

laws for the purpose of taxation, at the present meeting of the Assembly.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wall made the following report :

The Committee to which was referred the subject matter of the 17th article of the Constitution, entitled Schedule and Ordinance have, according to order, had the same under their consideration, and beg leave to

#### REPORT :

That they find in said articles nothing demanding the action of the Legislature, and therefore they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject matter referred to them.

W. H. WALL, Chairman.

Which Report was concurred in.

Mr. Hawkins from the Select Committee on printing, reported,

That the committee had received proposals for printing from Messrs. Bartlett, Clisby and Sibley, and that Mr. Clisby had made the lowest proposals, to wit: \$1 25 per page for 500 copies of the Journals, and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a cent for all miscellaneous printing, counting 75 copies, and recommended Mr. Clisby as Printer for the Senate.

Which Report was concurred in.

Mr. Clisby was accordingly chosen Printer of the Senate.

The House returned the Senate bill entitled, "An Act assenting to the purchase of certain land in the Island of Key West," &c.; Passed by the House unanimously.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The resolution respecting the Faith Bonds,  
Was read a second time.

The Report of the Committee on Taxation and Revenue came up, and

On motion of Mr. Hawkins, was made the order of the day on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Senate adjourned until Monday, 10 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, JULY 7, 1845.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum being present, Saturday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. Carter moved that Standing Committees be permitted to report at any time when the Senate is in session.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Carter made the following report :

The Committee upon the Census and apportionment of Representation, have had that subject under consideration, and beg leave to

#### REPORT,

That the ninth article of the Constitution of the State of Florida, imposing in express terms upon the General Assembly, the duty of causing an enumeration to be made in the year 1845, of all the inhabitants of the State, nothing remains to be done, but for the General Assembly at its present session, to provide for the carrying into effect, this provision of the Constitution; and the committee for that purpose, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the making an enumeration of the inhabitants of the State of Florida." All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. CARTER, Chairman.

Which report was received, and the bill therein mentioned read a first time, and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Haughton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled :

The bill entitled, An Act assenting to the purchase by the United States of certain land on the Island of Key West, for the purpose of erecting fortifications thereon, and ceding to the United States jurisdiction over said land, for the purpose aforesaid.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Revenue came up  
On the question of adopting the motion of Mr. Mays, made on a previous day, to recommit the subject of Taxation and Revenue with instructions to report a bill, the same was decided in the negative.

On the question of adopting the Report, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Wright and Hawkins, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bell, Broward, Carter, Center, Goodbread, Hawkins, Priest and Wall—9.

Nays—Messrs. Haughton, Mays, McLean, Porter, Walker, White and Wright—7.

So the report was adopted.

The resolution, that it is not expedient to pass laws for the purpose of Taxation, at the present meeting of the General Assembly came up, and was read a second time.

Mr. Haughton moved to waive the rule, and read the resolution a third time;

Which motion was lost.

The resolution respecting the Faith Bonds,  
Came up on its second reading, and was laid on the table.

The resolution respecting the proceeds of the sale of the Public Lands, was withdrawn by Mr. Broward.

The Orders of the Day having been gone through with,

Mr. Carter offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That on Saturday next, the 12th day of this July, the Senate will proceed to divide by lot, into two classes, the Senator

in order to determine the seats of those to be vacated at the expiration of the first year, according to the provisions of the 4th article, 6th section, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, which provides, "that the Senators, after their first election, shall be divided by lot into two classes; and the seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the first year, and of the second class at the expiration of the second year; so that one-half thereof, as near as possible, may be chosen forever thereafter, annually, for the term of two years.

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.

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The following message was transmitted to his Excellency, the Governor:

SENATE CHAMBER, JULY 7, 1845.

*To His Excellency the Governor of Florida:*

I herewith transmit, for the approval of your Excellency, a bill to be entitled An Act assenting to the purchase by the United States of certain land on the Island of Key West, for the purpose of erecting fortifications thereon, and ceding to the United States jurisdiction over the said land for the purpose aforesaid, passed by both Houses of the General Assembly, and signed by the officers thereof.

Your Obedient Servant,  
THOS. F. KING,  
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Carter offered the following resolution:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Florida,* That this Assembly will adjourn on the fifteenth day of this inst. July, to meet again on the third Monday of November next.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Hawkins from the Committee on the Executive Department reported a bill to be entitled An Act to organize the office of Secretary of State,

Which was read the first time and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Walker from the Committee on the Judiciary reported a bill to be entitled An Act to organize the office of Attorney General of the State of Florida,

Which was read the first time and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Walker from the same Committee returned back the resolution to furnish Journals to the different precincts of the State,

Which was withdrawn by Mr. Broward.

On motion of Mr. Priest the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock, M.

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1845.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum being present, the journal of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported A bill to be entitled, An Act to organize the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida,

Which was read the first time, and one hundred copies ordered to be printed;

Also, a bill to be entitled, An Act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida;

Which was read the first time, and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Walker, from the same Committee, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of John C. Poythress, Executor of George Poythress, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have carefully examined the subject, and recommend that the prayer of the memorialist be not granted. They are led to this conclusion from a belief that, if the memorialist is properly entitled to the relief he seeks, that the same can be most appropriately sought and obtained in the Courts of Justice.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was received and concurred in.

Mr. Hawkins, from the Committee on the Executive Department, reported

A bill to be entitled, An Act to organize the office of Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Florida,

Which was read the first time, laid on the table, and seventy five copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Haughton, from the Committee on the Legislative Department, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee to whom was referred the 4th article of the Constitution of this State, entitled "Legislative Department," have had the same under consideration, and the first subjects that claimed their attention, as admitting of Legislative action, are those which refer to the time fixed upon for the election of members to the General Assembly, and the annual meeting of that body. The Constitution prescribes, for the first, the first Monday of October, and for the second, the fourth Monday of November, in each year, subject, however, to alteration by law. This is a period of the year which your Committee believes is, perhaps, as free from all roa-