

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

Senate, the journal of yesterday's proceedings was read, amended, and approved.

On motion of Mr. Lorimer, Mr. Goodbread was added to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

On motion of Mr. White, Mr. Walker obtained leave of absence after to-day, until Friday next.

Mr. Walker gave notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to provide for appeals and writs of error in criminal cases.

Mr. Broward offered the following resolution, viz:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, That the minister of the gospel employed by the Senate to perform divine services during the present session, be amply paid by the members of the Senate, and that no charge be made against the State Treasury for such services; which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow, (Monday.)

Mr. Austin offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That Wednesday, the 23d December, A. D., 1846, be fixed for the final adjournment of the General Assembly, and that both Houses do adjourn on that day, *sine die*, which was read the first time, and ordered for Monday.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill from the House, to be entitled an act for the relief of Buckingham Smith, was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

A preamble and resolution from the House, relative to the establishment of a complete educational system, was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Augustine Fire Engine Company, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for Monday next.

A bill to be entitled "an act to provide for the payment of grand and petit jurors, &c.;" also,

A bill to be entitled "an act to authorize the payment of jurors," came up on their second reading—the reading dispensed with, and the bills referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act relative to elections in this State, came up on its second reading; which reading was dispensed with, and the bill referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the public printing, was read the second time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Resolutions reported by the Committee on the State of the Com-

monwealth, relating to the subjects embraced in the presentment of the Grand Jury of St. John's County, were read the second time; and ordered to be engrossed for Monday.

Having gone through with the orders, on motion, the Senate adjourned until Monday 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 7th December, 1846.

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

Mr. Lorimer gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the commonwealth Solicitor's fees, and to alter their mode of collection, also

A bill to be entitled an act to admit Wilkinson Call to practice law in the state of Florida.

Mr. Broward gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a Bill on the subject of Judges of the Circuit courts holding extra terms for the trial of criminal offences against the laws of this state.

Mr. Broward moved that the secretary of state be requested to furnish the committee on elections with a copy of the election returns of Walton county, or any other document he may be in possession of in relation to the contested election between the Hon. D. G. McLean and John Ghent who contests the seat of the said D. G. McLean.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. McLean offered the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS it is desirable that some measure should be adopted to establish a perpetual system of public schools for the benefit of every neighborhood in this state no matter how small or obscure such neighborhood may be; and whereas it is well known that a large number of the sixteenth sections in this state are valueless, so much so that no benefit can ever be realized from them in some counties; and whereas it is believed that the funds which may arise from said land, together with the other available means which are intended to be applied to the use of common schools, will never be sufficient to accomplish the object intended with equal justice to the citizens of this state, inasmuch as it is believed that most of the valuable townships in this state are settled by persons of wealth, while the less valuable townships are more densely populated by persons of moderate circumstances; which class compose a large majority of our population, thereby rendering the means now intended for a general system of public schools in this state very unequal among her citizens, and in many instances a large number of the poorer class of our population would be wholly deprived of the inestimable bounty allowed by the