

tion, to the best of my ability—and without feelings of prejudice or partiality to, or against any man. I shall continue to make the same effort, relying upon the wisdom and patriotism of THE PEOPLE of FLORIDA to support me in sustaining THE SUPREMACY OF THE LAWS.

Allow me to remind you, in conclusion, that we have just passed through the excitements of very strongly contested elections;—these agitations, I am sure, you will agrée with me, should be subdued and put at rest; they should not be suffered to impede and warp the progress of legislation. It is only by the exercise of a charitable feeling and conciliatory spirit, that we can make our labors profitable to the Territory—and I assure you, while the Executive adheres to its own political principles, and must be governed by them, it desires to exercise respect, forbearance and tolerance towards the differing opinions of others; but most of all, is it anxious to unite cordially with you, in rendering substantial and acceptable service to our unfortunate and bleeding country.

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

Executive Office, Tallahassee, Fla. }

January 11, 1841. }

Which was read, and 100 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brockenbrough offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Territory be requested to furnish a copy of Duval's Compilation, and the acts of the last Legislative Council, for the use of each member of the Senate.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 12, 1841.

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

Mr. Dupont offered the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Florida*, That this Legislative Council do, in the name of the people of Florida, tender to Lieut. Col. Harney, of the United States Army, now operating in Florida, their cordial thanks for zeal and energy displayed by him as an officer, in the prosecution of the heretofore humiliating, and yet harassing Indian war, which has so effectually desolated the fairest portion of our afflicted Territory.

2. *Be it further Resolved*, That as the guardians, as well of the honor, as to the interests of our constituents, we do unanimously approve of the course pursued by the said officer in his late gallant affair with the Indians in the Everglades.

3. *Be it further Resolved*, That as commemorative of our approbation and gratitude for the distinguished services and unabated zeal of this gallant officer, his Excellency the Governor of the Territory, be requested to cause to be prepared a sword with a suitable inscription, and to present the same to Lieut. Col. Harney, in the name of the people of Florida.

Which was read.

Mr. English gave notice that at some future time he would introduce a bill to strike out the last provision of the 5th section of an act entitled an act to establish a board of Wardens and Commissioners of Pilotage for the port of Key West.

Mr. Livingston introduced a preamble and resolution in relation to the appointment of Territorial officers by the General Government.

Which was read.

Mr. English introduced the following Resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Auditor be requested to state to this body what amount of Taxes has been paid by the Auctioneers in South Florida, and state if any part thereof has been returned for school purposes.

Which was read.

His Excellency the Governor transmitted to the Senate a statement of the condition of the Union Bank, upto the 1st of January, 1841. Which was read, referred to the committee on Finance and Banks, and 50 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brockenbrough offered the following Resolution, viz:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*, That the Governor be requested to furnish to the Council a statement of the votes of the people upon the adoption of the Constitution, furnished by the St. Joseph Convention, together with the original Poll Books, and other returns, that the same may be deposited among the archives of the Territory, after such action thereon as the Legislature may think proper.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. English the Senate proceeded to elect a printer, when, C. E. Bartlett was unanimously elected.

Mr. Dupont offered the following Resolution viz:

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to cause to be transmitted to the Senate, at as early a day as practicable, the report of the Auditor and Treasurer of the Territory, for the year 1840.

Which was read.

Also a Resolution in relation to the reference of the Governor's message to the appropriate committees—which was read.

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

WEDNESDAY, January 13, 1841.

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

Mr. Walker presented the petition of James Burnside, which was read and referred to Committee on Claims.

The resolutions offered by Mr. Dupont on yesterday, complimentary to Lieut. Col. Harney, were again read, to which a preamble was offered by the same gentleman and received.

Said preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The preamble and resolution offered by Mr. Livingston on yesterday, in relation to the appointment of Territorial officers by the General Government, were again read and adopted.

The resolution offered by Mr. English requiring of the Auditor information as to the taxes paid by the Auctioneers of South Florida, was again read and laid on the table.

The resolution of Mr. Dupont, in relation to the reports of the Auditor and Treasurer of the Territory, was again read and adopted.

Mr. Dupont offered the following substitute for the resolution offered by him on yesterday, as to the reference of his Excellency the Governor's Message:

*Resolved.* That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Indian war, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Territory; so much as relates to the organization of the militia, be referred to the Committee on the Militia; so much as relates to the currency, to issue of the Territorial Bonds, and to the revenue of the Territory, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Finances; so much as relates to Indian losses and claims in East Florida, to the Committee on Claims; so much as relates to internal defence and acts of incorporation recommended to be repealed, to the Committee on the State of the Territory; so much as relates to the criminal code, and the voting by joint ballot by the two Houses upon the nomination of the Governor, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Which was read and unanimously adopted.

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