

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, February 3, 1841. }

To the Legislative Council of Florida.

I respectfully inform you, that I have approved the resolution for the payment of Alfred A. Fisher, for rent of room for Ja and guarding prisoner.

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

The Senate went into secret session on certain nominations of his Excellency the Governor. On motion, the doors were opened, and the Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

THURSDAY, February 4, 1841.

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

Mr. Dupont gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, an act to perpetuate testimony in relation to Indian depredations committed in the Middle District of Florida.

The same agreeable to previous notice asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, an act for the relief of M. H. Martin. Which was read and ordered for to-day.

Mr. Walker from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to be entitled, an act to amend the acts in reference to the Tallahassee Funds, with amendments.

Also an act regulating appeals and writs of error in criminal cases, without amendment. Which report was received, and said bills ordered for to-day.

Mr. Livingston from the Committee on Schools and College made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges to whom was referred sundry resolutions, in relation to the poor schools fund for the counties of Monroe and Dade, ask leave to report the following preamble and resolution, as a substitute for the original.

Which was received, and said resolution ordered for to-day.

Mr. Dupont from the Committee on the State of the Territory, made the following report:

The Committee on the "State of the Territory" to whom was referred two bills, the one entitled "an act to incorporate

the first Baptist Church of Jacksonville," and the other entitled, "an act to incorporate the town of Mandarin," respectfully recommend the same, (without amendment) to the favorable action of the Senate, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The committee would, however, respectfully suggest for the consideration of the Senate, whether it might not comport better with sound policy and strict justice, to require, in all cases where bills are presented to incorporate towns, or for the purpose of amending the charters thereof, that the same be accompanied by a memorial or petition of the incorporators, stating the *terms* upon which they may wish to be incorporated. The propriety of the rule proposed must be so apparent to the Senate, that the committee will not consume time in enforcing it by argument.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. H. DUPONT, Chairman.
D. G. McLEAN.

Which was concurred in, and said bill ordered for to-day

Mr. Pelot from the Committee on Enrollments, reported as correctly enrolled, a resolution requesting the Delegate in Congress to obtain from Congress an annual appropriation for the publication of the reports of the decisions of the Court of Appeals.

An engrossed bill to be entitled, an act concerning Indian depredations and for other purposes, was read a third time; on the passage of said bill the ayes and nays were called by Messrs. Dupont and Walker, and were

Ayes—Mr. President, Messrs. Cooper, English, McLean, Pelot and Walker.

Nays—Messrs. Dupont and Livingston.

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

A bill to be entitled, an act to incorporate the town of Jacksonville, was read a third time and passed—ordered that the title be as above.

A bill to be entitled, an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a board of Port Wardens and Commissioners of Wrecks for the Port of Apalachicola, was read a third time and passed; ordered that the title be as above.

A bill to be entitled, an act to establish an Academy in the county of Leon and to incorporate the Trustees thereof, was read a third time and passed; ordered that the title be as above.

The Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Cooper in the chair, on a bill to be entitled, an act in relation to Public Elections. After some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

A bill to be entitled, an act for the relief of M. H. Martin, was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. English, the rule being waived, introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Elections be instructed to draft and report a bill conformable to the viva voce mode of voting.

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled, an act to amend the acts in reference to the Tallahassee Fund, was read a second time, and — copies ordered.

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to an act regulating appeals and writs of error in criminal cases.

The substitute offered by the Committee on Schools and Colleges for the resolutions in relation to the poor school fund for the counties of Monroe and Dade, was again read and adopted.

An act to incorporate the first Baptist Church of Jacksonville, was read a third time and passed—title as above.

An act to incorporate the town of Mandarin, was read a third time and passed—title as above.

The Senate received from his Excellency the Governor the following message:

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To the Legislative Council of Florida.

I herewith enclose the letter and report of the Treasurer on the school and land fund for the year 1840.

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

Which with the accompanying documents were ordered to be printed.

The Senate received from the House of Representatives, as passed, an act to alter and change the name of Martha P. Blackwell of Jefferson county. Also as indefinitely postponed, the resolution before passed by the Senate in relation to the final adjournment of both Houses.

The Senate then went into secret session on Executive nominations, on motion the doors being opened, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.