

Ordered, That the bill with the title as changed, be certified to the House of Representatives.

Preamble and Resolutions from the House in relation to a Light House at or near the mouth of the Suwannee river, was read the third time and adopted without amendment.

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

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 11th December, 1846.

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

Mr. Broward, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the criminal prosecutions, and the contingent expenses of the Circuit Courts, which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. White, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to define more particularly who are retailers of spirituous liquors, which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. McLean gave notice that he would, at an early day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act concerning grand and petit jurors.

On motion, Mr. Austin obtained leave of absence until Monday next.

Mr. White gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for filling vacancies in boards of county commissioners, in the several counties in the State of Florida.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Austin introduced a bill to be entitled an act limiting the sessions of the General Assembly of the State of Florida; which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Broward from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, made the following report:

The committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a preamble and resolutions relative to appointing by the General Assembly of two commissioners from each section of this State to make a written report to the next General Assembly their opinions in relation to the best and proper mode for establishing schools and colleges in this State, ask leave to

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That all the information that the General Assembly could obtain on this important subject to the people of Florida would be all important, and at no session more so than at the next session of the

General Assembly—at which time, it is reasonable to hope that such schools and colleges may be put in operation; but your committee, in the absence of any information to what would be the probable cost of such commissioners, must hesitate in recommending the passage of the resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN BROWARD, Chairman.

Which was received, and the resolution reported back ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act to legitimate and change the name of William Jefferson Fountain and others therein named, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That in the investigation of this subject they have had before them John Gent, who is one of the legal heirs (in right of his wife) of William Cauthon, the memorialist. He states that the said William Cauthon, many years since, secured to his lawful children by deed, his entire estate, with the exception of a small number of cattle; that since his connexion with Mrs. Fountain, the mother of the children he wishes to legitimate, he has acquired a small estate, which consists principally in stock; and that so far as he knows, and fully believes, that every lawful heir of the said Cauthon, (and who are all of age,) are perfectly willing, and desire that the children specified in said bill should be legitimated and become the lawful heirs of their father. Your committee has been informed from other reliable sources that the statement made by Mr. Gent is substantially true. Although your committee, under other circumstances, would be opposed to the passage of any such law as the one under consideration, yet from the facts connected with this case, there appears to be some reason for its passage.—Your committee, therefore, report the bill back to the Senate without amendment, 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 received, and the bill ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Kelly, from the Select Committee, on joint rules, made the following report:

The committee of the Senate, appointed to confer with a similar committee on the part of the House of Representatives, as to the propriety of striking out the 3d Joint Rule adopted at this session, have considered the same, and have agreed that the said Rule be rescinded.

Which was received.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate certain

resolutions from the Senate, in relation to the subjects embraced in the presentment of the grand jury of St. John's county. Adopted by the House without amendment.

The Senate received from the House the following preambles and resolutions, viz:

Preamble and resolution in relation to losses from depredations of Indians; also,

Preamble and resolutions relating to the removal of the Indians now remaining in Florida.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

The Senate received from the House the following message:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 10th, 1846. }

Hon. President of the Senate—Sir:

The House have passed Senate bill to be entitled "An Act to make certified copies of records evidence," with the following amendment, to wit:

In the eighth line of said bill, before the words of the officer insert the words, "and if there be no seal of office, then under the private seal."

To which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Your obedient servant,

M. D. PAPY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, the amendment concurred in, and the same ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Reason F. Swilley, administrator of Calvin E. Swilley, deceased; to sell the real estate of said deceased at private sale, was read the second time, the amendments recommended by the Judiciary Committee, concurred in, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Jesse Coe to establish a ferry across the Apalachicola river, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of persons unjustly sued in the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill from the House to be entitled an act so to alter the Constitution of the State of Florida, as to have Judges of Probate elected, was read the second time, and laid on the table.

A resolution from the House, in relation to a lot purchased by Frederick Hoc, of the commissioner of the Tallahassee fund, was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Preamble and resolutions from the House, relating to the pay-

ment of the salary of Richard F. Brantley, late Solicitor of the Southern Circuit, was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

✓ Preamble and resolutions from the House relating to settlers, under the armed occupation law, was read the second time, and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill from the House to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment of weighers of cotton, and other produce, and inspectors of wood, lumber, and tobacco, in and for the county of Franklin, was read the second time, and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill from the House to be entitled an act relating to the duties of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, acting for the counties of Orange and St. Lucie, was read a second time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Having gone through with the orders, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY 12th December, 1846.

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

Mr. Kelly gave notice that he would ask leave on some future day to introduce a bill to be entitled a general act for the incorporation of churches, and religious societies in this State.

Mr. Kelly at his request was excused for the balance of the day.

Mr. Fairbanks at his request was excused for the balance of the day.

Mr. White from the committee on enrolled bills made the following report:

The committee on enrolled bills

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As correctly enrolled "a resolution relating to public documents." Also a preamble and resolutions asking of Congress the erection of a light house at New Smyrna on the eastern coast of Florida. Also preamble and resolution asking Congress to make an appropriation to build a light house on Egmont Key on the coast of Florida.

THOMAS M. WHITE, Chairman.

Which was received.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the expenses of criminal prosecutions and the contingent expenses of the circuit courts,

Came up and on motion of Mr. Fairbanks the reading of the same was dispensed with and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.