

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1845.

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

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to be entitled, An Act to establish a Board of Commissioners for the regulation of County business.

Which was read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Mays, from the Committee on the Right of Suffrage, &c., reported a bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the registration of the qualified voters of the State of Florida.

Which was read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bell from the Committee on the Militia, made the following report:

The Committee on the Militia have had that matter under consideration, and having found the Militia law of the Territory so imperfect, and in view of the importance of a thorough organization of the militia of Florida, have thought proper, notwithstanding the pressure of business at this session, to draft and report a bill for that purpose, your committee therefore

REPORT:

A bill to be entitled, An Act to organize the Militia of the State of Florida, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAN'L BELL, Chairman.

Which bill was laid on the table for the present.

A message was received from the House accompanied by the following documents, notifying the Senate of the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on the part of the House, consisting of Messrs. Cotten, Long, Philips, Brown of Leon, and Ferguson.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, July 10, 1845. }

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Representatives:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the report of a committee, and sundry resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Connecticut, received this morning by mail.

Conceding the soundness of the principle set forth in the first resolution in relation to Rhode Island, its applicability to the occurrences in the latter State, and the course of the Federal government and of different States of the Union, in relation to that controversy, may be questioned.

Such principle cannot be successfully invoked to repress the expression of opinions, in the manifestation of sympathy in favor of those of the people of Rhode Island who have sought the substitution of a free republican constitution, the work of the people them-

selves, for the royal charter, under which the government of that State has hitherto been carried on; nor to stifle the indications of popular indignation against those who pursue them so vengefully. With respect to the report of the committee and resolutions referring to the State of South Carolina, it is to be lamented that the Legislature of Connecticut should have endorsed the conduct of the authorities of Massachusetts upon this delicate subject. The Southern States, where the institution of domestic servitude exists, should have little to say upon this topic. We should not allow interference, even by attempted discussion, of the propriety of our courses. It is our affair. With one voice we should say to the abolition incendiary, and bigoted fanatical philanthropist, who is disposed to meddle in matters he does not understand, and in which he has no concern, "Let us alone." How the course of Massachusetts can be justified by Connecticut, consistently with the principle set forth in the first resolution, in relation to Rhode Island, I cannot imagine. If the admonitions so often repeated are without effect, to restrain those who pervert principles, distort the constitution, and violate rights and propriety, to justify interference in our domestic affairs, and to excite to domestic violence amongst us, the responsibility of the consequences will justly fall on them. It is respectfully submitted to you whether any action is necessary on these documents.

The House of Representatives will please transmit this communication, and the accompanying documents, to the Senate.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your ob't. sv't,

W. D. MOSELY.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
New Haven, June 25, 1845. }

To His Excellency the Governor of Florida:

Sir: In obedience to a Resolution of the General Assembly of this State, I have the honor to forward to you the accompanying Resolutions.

With much respect,

Your obedient servant,

ROGER S. BALDWIN.

RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

Resolved, That neither Congress nor any individual State has a right to interfere with the government of another State, in the exercise of her criminal jurisdiction, in matters pertaining exclusively to her own security, and in no way affecting the citizens of other States or the National Government.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, the people of Rhode Island, so far from having justly incurred the reproach-

es, which have been cast upon them by the Resolutions of Maine and New Hampshire, have covered themselves with honor, and deserve the lasting gratitude of the States of this Union, for their triumphant vindication of the great principles of constitutional liberty, and their successful maintenance of the supremacy of the laws against the assaults of anarchy and treason.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of the Governors of the several States and Territories of this Union, and that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to lay the same before their respective Houses of Congress.

IN SENATE, June 13, 1845.—Passed.

N. L. WHITE, *Clerk*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 13, 1845.—Passed.

JAMES H. HOLCOMB, *Clerk*.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

HARTFORD, June 21, 1845.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of record.

DAN'L P. TYLER, *Secretary of State*.

REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS

RELATING TO DIFFERENCES EXISTING BETWEEN THE STATES OF MASSACHUSETTS AND SOUTH-CAROLINA.

