

two Houses, the time of electing shall be previously agreed upon, and each House shall communicate the nominations made therein to the other, prior to the voting.

10. Each House shall communicate to the other the nominations, and the result of each voting.

11. In every Joint Committee the member first named on the part of the House first proposing such Committee, shall convene the same.

12. During the election of officers there shall be no motions entertained, except to adjourn, to proceed to vote, to nominate and to withdraw a candidate—which motions shall have precedence in the order they stand.

13. The doings throughout shall proceed without debate.

14. Communications shall be made on paper, and signed by the presiding officer of each House, and transmitted through the Messenger, or Doorkeeper.

15. In the election for the Senate of the United States, both Senators shall be voted for at the same time, until one or both of them shall be chosen.

16. In every case of disagreement between the Senate and House of Representatives, either House may suggest conference, and appoint a Committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a Committee to confer at a convenient hour, to be designated by the Chairman; said Committees shall meet, and confer freely on the subject of disagreement.

17. Whenever a public bill or resolution is ordered to be printed for the use of either House, a number shall be ordered sufficient for the use of both Houses; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to inform the other House of such order, and to transmit to that House the requisite number of printed copies.

SATURDAY, 28th November, 1846.

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

On motion by Mr. Fairbanks, so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the federal government and our federal relations, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Pursuant to previous notice given, the following bills were introduced.

By Mr. Fairbanks:

A bill to be entitled an act so amending the Constitution of this State, as to make the sessions of the Legislature biennial, instead of annual; also,

A bill so to amend the constitution of this State, as to extend to all free white male inhabitants, being citizens of the United

States, who shall have resided within the State one year, the elective franchise.

By Mr. White:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to raise a revenue for the State of Florida.

By Mr. Broward:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of aged, insane, idiotic, or crippled persons, from paying a poll tax in this State; also, A bill taxing law suits to pay jurors.

Which bills received their first reading, and were ordered to a second reading on Monday.

Mr. Bradley gave notice that he will on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the sale of the lands located by the State for the purpose of internal improvements.

Mr. Kelly presented a memorial from the inhabitants of the city of Pensacola asking the passage of a law, establishing at Pensacola under the auspices of the state, the West Florida University, &c.

Which was read, and referred to the committee on Schools and Colleges.

Mr. Kelly presented, also, a memorial from sundry citizens residing in the city of Pensacola, praying that certain free persons of colour, therein named, be exempt from taxation.

Which was read and referred to the committee on propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Broward offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved by the Senate, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish each member of the Senate with a copy of the laws of the last General Assembly. And that the Sergeant at Arms be sent to the Secretary's office to receive and receipt for the same, to be returned to that office when the General Assembly adjourns; and that each member receipt to the Sergeant at Arms for the copy he receives.

Mr. Carter offered the following as a substitute for the foregoing resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State furnish each member of the Senate a copy of the Acts of the General Assembly and the Constitution of the State, which shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Senate, and by him returned to the office of the Secretary of State at the close of the session.

Which substitute was accepted.

Mr. Fairbanks moved to strike out from the substitute the words "and the Constitution of the State."

Which was accepted and the Resolution, as amended, adopted.

Mr. Carter offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Auditor and Treasurer of this State report to the Senate, as early as practicable, the state of the finances; which was read the first time, and ordered for Monday.

Mr. Fairbanks, from the Judiciary Committee, reported the following bill viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to make certified copies of records, &c., evidence; which was read the first time, and ordered for Monday.

Mr. Fairbanks, from a select committee, made the following report:

Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine into the subject of Printing, &c.

The committee appointed to examine into the subject of Legislative printing, and to receive proposals for the printing of the Senate,

REPORT:

That they have performed the duty assigned them, and have received proposals from Messrs. Smith & Bartlett, Joseph Clisby and S. S. Sibley. That upon a careful and accurate examination and consideration of the several proposals made, they deem those of Messrs. Smith & Bartlett the lowest and most favorable. The committee have received from Messrs. Smith & Bartlett the following proposals:

1st. To furnish 500 copies of the Journals of the Senate, not including daily slips, at two dollars per page of 550 words; and to furnish the daily slips if required at 25 cts. per page of 550 words.

2d. To furnish the Journals and slips, in the same mode as Mr. Clisby did at the last session, at prices 25 per cent. less than the amount received by him at the last session.

