

FRIDAY, February 19, 1841.

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

Mr. Brockenbrough offered the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Territory be instructed to examine into the condition of the Auditor's and Treasurers offices, and the vouchers and books of the same, and report thereon to the Senate.

And further to report an estimate of the indebtedness of the Territory, and the probable amount of the arrearages due from defaulting officers, which may be collected during this year, and the amount of taxation necessary to pay the current expenses, and free the Territory from debt, apart from its Military expenditure.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Claims be instructed to call upon his Excellency the Governor of Florida, for an exhibition of the accounts and vouchers of the Quartermaster and Paymaster's Department of the Florida Militia, and that the same be examined, and a report made of their condition, and the present amount and situation of the funds borrowed by the Governor.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Territory be instructed to examine and report upon the accounts and vouchers of the Commissioner of the Tallahassee Fund, and the state of the Fund, and whether or not the same will be adequate for the completion of the Capitol.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to enquire of the Governor what troops or officers are now in the service or pay of the Territory of Florida, and where stationed, and how employed, and the propriety of discharging the same, and also what number of men have been in the Territorial service from time to time, during the past year, and how many Indians they have caught or killed, and how many of those captured have escaped, and whether such troops have been efficient in protecting the frontiers, and have had such discipline, arms and equipments, as have rendered them capable of affording sufficient protection to the frontiers.

And that they further be instructed to enquire of the Governor, whether any order has been given during the last summer by any officer commanding volunteers, either in the Florida or U. S. service, to such volunteers, requiring them to stay at their respective homes, and attend to their ordinary avocations; if so, what the orders were when given, to what troops, and by whom, and for what object, and whether or not such orders

were given in conformity with the order of the Secretary of War or any officer of the Regular Army, and any other facts connected with the same, which may throw light upon the subject, or to tend to exculpate such officer and troop from the reproach which may have attached to them by the issuing of such orders during the continuance of Indian murders and depredations.

Which were ordered for to-day.

The same from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported an act to authorize executors and administrators to sell real estate in certain cases, and to repeal certain acts therein mentioned, with amendments. Said bill was ordered for to-day.

The same from the Committee on Finance made the following report:

The Committee on Finance to which was referred an act to abolish the Territorial Treasury, &c., with instructions to report certain amendments to the same, report:

That in their opinion the amendments cannot be made without so far impairing the principle and object of the bill, as to leave the subject in its present situation, and deeming it inexpedient, and perhaps impracticable, to carry out the purposes of the bill, at present they ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. H. BROCKENBROUGH,

Chairman Committee on Finance.

On motion, said bill was laid on the table.

The same from the Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred a bill entitled, an act to amend the several acts appertaining to executions, report:

That in their opinion the legislation proposed by the bill is inexpedient, and they pray to be discharged from its further consideration.

W. H. BROCKENBROUGH, Chairman.

Said bill 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 incorporate the city of Fort Leon.

Mr. English from a joint select committee, appointed to take into consideration certain Resolutions for payment of troops in East Texas, commanded by Col. Robert Brown and Major Isaac Johnson, offered a substitute for the same. Which was ordered for to-morrow.

The following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur in the resolution of the House to consult with a committee on the part of the House.

ject of selecting a person to compile the Laws of Florida, and report on the propriety of compiling the Laws.

Which was amended by substituting the words, revise and revising, instead of compile and compiling.

Which was read a third time and adopted.

Messrs. Brockenbrough, Dupont and Pelot were appointed said committee.

A bill to be entitled, an act to incorporate the Mechanics Beneficial Society of the city of Tallahassee, was read a third time and passed—ordered that the title be as above.

A bill to be entitled, an act to incorporate the Monticello Rail Road Company, was read a third time and passed, without amendment—ordered that the title be as above.

A memorial to Congress for mail routs, &c. was read, and copies ordered.

An act to authorise the Brunswick and Florida Rail Road Company, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Georgia, to construct a Rail Road through the Territory of Florida, was read a second time and copies ordered.

A resolution instructing the Delegate to obtain from Congress an appropriation for the re-construction of bridges over the Ocklockney and Little Rivers, was read a second time and adopted.

The resolutions offered by Mr. Brockenbrough this morning were again read and adopted.

The Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. English in the chair, on a bill to be entitled, an act to authorise executors and administrators to sell real estate in certain cases, and to repeal certain acts therein mentioned. After some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose, and reported said bill as amended. Which was ordered to be printed for Monday.

An act to amend the several acts appertaining to Executions, was indefinitely postponed.

An act to incorporate the city of Port Leon, was read a third time and passed—ordered that the title be above.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

SATURDAY, February 20, 1841.

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