The Joint Select Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred so much of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, as relates to the Preamble and Resolutions adopted by the Legislature of the State of South-Carolina, directing the expulsion from that State of a distinguished citizen of Massachusetts,—and to the Declaration and solemn protest of Massachusetts against the hostile acts of South Carolina,—also certain resolutions of the States of Arkansas, Alabama and Illinois, relative to the proceedings of Massachusetts and South-Carolina, respectfully

REPORT:

That the Committee have examined with profound interest and concern the prominent features of these differences between two distinguished States of the Union, evincing on the part of Massachusetts, an earnest effort to bring the questions in dispute before the Supreme Court of the United States, the only constitutional and peaceful tribunal for the settlement of difficulties between States,—and equally evincing on the part of South-Carolina, a determination to prevent, by legislation, or by force and violence, if necessary, the requisite steps to bring these differences to a fair and legal adjudication before the tribunal specified by the Constitution.

Without attempting to enter into the merits of this controversy in its early progress,—with a deep reluctance to recommend any proceedings calculated to embitter feelings of hostility between

these ancient and venerable States,—the Committee cannot forbear, when this controversy is thus officially brought before this Legislature by the act of both parties, to express their deliberate and decided condemnation of that State which resorts to *violence* and resists all appeals to *law*.

It is the boast and pride of our country, that our government is a government of *law* and *reason*, and not a government of *force*; and any State which refuses a *legal* adjudication of its controversies with another State, and which puts itself in an attitude of resistance and defiance of any attempt at such adjudication, is presenting an example which, if countenanced and followed by other States, must lead to the most fatal and disastrous results.

The stability and permanence of the Union itself,—our continued enjoyment of a safe, wise and beneficent government,—all our hopes of rational and constitutional liberty, depend on a spirit of justice and forbearance and good faith between the different States; and whenever differences arise, upon a peaceful, unconditional submission to the provisions of the Constitution.

The committee therefore offer for the consideration of this Assembly the accompanying resolutions.

Per order of the Committee,

A. N. SKINNER, *Chairman*.

IN SENATE, June 13, 1845.—Accepted.

N. L. WHITE, *Clerk*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 13, 1845.—Accepted.

JAS. H. HOLCOMB, *Clerk*.

By the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened.

Resolved, That "the deliberate determination of a State to refuse obedience to the judicial tribunals of the nation, in regard to the constitutionality of her laws, affecting the people of other States," is a palpable and dangerous violation of the national compact.

Resolved, That "any member of the confederacy which assumes to violate at pleasure the rights guaranteed to other States or their citizens, or to impair these rights by throwing impediments in the way of their legal vindication," betrays a distrust of the rectitude of her own acts, and an unwillingness to submit to the demands of justice, which justly exposes her to the imputation of a dishonorable violation of the public faith, inconsistent with the peace and safety of this Union.

Resolved, That the State of Connecticut views with profound regret these differences between Massachusetts and South Carolina, and that while she feels bound to condemn a course of proceedings on the part of the latter which cuts off the only constitutional means of redress, she still hopes to see a spirit of moderation and justice prevail over popular excitement, and that these two ancient and pa-

triotic States, which contended nobly together in the battles of the Revolution and in discussing the principles of civil liberty, will peacefully submit their differences to the great tribunal of the Nation, and devote their united wisdom and strength to the perpetuation of the Union which they so eminently contributed to establish.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor of this State be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions and the report accompanying, to each of the Governors of the several States and Territories of this Union.

IN SENATE, June 13, 1845.—Passed.

N. L. WHITE, *Clerk*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 13, 1845.—Passed.

JAMES H. HOLCOMB, *Clerk*.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

HARTFORD, June 21, 1845.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of record.

DANL. P. TYLER, *Secretary of State*.

Which were read and referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Mays, Haughton and Carter.

Mr. Carter offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That on Tuesday next they will proceed to the election of Circuit Judges and other officers of the State of Florida; and it shall be in order in each day thereafter to continue such elections till the same shall be disposed of.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Hawkins presented a petition from Wm. Blount respecting compensation for the apprehension of a criminal.

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The engrossed bill to be entitled, An Act to class the Senators of this State came up and

Was laid on the table.

The resolution respecting the classing of Senators came up on a third reading.

