

the information required by a resolution of the Senate of the 28th January, 1841.

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

Which was laid on the table, and fifty copies with the accompanying documents ordered to be printed.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Tallahassee, February 6, 1840.

*To the Legislative Council of Florida :*

I respectfully inform you that I have approved the following Acts and Resolutions of the Legislative Council :

1. An act regulating appeals and writs of error in criminal cases.
2. An act to alter and change the name of Martha P. Blackwell of Jefferson county.
3. An act to incorporate the town of Madison Court House.
4. An act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Tallahassee.
5. An act to repeal the third, eighth and part of the ninth sections of an act entitled an act to authorise the Governor of Florida to raise troops for the defence of the frontier and for other purposes, approved 2d March, 1839.
6. A preamble and resolutions relative to appropriations made by Congress and not expended for the repairs of certain roads, &c.
7. A resolution relative to an annual appropriation for the publication of the reports of the decisions of the court of appeals.

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

Which was read.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

TUESDAY, February 9, 1841.

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

Mr. Duval presented the petition of Thomas Brown; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Livingston offered the following resolution, viz :

*Resolved.* That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the finishing of the capitol at Tallahassee, be referred to the

Committee on the State of the Territory, with jurisdiction to report by bill or otherwise at as early a day as possible.

Which was twice read, the rule being waived, and adopted. Mr. Walker from the Judiciary Committee reported a bill to be entitled, an act to allow Laurence O. Branch to practice law in the courts of this Territory, without amendment. Which was ordered for to-day.

Mr. Dupont from the Committee on the State of the Territory, reported favorably on a bill to be entitled an act to extend the power of the Port Wardens for the Port of Pensacola in Escambia county; which was ordered for to-day.

The same from the same, made the following report, viz:

The Committee on the State of the Territory to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, an act to provide for the appointment of clerks of markets, being unable to agree upon a report, beg to be permitted to return the same to the Senate, and to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

C. H. DUPONT, Chairman.

D. G. M'LEAN.

Said bill was ordered for to-day.

The same from the same made the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Territory to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, an act to authorise Henry Lander to establish and keep a ferry across the St. Marks River opposite the city of Port Leon, in the county of Leon, beg leave to report:

That by various acts of the Legislative Council, heretofore passed, the authority to establish, control and regulate ferries, is confided wholly to the County Courts of the respective counties. This disposition of the subject, was doubtless, intended to relieve the Legislative Council from much useless and frequently improvident legislation upon a subject which from its very nature could be more wisely disposed of by the *local* authorities of the several counties, and it is to be regretted, that after the passage of these *general* laws, the Legislature should ever again have entertained the subject. But it having been solemnly decided by the action of the Legislature, at its present session, that the *general laws* on this subject may be superceded by application to the Legislative Council. The committee have confined their attention alone to the provisions of the bill; these they find to be such as are usual in bills of the like nature. They therefore recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Senate.

C. H. DUPONT, Chairman.

D. G. M'LEAN.

Said bill was ordered for to-day.

Mr. Pelot from the Committee on Militia made the following report:

The Committee on Militia, having had under consideration, a bill entitled, an act to organise the St. Augustine City Guards, beg leave to report the same without amendment.

JOHN C. PELOT.

Said bill was ordered for to-day.

On motion of Mr. Livingston the report of the Committee of the Tallahassee Fund, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the State of the Territory.

An engrossed bill to be entitled, an act to establish a court for the trial of crimes and misdemeanors committed by slaves and free persons of color, was read a third time and passed—ordered that the title be as above.

An engrossed bill entitled, an act to prevent breaches of the peace, and more effectually to preserve order, was read a third time and passed—ordered that the title be as above.

A bill to be entitled, an act to prevent duelling, was read a second time, and ordered for to-morrow.

The Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. English in the chair, on an act to incorporate the United States Mail and Transportation Company in Florida, and for other purposes.—After some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose, and reported said bill with sundry amendments. Which were ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled, an act require specie payments, and to provide remedies for the violation of charters and contracts by the Banks of Florida, was read a second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled, an act to authorise Laurence O. Branch to practice law in the Courts of this Territory, was read a third time and passed—ordered that the title be as above.

A bill to be entitled, an act to extend the powers of the Port Wardens for the port of Pensacola in Escambia county, was read a third time and passed—ordered that the title be as above.

The Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Livingston in the chair, on a bill to be entitled, an act to provide for the appointment of clerks in markets. After some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose and reported a substitute for said bill; which was received and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled, an act to authorise Henry Lander to establish and keep a ferry across the St. Marks River, opposite the city of Port Leon, in the county of Leon. Which was read a third time, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Livingston and Dupont, and were:

Yeas.—Messrs. Cooper, Dupont, English and Walker, &

Nays.—Mr. President, Messrs. Livingston, McLean and Pelot, 4.

So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled, an act to organise the St. Augustine City Guards, was read a third time; on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Dupont and Walker, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cooper, English, Livingston, Pelot and Walker, 6.

Nays—Messrs. Dupont and McLean, 2.

So said bill passed.

The Senate received from the House of Representatives, as passed, an act to amend an act declaring Juniper Creek in Escambia county a navigable stream. Which was read, the rule waived, and passed—ordered that the title be as above.

Also as passed without amendment, an act for the relief of M. H. Martin.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

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WEDNESDAY, February 10, 1841.

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

Mr. Duval offered the following resolution:

*Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislative Council of Florida.* That the Governor be requested to appoint as Justice of the Peace, the Mayors or Intendants of the several cities and towns in the Territory, as such officers cannot, under the Organic Law, act as Justices of the Peace ex officio, and their appointment as such is considered necessary to carry into effect, an act to prevent breaches of the peace and more effectually to preserve order, passed at the present session.

Which was read.

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, by a resolution of the Senate, so much of the Governor's message as relates to the unfinished state of the Capitol,