

Mr. English asked leave of the Senate to be absent during the balance of the session, from and after Thursday, 25th instant. Which was granted.

Mr. Duval asked and obtained leave, agreeable to previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled, an act to authorise a lottery to raise the sum of \$50,000, to purchase a lot of land and build a City Hall in the city of Tallahassee. Which was read a first and second time, and ordered for Monday.

The Senate then adjourned until Monday, 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, February 22, 1841.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, there being no quorum present, Mr. Edwards was called to the chair.

On motion the invitation of the Tallahassee Debating Society to attend the celebration of this day was accepted.

The Senate then adjourned until half-past 3 o'clock.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum being present.

Mr. Cooper offered a petition from the citizens of East Florida, which was read and referred to a select committee. Messrs. Cooper, English and Livingston were appointed said committee.

A memorial to Congress for mail routes, &c. was read a second time, amended and adopted.

The Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. McLean in the chair, on 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; after some time spent in its consideration the committee rose and reported the same amended. On its pas-

sage the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Pelot and Cooper, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Dupont, English, Edwards, Livingston, McLean and Walker—7.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper and Pelot—2.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to authorise a lottery, to raise the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a lot of land and build a city hall in the city of Tallahassee, was read a third time. On its passage the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. English and Pelot; and were,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Edwards and Livingston—3.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Dupont, English, McLean, Pelot and Walker—6.

So said bill was lost.

An act to authorise executors and administrators to sell real estate in certain cases, and to repeal certain acts therein mentioned, was ordered for to-morrow.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, February 19, 1841. }

To the Legislative Council of Florida.

I respectfully inform you that I have approved the following acts of the Legislative Council :

- I. An act to organise the St. Augustine City Guards.
- II. An act for the relief of *M. H. Martin*.
- III. An act amend an act entitled an act constituting a board of Wardens and Commissioners of Pilotage and Wrecks for the Port of Jacksonville, and other places therein named.
- IV. An act to extend the powers of the Port Wardens for the port of Pensacola.
- V. An act to change the time of holding the County Court of Walton county.
- VI. An act to incorporate the New Orleans, Florida and Atlantic Transportation Company in Florida, and for other purposes.
- VII. A preamble and resolutions relative to bridges on the mail rout from Tallahassee to Pensacola.
- VIII. A preamble and resolutions relative to the widow of the late *Major Dade*.

ROBERT RAYMOND READ.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, February 22, 1840. }

To the Legislative Council of Florida :

Since my late message upon the subject of Colonel Robert Brown's and Major Isaac Garrison's claims in behalf of their regiment and battalion, and after the Council had refused to take action thereon, I was applied to in the most earnest manner to issue the bonds, which the Council had been informed by a message I was prepared to execute.

In the *interim*, however, I had received the enclosed letter from the Hon. Madison C. Livingston, which is herewith transmitted to the Council with letters from the Hon. J. C. Pelot, J. G. Cooper, and others, members of the Council from East Florida.

I submit to the Legislative Council, if it might not be proper, before the Executive complies with the resolutions already adopted, to cause an investigation to be made into the imputations and charges contained in the communication of the Hon. Mr. Livingston.

It seems to me to be due to the claimants to the parties assailing and defending them, and to the character of East Florida.

The investigation might be made by a commissioner or commissioners to be appointed by the Legislative Council, or the Executive.

If these claims be just, as the resolutions recently passed unani- mously by the Legislative Council suppose them to be, they should be promptly and immediately settled, if they are unjust let those who are in possession of the proofs, have an opportunity to present them.

I have requested the House to transmit to your honorable body, the original correspondence (after having read the same) for your information.

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

Which was laid on the table.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, February 22, 1841. }

To the Legislative Council of Florida :

I herewith return "an act concerning Indian depredations and for other purposes."

It will be perceived that in the first section the Governor and Legislative Council are authorised to appoint "by annually" a board of commissioners, &c. which it is presumed is a mistake ; if intended to read "biennially," that would be impracticable, as the Legislative Council sits but once a year.

When the proper correction is made the act will be approved.

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, February 22, 1841. }

To the Legislative Council of Florida:

It is known to you, that Harmon G. Harlan was *broken up* and his family murdered, during the past year, by the Indians; he has requested me to apply to you, in his behalf, for your friendly interposition with Congress, for his relief. He states the amount of his losses to be four thousand dollars.

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

Which was read and laid on the table.

The Senate went into secret session on certain nominations of of his Excellency the Governor.

On motion the doors were opened.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

TUESDAY, February 23, 1841.

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

Mr. Edwards from the committee on enrollments, reported as correctly enrolled, certain resolutions for the payment of troops in East Florida under Col. Robert Brown and Major Isaac Garrison.

Also a memorial of the Legislative Council of Florida, to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.

Also an act to amend the act in reference to the Tallahassee Fund.

An act to authorise executors and administrators to sell real estate in certain cases, and to repeal certain acts therein mentioned, was read a third time and passed—ordered that the title be as above.

The Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Walker in the chair, on an act concerning Roads, Highways, and Ferries. After some time spent in consideration of the same, the