Mr. Wright offered the following as an engrossed rider to the resolution:

Resolved further, Lots shall be cast in the manner following, to wit:—The names of the Senators shall be placed in a hat or box, on separate slips of paper, and a like number of slips of paper, on nine of which shall be written the words "two years," and on eight of which shall be written the words "one year," shall be placed in another box or hat. The names shall then be drawn, and si-

multaneously there shall be drawn a slip from the other hat or box, and the Senators whose names are drawn at the same time with the words "two years," shall serve two years, and the Senators whose names are drawn at the same time with the words "one year," shall serve one year.

Which was adopted.

The resolution was then adopted as amended.

The bill to be entitled, An Act to organize Courts of Probate for the State of Florida, came up on a second reading.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill, Mr. Hawkins in the chair, and after some time spent therein, rose and reported the bill back with several amendments.

Which report was concurred in.

Mr. Carter moved to strike out the fourth section of the bill reported by the Committee of the Whole.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Hawkins moved that the sixth section of the bill be stricken out.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then laid on the table.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An Act to organize the office of Attorney General of the State of Florida, came up;

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bellamy, Bell, Broward, Carter, Center, Goodbread, Haughton, Hawkins, Mays, McLean, Priest, Walker, Wall and White—15.

Nays—Mr. Wright—1.

So the bill passed. Title as stated.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An Act to organize the office of Secretary of State came up.

On the passage of the bill the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bellamy, Bell, Broward, Carter, Goodbread, Haughton, Hawkins, Mays, McLean, Priest, Walker, Wall, and White—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed. Title as stated.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An Act to fix the compensation of members of the General Assembly of this State, came up.

On the passage of the bill the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Center, Haughton, Hawkins, Mays, McLean, Priest, Wall, and White—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Bell, Broward, Carter, Goodbread, Walker and Wright—7.

So the bill passed. Title as stated.

The resolution respecting the faith bonds of the Territory, came up on a second reading,

And was referred to the committee on Banks and other Corporations.

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Census and apportionment, to whom was recommitted the bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the State of Florida, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Census and Apportionment of Representation, to whom was recommitted the bill to be entitled, "An act to provide for the making an enumeration of the inhabitants of the State of Florida," have had that subject again under consideration, and upon mature reflection, careful examination and deliberation, in view of the sparse inhabitants of some of the counties of the State, have become fully convinced, that the compensation allowed in the third section of the bill as originally introduced, would not secure to the State a full and complete enumeration of all the inhabitants. Your committee therefore recommend the following amendments.

Which bill with the proposed amendments, was placed among the orders of the day.

The bill to be entitled An Act to organize the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida,

Was resumed again in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Haughton in the chair, and after sometime spent therein, the Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Which was granted.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock A. M.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1845.

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

There being no other business, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The resolution to go into the election of Circuit Judges and other Officers, on Tuesday next,

Was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the word "Tuesday" was stricken out, and "Wednesday" inserted.

The bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the registration of the qualified voters of the State of Florida,

Was read a second time, and postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the making an enumeration of the inhabitants of the State of Florida, and the amendments reported by the Committee on Census and Apportionment, Mr. Mays in the Chair; and after some time spent therein, the Com-

mittee rose, and reported the bill back, with sundry amendments;

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, as amended.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill to be entitled, An Act to organize the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida, Mr. McLean in the Chair, and after some time spent therein, rose and reported he bill with amendments;

Which report was concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed as amended for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled, An act to establish a Board of Commissioners for the regulation of County business,

Was read a second time, and postponed until Monday next.

The bill to be entitled, An act to organize Courts of Probate for the State of Florida, was, on motion of Mr. Walker, taken from the table;

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill, Mr. Bell in the Chair, and after some time spent therein, rose and reported the bill back with amendments;

Which report was concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled, An act to change the county site of Orange county;

Was received from the House, and read the first time.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor, and read:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, July 11, 1845. }

To the General Assembly:

I have approved the Act entitled, "An Act to repeal an act to provide the mode of punishment for certain offences at Key West, in the Southern Judicial District."

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

W. D. MOSELEY.

Also, the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, July 10, 1845. }

Gentlemen of the Senate

and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith the report of the Treasurer of the Territory of Florida, showing a balance in its favor, as therein set forth, on the twenty-third of June last, of four hundred and forty two 07-100 dollars, together with the Auditor's report to the same time.

I have the honor to be, &c.

W. D. MOSELEY.