

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the vote concurring in the amendment, was re-considered and refused, and the bill made the order for to-morrow.

The Senate received from the House the following Message:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 2d, 1846.

Hon. President of the Senate,

Sir—Messrs. Russell, Taylor and Tanner have been appointed a committee on the part of the House to act with the committee on the part of the Senate in examining the accounts, contracts, &c., of the acting Register of Public Lands. Your ob't serv't,

M. D. PAPY, Cl'k Ho: Rep.

There being no further business, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 4, 1846.

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

On motion by Mr. Carter, the journal was amended, by striking out the following words: "concurring in, on motion of Mr. Johnson, the vote concurring was reconsidered and refused;" and inserting in lieu thereof, the words—"was, on motion of Mr. Johnson, laid on the table."

Mr. Broward gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to define in what cases property is exempt from executions.

Pursuant to previous notice, the following bills were presented:

By Mr. Johnson:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, and for other purposes; which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

By Mr. Broward:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the public printing; which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

By Mr. Lorimer:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of grand and petit jurors, &c.; which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

By Mr. Carter:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the payment of jurors; which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

By Mr. McLean:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act relative to elections in this State; which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Fairbanks offered the following motion:

That a select committee of three be raised, whose duty it shall be to call on the Executive, for the purpose of ascertaining the

number and description of public arms and accoutrements, lately forwarded for the use of the State, by the authorities of the United States; and that a report of the same, together with the incidental expenses attending their transportation to the Capitol, be made as early as may be practicable.

Which prevailed, and Messrs. Fairbanks, Johnson, and McLean, were appointed said committee:

Mr. Fairbanks presented a memorial from John Ghent, contesting the seat of Hon. David G. McLean in the Senate; which was received, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Lorimer, from the Committee on Corporations, reported the following bill, viz: A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Augustine Fire Engine Company; which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. White presented the following report, viz:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry persons, (white inhabitants of the City of Pensacola,) praying that certain free persons of color therein named, might be relieved from the payment of a portion of the tax, now imposed on them by the revenue law of the State of Florida, have had that subject under consideration, and ask leave to report:

That, although they are free to admit the truth of the facts, as set forth in said memorial, yet they are of opinion that the relief prayed for ought not to be granted, for the following reasons: First, because it would be improper and unjust to draw distinctions between that class of our population, by reducing the taxes on a portion of them, and not on the whole; and, secondly, because it would be reducing the revenue of this State, (which is deemed already too small to meet the current expenses of the State Government) over one hundred dollars. There being forty-two of these colored persons embraced in said memorial, whose taxes now amount to one hundred and twenty-six dollars, and by making the deduction asked for, their taxes would amount to twenty-one dollars only.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the memorialists be not granted, and ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS M. WHITE, *Chairman.*

Which was read and received, and leave granted memorialists to withdraw their memorial.

Mr. Kelly, from the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, made the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, to whom was referred the presentment of the Grand Jurors for St. John's County, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the following resolutions:

Be it resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That our Senators and Representative in Congress be requested to call the attention of the General Government to the condition of the United States bridge over the St. Sebastian river, and that they interest themselves to procure a competent engineer to examine and report the situation of this important work, and the military road connected therewith.

Be it further resolved, That our Senators and Representative in Congress be earnestly requested to present for the serious consideration of the General Government, the present undefended state of almost our entire seaboard, the want of fortifications to complete the protection of the coast, and to form important links in a general system of national defence, and that they solicit the attention of Congress particularly to the fortification at St. Augustine.

Which report was received, and the resolutions read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

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

The select committee to whom was referred the subject of procuring the services of a clergyman, as Chaplain of the Senate, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have discharged that duty by inviting the Rev. Wm. Choice to act as such chaplain. Your committee, therefore, move

That the Rev. Wm. Choice be, and is hereby invited to act as chaplain of the senate for the remainder of the present session, from and after this day. Respectfully submitted,

DAN'L. BIRD, Chairman.

Which was read, and the motion adopted.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 4th, 1846.

Hon. President of the Senate,

The House have ordered 75 copies of the documents accompanying the Governor's message, (except Exhibit D to Treasurer's report,) to be printed. As soon as the same shall have been printed, a sufficient number will be transmitted for the use of the senate.

Very respectfully,

M. D. PAPY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The House returned the following resolution, viz:

Preamble and resolution asking Congress to erect a light house at New Smyrna. Adopted by the House without amendment.

Preamble and resolution relative to the establishment of a complete educational system, was received from the House. Read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Buckingham Smith,

received from the House, was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

The following message to the Senate from his excellency the Governor, viz :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
December 4th, 1846. }

Gentlemen of the Senate,
and House of Representatives:

Your attention is respectfully invited to the adoption of such measures as may be necessary for holding an election for President and Vice President of the United States.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. MOSELEY.

Was read and referred to the committee on Elections.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An act 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 in the State one year, the elective franchise; was read the second time and made the special order for Monday next.

A bill so to amend the Constitution of this State as to make the sessions of Legislature biennial instead of annual, was read the second time and made the 2d special order for Monday next.

A bill to be entitled An act to provide for the payment of Treasurer's certificates, was read a second time and referred to the Juuiciary committee.

Preamble and resolution from the House relative to the St. Augustine Barracks, was read the 3d time and adopted as amended on yesterday.

Preamble and resolution relating to a mail route from Milton via Escambia and Nathansville, to Sparta, Alabama, was read the third time and adopted.

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

The House returned to the Senate the following resolutions; to wit :

A resolution relating to public documents. Adopted by the House without amendment.

A preamble and resolution relative to a Light House at Egmont Key. Adopted by the House without amendment.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 5th^o December, 1846.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment; a quorum being present, after prayer by the Rev. Mr. Choice, Chaplain of the