the resolutions of 1838 upon this subject of the Dade Institute, deems it would be but an act of supererrogation on the part of the Legislative Council, to take any further action on the matter. Enough has been done in the opinion of your committee, to show both to Congress and the American people, that we are deeply impressed with the importance of the subject, and your committee would therefore beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition.

A bill entitled an act to incorporate the Lafayette Engine and Hose Company of Key West, passed by the House of Representatives, Jan. 22d, 1840, was read and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill, entitled an act to repeal the second section of an act entitled an act to alter the time and manner of holding the Courts in Monroe county, and to extend the several acts respecting Executions into and over the Southern Judicial District of Florida, passed by the House of Representatives Jan. 23d, 1840, was read a first and second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill entitled an act in amendment to an act approved Feb. 3, 1834, concerning the authentication of conveyances, passed by the House of Representatives Jan. 23, 1840, was read a first and second time by its teller, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill entitled an act for the relief of John Bryan, passed by the House of Representatives Jan. 23d, 1840, was read a first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

#### TUESDAY, 28th Jan. 1840.

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

Mr. Mills, agreeable to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of Judges of the County Court, and for other purposes which was read.

Mr. Wright offered the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Territory be requested to distribute the copies of the laws of the Territory as com-

piled by John P. Duval, in the following manner, taking receipts for the same :

To the Governor and Secretary of the Territory, each one copy—to every judicial officer of the Territory, one copy—to every Clerk of the Superior and County Courts, one copy—and to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, five copies, for the use of said court—to each District Attorney one copy, to be preserved and delivered by said officers respectively to their successors in office, and one copy to each of the members of the last and present Legislative Council.

*Resolved*, That P. A. Hayward be paid out of the fund provided for the publishing of the laws of the last session, the sum of \$750 for binding 750 copies of said compilation, which was read.

The resolution before offered by Mr. English, relative to the adjournment of the Legislative Council on the 15th February, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Duval in the Chair, on a bill entitled an act to increase the number of Senators, and to lay off the Territory into Senatorial Districts, after some time spent in its consideration, the committee reported a substitute for said bill.

On the question of concurring in the report of the committee of the whole, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Mills and Hawkins, and were

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Berthelot, Duval, Dupont, Hawkins Walker and Wright—6

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. English, Mills and Wright, 4.  
So the Report was concurred in.

On motion, said bill was read a third time.

On the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Mills and Berthelot, and were,

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Berthelot, Duval, Dupont, Hawkins, Wright—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. English and Mills—3.

So said bill passed, ordered that the title be as above.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lafayette Engine and Hose company of Key West, was read a second time and referred to the committee on the State of the Territory.

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to be entitled an act to establish a board of Port Wardens and Commissioners of Wrecks for the port of Apalachicola, which was read a first and second time by its teller, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize Edwin G. Booth to establish a ferry across the Apalachicola river below Ochesee, which was read a first and second time by its teller, and referred to the committee on the State of the Territory.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize John J. Clark to vend goods, wares and merchandize as a pedlar free from tax, which was read and laid on the table.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize John H. Mills to establish a ferry across the Escambia river, at Owens Lake, which was read a first and second time by its teller, and referred to the committee on the State of the Territory.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize William A. Bell to build a bridge and establish a ferry across Little Bayou in Escambia county, which was read a first and second time by its teller, and referred to the committee on the State of the Territory.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for issuing writs of Certiorari, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject, which was read a first and second time by its teller, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 29, 1840.

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

Mr. Mills gives notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns Silk Company.

Also, an act to authorize the appointment of a commissioner to take testimony in regard to losses sustained by Indian depredations, so as to perpetuate the same.

Mr. Duval offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to report a bill for the removal of all auctioneers who shall fail, after a certain day, to report to the Auditor, or to pay into the Territorial Treasury the several sums due by them.

Which was read and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Also, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee on Finance be instructed to enquire into the propriety of reducing the revenue tax, and amending the revenue laws of the Territory, and that they report on the same by bill or otherwise.

Also, the following:

*Resolved*, That the committee on Finance be directed to enquire into the propriety of the taxing law process, and that the said committee report on the same by bill or otherwise, which were read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Mills offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to confer with such committee of the House of Representatives, as may