3d. That they will do the miscellaneous printing of the Senate at 1-2 cent per 100 words, counting 75 copies. Or they will do it 10 per cent. less than Mr. Clisby received at the last session.

4th. That they will do the entire printing of the Senate at the present session for the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars.

Your committee would recommend the acceptance of the first recited proposal of furnishing the Journals at \$2 per page, for 500 copies, with the condition of furnishing the daily slips at 25 cts. per page, and of the 3d proposal, to execute the miscellaneous printing at 1-2 cent per 100 words.

These proposals are believed to be at least 33 per cent. below the price at which the printing of the Senate was contracted for last session.

Your committee consider these terms reasonable and just, and prefer the system of contracting for the printing by the page and hundred words in place of a gross sum—as securing a fair compensation on the one hand to the person executing the work—and ensuring on the other that we shall pay for no more work than has been actually performed. Should the Senate, however, consider the proposition for doing the work of the session for a stated sum in gross, as the most judicious

mode of contracting, the committee would recommend the acceptance of the proposal of Messrs. Smith & Bartlett, for the sum of nine hundred dollars as being the lowest proposal of that nature.

The committee respectfully recommend Messrs. Smith & Bartlett, as Printers to the Senate, pursuant to the resolution hereunto submitted.

The several proposals are herewith returned to the Senate, (marked A. B. C.;) and also a statement of the expenses of the printing of the General Assembly at its last two sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.

Resolved, That the printing of the Senate during its present session, be executed by Messrs. Smith & Bartlett, upon the following terms, to wit:

That they furnish 500 copies of the Journals of the Senate at \$2 per page, counting one copy; and daily slips of the proceedings at 25 cents per page of 550 words. That they shall execute the miscellaneous printing of the Senate—such as Bills, Reports, &c., at 1-2 cent per 100 words, counting 75 copies.

Which report was read and received—the resolution read the first time, and ordered for Monday.

The Senate received from the House an adopted resolution, relating to the distribution of arms by the Governor; which resolution was read the first time, the rules waived, read the second and third times, and adopted.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The Senate received from the House the following message:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 28, 1846.

Hon. President of the Senate.—Sir:

Messrs. Stockton, Maxwell, and Westcott, have been appointed a committee by the House, to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, in examining the accounts of the Treasurer, as required by the eighth section of an act, entitled an act organizing the office of Treasurer of the State of Florida.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

M. D. PAPY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read; and Messrs. McLean, Fairbanks, and White, appointed a joint committee on the part of the Senate.

The following message was received from the House, viz:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 27, 1846.

Hon. President of the Senate.—Sir:

The House has adopted the report of the joint select committee on rules for the government of the two Houses, during the present session of the General Assembly. Your obedient servant,

M. D. PAPY, *Clerk of House of Representatives.*

Which was read.

His excellency the Governor transmitted to the Senate the following message:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
November 27, 1846. }

*Gentlemen of the Senate,
and House of Representatives:*

You have herewith transmitted a copy of a presentment made by the Grand Jury of the county of St. Johns, at its late session.

The various subjects therein commented upon, will doubtless receive the prompt attention of the General Assembly, as well from a proper estimate of their importance to the State, as from a high regard for the very respectable source from which they originated.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. D. MOSELEY.

Which was read; and the presentment of the Grand Jury referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Preamble and resolutions relative to a light house at New Smyrna, was read the second time, and ordered for Monday.

The Senate adjourned until Monday, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, 30th November, 1846.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment; and a quorum being present, the journal of Saturday's proceedings was read, amended, and approved.

Mr. Broward gave notice that he will, at an early day, ask leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled an act for the relief of persons unjustly sued in the Circuit Courts in the State of Florida.

Mr. Carter gave notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a special bill, to be entitled an act to revive the records of Columbia County.

Mr. Bradley offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Preamble and Resolutions, asking Congress to make an appropriation to build a light house at Egmont Key, on the coast of Florida.

WHEREAS, the port and harbor of Tampa Bay are of the greatest commercial importance, not only to the people of Florida, but to the commerce of the whole country; and whereas, it is highly important for the protection and safety of the commercial interest on the Gulf coast, that a light house should be built at the entrance to said harbor; and whereas, Egmont Key, situated immediately at the entrance to said harbor, is the most eligible position for the location of said light house: Therefore—

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States be requested to make an appropriation, for the purpose of building a light house on Egmont Key; and that our Senators and Representatives in