

lief of the militia and volunteers of Florida, called into the service of the United States during the present Indian war.

Which was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the militia.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

TUESDAY, Feb. 18, 1840.

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

Mr. Hawkins moved that the reports and resolutions in relation to the Division of the Territory, be taken from the table and made the order of the day, for to-morrow—which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Mills, the resolution before offered by him, asking of the President of the late Convention held at St. Joseph, information relative to the vote given for "Constitution," or "no Constitution," was taken from the table, and made the order of to-morrow.

Mr. Duval offered a preamble and resolutions, making an appropriation for the reporting and publishing the decisions of the Court of Appeals, which was read a first time and referred to the committee on the State of the Territory.

Mr. Mills from the Finance committee, reported a bill entitled "an act to provide for the compensation of the officers of the Legislative Council, and for other purposes," which was read a first time, and ordered for Thursday.

The Senate received from the House the following message, viz :

Extract from the minutes, Feb. 17, 1840.

On motion, Messrs. Lancaster, Snell and McKinnon were appointed a committee to confer with the committee of the Senate, on a bill entitled an Act, to authorize the Judges of the Superior Courts, to hold extra terms for the trial of criminal cases.

Attest.

J. H. GIBSON, Clerk, H. R.

The House sent to the Senate as passed, an Act, preventing any person holding office under the General Government of the United States, or any foreign Government or power from holding any office under the authority of the Territory of Florida; which was read a first time, and copies ordered.

The Senate went into committee of the whole. Mr. Bailey in

the chair, on a bill entitled an act to incorporate the city of Tallahassee; after some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again; which was concurred in.

An act to incorporate the town of Jasper, in Hamilton county, was read a third time and passed, ordered that the title be as above.

An act to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to take testimony in cases of claims for losses during the Seminole war, was read a third time and passed, ordered that the title be as above.

An act to provide for issuing writs of Certiorari, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject, was read and referred to the Judiciary committee.

An engrossed bill, entitled an act to suspend the operation of the revenue laws for the year 1840, and to provide for the settlement of all arrears due to and from the Territorial Treasury, was read a third time and passed; ordered that the title be as above.

His Excellency the Governor transmitted to the Senate, the following message, viz :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, Feb. 18, 1840. }

*To the Honorable the Senate of the Legislative Council of Florida.*

I respectfully inform you that I have approved the following acts of the Legislative Council; and also of certain resolutions:

An act to establish a Board of Port Wardens and commissioners of wrecks for the port of Apalachicola.

An Act in relation to Auctioneers.

An Act to incorporate the members of the Apalachicola library association.

An act to repeal the first section of an act entitled an act providing for removal of Justices of the Peace in certain cases, and for other purposes.—approved 14th Feb. 1835.

The Resolutions instructing our delegate in Congress to urge the passage of a law, dividing the collection district of Apalachicola, and creating a new and separate district, embracing the city and bay of St. Joseph.

The Resolutions relative to the distribution of Duval's compilation of the laws of Florida, by the Secretary of the Territory, and the payment of P. A. Hayward for binding seven hundred and fifty copies of the beforementioned compilation.

An Act for the relief of John Bryan.

In relation to this act for the relief John Bryan, I have to remark that the preamble contains a mistake as to the cause of the failure to hold sessions of the Superior Courts for the county of Columbia. The statement is as follows: "And whereas

for the last three years in consequence of the Indian troubles in that neighborhood, no court to which application could be made by the said John Bryan for a divorce, has been or is likely soon to be held in said county of Columbia." Now, it is known to me, that no Superior Court has been held in Columbia county; because ever since the law was passed, requiring said courts to be held in the county, no accommodations have been provided for such courts. There have been no Court House—and no Jury Rooms. Courts have been held at Nunansville within the last three years, for the counties of Alachua, Hillsborough, and Columbia, before which the party aggrieved might have filed his bill for a divorce, and might perhaps have obtained a decision thereon. It is admitted however, that the course of justice has been occasionally interrupted in the three counties last mentioned in consequence of Indian disturbances.

With this explanation, and presuming that the Legislative Council have received evidence under oath of the facts upon which the divorce is claimed—I approve the act

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

Which was read.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19, 1840.

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

The Senate received from the House the following message  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 18, 1840.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole, on a bill entitled an act to prevent duelling—after some time, the committee of the whole rose, and Mr. Meacham chairman therefrom, reported said bill to the House, with all but the enacting clause stricken out.

Said report was concurred in.

Attest,

J. H. GIBSON, Clerk.

Mr. Dupont, agreeably to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, entitled "an act for the relief of M. H. Martin,"—which was read a first and second time, and ordered to-morrow.

An act to incorporate a company to be called the St. Marks Rail Road Company, was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the State of the Territory.

A bill to be entitled, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of