

Mosquito, and for other purposes," approved Feb. 2d, 1838."

An act entitled "An act to authorize John R. Chapman to build a bridge or establish a ferry across the Chipola river, in the county of Jackson."

An act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Apalachicola."

A resolution requesting the Delegate in Congress to urge upon that body the necessity and utility of erecting a Light-House on Cape St. Blas.

A resolution requesting the Delegate in Congress to use his influence towards obtaining an appropriation from Congress for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Choctawhatchee river.

A resolution requesting Congress to re-appropriate ten thousand dollars, appropriated in 1838, for constructing a road from Tallahassee to Iola, in the Territory of Florida.

A resolution requesting the Delegate in Congress to use his best exertions to obtain from Congress, during the present session, an appropriation for the construction of a road from St. Augustine to Pilatka, on the St. Johns river.

R. K. CALL.

Which was read.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

TUESDAY, March 1st, 1842.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill on the subject of criminal process, report that they regard such a law as unnecessary.

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

"The Judiciary Committee, to which was referred a bill from the House of Representatives on the subject of the admission of book accounts in evidence, REPORT—That they deem any legislative innovating upon the established rules and principles of evidence, which is the effect of the bill in question, as uncalled for and inexpedient, and advise that said bill be not passed into a law.

GEO. WALKER, Chairman."

Mr. Berthelot, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled "An Act concerning Roads, Highways, and Ferries."

Also, a resolution respecting the faith bonds and guarantees.

Also, as correctly enrolled, a resolution respecting the adoption of means to prevent the running off of property mortgaged to secure the payment of the faith bonds.

Mr. Edwards, from a Select Committee, reported, without amendment, a bill for the relief of Benj. G. Thornton.

A preamble and resolutions for the payment of the commissioners appointed to investigate the affairs of certain Banks, was read again. On the adoption of the preamble, the yeas and nays were called by Mr. President and Mr. Dupont, and were—

Yeas—Messrs. Berthelot, Cooper, Dupont, McLean, and Walker—5.

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

On the passage of the resolutions, the yeas and nays were called by the same, and were—

Yeas—Messrs. Berthelot, Cooper, McLean, and Walker—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Dupont, Edwards, and Livingston—4.

So the preamble was adopted, and the resolutions lost.

An Act to define more positively the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, was read again, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

An Act in addition to the several acts relating to crimes and misdemeanors, was read a third time, and passed. Ordered that the title be as above.

A resolution in relation to the election of Brigadiers General, was again read. On its passage, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Cooper and Livingston, and were—

Yeas—Messrs. Berthelot, Cooper, Dupont, Edwards, Livingston, and McLean—6.

Nays—Mr. President and Walker—2.

An Act to amend an act to incorporate the Bank of Apalachicola, approved March 4, 1839, was again read, on which the Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. McLean in the Chair. After some time, the committee rose, and reported the bill amended, which was concurred in, and said bill again read, the rule waived, and passed. Ordered, that the title be as above.

A bill to be entitled "An act to increase the fees of Jailers," was read a third time, and lost.

A bill to be entitled "An act in relation to Criminal Process," was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled "An act respecting the admission of book accounts in evidence," was again read, and the report of the Committee on the Judiciary concurred in.

An act for the relief of Benj. G. Thornton, was read a third time, and passed. Ordered, that the title be as above.

A bill to be entitled "An act to extend the limitation of an act to authorize Nathaniel W. Walker to establish a ferry across the Wakulla River, near St. Marks," was read a third time, and passed. Ordered, that the title be as above.

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

TALLAHASSEE, 28th February, 1842.

To the Legislative Council of Florida :

I have the satisfaction to enclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed to me by the Southern Life Insurance and Trust Company, accompanied by five bonds of that Institution, for one thousand dollars each, and endorsed by the Governor of the Territory, in conformity with the provisions of the charter of that company. They have been returned to me in order that they may be cancelled, and I communicate the intelligence that the Legislative Council may, should it be deemed expedient, prescribe the form and manner in which it shall be done. I have the pleasure to inform the Legislative Council that I have confident assurances, from the officers of this institution, that a large additional number of these bonds will in a short time be returned to the Executive, in like manner to be cancelled.

R. K. CALL.

(COPY.)

SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST Co., }
Tallahassee, Feb. 28, 1842. }

To His Excellency R. K. Call, Governor of Florida :

Sir—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Company, held at their office this morning, I was instructed by them to return to your Excellency the accompanying sterling certificates of this company; being five in number, viz : No. 40, 41, 42, 43, and 344, endorsed by the Territory, for the purpose of being cancelled ; and they further instruct me to ask your Excellency to communicate this fact to the Legislative Council to-day, if convenient. As soon as more are received, they will be transmitted in like manner.

I remain, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. HAMMOND, Ass't Cashier.

Which was read, and, on motion of the President, referred to the Committee on Banks and Finance, with instructions to report a bill prescribing the mode of cancellation requiring that no more bonds or guarantees shall be given to any corporation, under any pretence whatever.

The Senate received from the House of Representatives a substitute for "An act for the protection of Mortgagees," which was read, and adopted.

Also, as passed, "An act to prevent trespasses on University

Lands ;" which was read, the rule waived, and passed. Ordered, that the title be as above.

Also, " An act to restrict the powers of Justices of the Peace on the subject of Bail," which was twice read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also, a resolution requesting Congress to make the town of Milton a port of entry ; which was read, the rule waived, and adopted.

Also, as adopted, a resolution for the relief of Mrs. Sarah Williams.

Also, as passed as amended, a bill to be entitled " An act to increase the number of Senators." On concurring in the amendments, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Dupont and Edwards, and were—

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Berthelot, Cooper, Livingston, M'Lean, and Walker—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dupont and Edwards—2.

So the amendments were concurred in.

Also, a resolution for the establishment of a Post Office at Blountstown, on the Apalachicola river ; which was read, and adopted.

Also, " An act to amend an act relating to executors and administrators ;" which was twice read. On the indefinite postponement of said bill, the yeas and nays were called by Mr. President and Mr. Dupont, and were—

Yeas—Messrs. Berthelot, Cooper, Dupont, Edwards, Livingston, and Walker—6.

Nays—Mr. President and Mr. M'Lean—2.

So the bill was postponed indefinitely.

Also, " An act to amend an act incorporating the city of Pensacola ;" which was read, the rule waived, and passed. Ordered, that the title be as above.

Also, " An act in addition to the several acts now in force regulating the partition of property ;" which was read.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until four o'clock.

FOUR O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A bill to be entitled " An act to repeal an act therein named," was read a first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Berthelot moves that the Committee on Enrolled Bills have leave at any time during the remainder of the session to make their report ; which was received and concurred in.

Mr. Edwards, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, " An Act to prevent the future migration of free negroes or mulattoes to this Territory, and for other purposes."

Mr. Berthelot moves that the Committee on Enrolled Bills of both Houses be permitted to have a conference in relation to an act

entitled "An act to organize and regulate the militia of the Territory of Florida, and to repeal all former acts in relation to the same" ---which was read, and concurred in.

Also, "An Act to authorize Thomas Cooper to establish a Ferry across the Escambia river;" which was read, and ordered for to-morrow.

Also, "An act respecting Executions;" which was read, and ordered for to-morrow.

The President presented to the Senate a communication from the Commissioner of the Tallahassee Fund; which was read, and laid on the table.

The Senate received from the House as passed, an act to establish a court for the trial of crimes and misdemeanors committed by slaves and free persons of color.

Which was read and ordered for to-morrow.

Also, a substitute for an act in relation to public elections.

Which was read.

On motion to concur in the amendment, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Dupont and Edwards, and were—

Yeas—Messrs. Cooper and Edwards—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Berthelot, Dupont, Livingston, McLean, and Walker—6.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. McLean moved the appointment of a committee to wait upon the House of Representatives to ask leave to withdraw a bill to be entitled, "An Act to alter the time of holding Court in the Apalachicola District."

Which motion prevailed, and Messrs. Berthelot and McLean were appointed said committee. Who returned and reported the reception of said bill.

Mr. McLean moved to reconsider the vote by which said bill was indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McLean said bill was referred to a select committee. Messrs. McLean, Dupont and Walker were appointed said committee.

Mr. Dupont asked and obtained leave to be discharged from the committee on compensation. Mr. Livingston was appointed in his stead.

On motion of Mr. Livingston, "An act to repeal in part an act concerning improvements made on public lands," was taken from the table, read a third time, and passed. Ordered, that the title be as above.

The Senate went into secret session on Executive nominations.

On motion, the doors were opened, and the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.