

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the payment of solicitor's fees, and designating the mode of collecting the same, also,

A bill to be entitled an act relative to elections in this State.

A bill to be entitled an act taxing law suits to pay jurors, was again laid on the table.

An act to provide for the payment of grand and petit jurors in their respective districts, was again laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of solicitor's fees, and designating the mode of collecting the same, was read a second time.

On motion, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill, Mr. White in the Chair; after some time, the committee rose, reported the bill back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; which report was received, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act relative to elections in this State, was read a second time, and ordered for Wednesday next.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, December 15th, 1846.

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

On motion of Mr. Carter Mr. Floyd, was added to the committee on Propositions and Grievances—also to the committee on Elections.

The President informed the Senate that he was in possession of a document addressed to him and received by mail, purporting to contain evidence in regard to the election returns from Walton county. Which was received and referred to the committee on elections.

Mr. Fairbanks presented the following report:

The Joint Select Committee appointed by the General Assembly to examine into the proceedings of the acting Register of public lands, beg leave respectfully to

#### REPORT:

That in pursuance of the request of the Governor, they have examined into the affairs of said office, and find that the several acts of Congress designated in the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Seminary Lands authorize the State to select and locate the following lands, to wit:

For two Seminaries of Learning,	64,240 acres.
For Seat of Government,	5,126 acres.
For 16th sections covered by private claims,	73,600 acres.
For Internal Improvements,	500,000 acres.

Total, 642,960 acres.

The Governor has since the adjournment of the last session of the Legislature, performed the duties of Register, and has caused to be located for Seminary and Internal Improvements, one hundred and seventy thousand acres.

These locations have been made by agents employed under contract at a fixed compensation by the Governor. Two agents have been employed in the West, two in the Middle, and two in the East. The compensation contracted to be paid each locating agent is five cents per acre for first rate hammock lands, of first quality, three and a half cents per acre for locating hammock lands of second quality, and two and a half cents per acre for pine lands of first quality. Out of 120,000 acres located by Messrs. Purry, Whitner, Wells and Barkley, twenty nine thousand six hundred and eighty acres are designated as first rate hammock lands, twenty three thousand two hundred and sixty eight acres are designated as second rate hammock lands, four thousand seven hundred and seventy acres are designated as oak and hickory lands, and sixty two thousand two hundred acres are designated as first rate pine lands. Of the lands already located, about one hundred and five thousand acres have been located east of the Suwannee river, and about sixty five thousand west of said river. A more particular description of the location of these lands will be found in the tabular statement hereto appended.

Thirty five thousand acres of those already located have been designated as seminary lands, and said selections forwarded to Washington for approval by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. It should be remarked, however, that a small portion of said lands has been located upon lands entered by individuals under the pre-emption and armed occupation laws for the purpose of securing the same to the State should the same by the default of the persons interested in the same, revert to the Government.

The amount paid to said agents on account of their services up to the present time, is about two thousand dollars, which has been received and disbursed in the manner stated in the annexed report upon that subject.

In order to meet the expenses of locating these lands, it is absolutely required that so soon as the necessary authority can be obtained from Congress, a portion of the same should be exposed for sale. It will be observed by the statement above made, that out of a selection of one hundred and twenty thousand acres, over one half is composed of pine lands. This fact strongly indicates to us the expediency of having the locations remaining to be made for the State, completed as soon as the same can possibly be done, in order to obtain valuable lands before the same shall have been sold by the Government.

For the purpose of defraying the expense of their location, provision should at once be made for a sale of such as are most accessible, and will probably command the best price.

Apart from the reasons just suggested, general considerations of public policy would seem to indicate that these extensive donations of lands should not be kept back by the State from sale, but should rather be thrown open as an invitation to the citizens of other States to settle among us, to add by their industry and means to our prosperity, and aid in the development of our resources.

Rich lands without the population to till and improve them, will add neither to present prosperity nor future wealth—but by the adoption of a judicious policy, whereby the public domain of the State shall be offered to the purchaser at a reasonable rate and upon reasonable terms, the purposes for which the donations were granted will be subserved, while the State will be benefitted incalculably by the increased impetus and importance conferred by a growing population.

The rich lands of the Western States have attained their present value only by the adoption of a liberal and far-seeing policy, which by placing them in the outset within the reach of the industrious and persevering pioneers of population at a low price, has in the course of a few years, densely populated the country, and made the remainder valuable and available. We shall then best consult the interests of our State and its future prosperity, by at once offering for sale such of these lands as are already located.

The mode of selling these lands is a matter which will require much consideration, and is perhaps more properly within the province of the respective

committees on Schools and Colleges and Internal Improvements; but as the investigation entered into by your committee has embraced all the lands of the State, they deem it not inappropriate to offer a few suggestions on this subject.

The plans adopted by other States of the Union in regard to the disposal of their public lands, have been various, but it is believed to have been the usual course to affix a minimum value upon all such lands, and offer them for sale at public sale, a portion of the purchase money being paid down, and the balance in annual payments. The system in force in the State of Indiana, affixes the following rates and has the following provisions in respect to the sale of seminary lands. The minimum rate for first rate land is fixed at two dollars and fifty cents per acre; for second rate land, one dollar and fifty cents per acre, and third rate land, seventy-five cents per acre. The lands to be sold on the following terms: 1. One fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale with the interest on the residue for one year in advance. 2. Such residue to remain on interest at the option of the purchaser for ten years, the interest being paid annually in advance. 3. On failure to pay such interest when due, the contract of sale shall be forfeited, and such land revert to the State, and may be immediately resold. The title for the lands to be retained until the whole amount is paid, and provision made against waste or trespass.

A system somewhat similar might be adopted by us with some modifications, and as the outline of such a system, your committee would suggest the following:

1. Minimum rates to be affixed to all of the lands, as follows: for first rate lands, two dollars and fifty cents per acre; for second rate lands, one dollar and fifty cents per acre; and for third rate lands, seventy-five cents per acre.

2. The lands to be sold on the following terms: one fourth of the purchase money to be paid down, and the interest on the residue in advance for one year; a second fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the expiration of one year from the time of sale and the residue allowed to remain for a longer period not exceeding five years on payment of annual interest in advance.

3. Upon failure to pay any amount due for principal or interest the lands to revert to the state and may be immediately resold.

4. Suitable provision to be made against waste or trespass, and the title of the lands to be retained until complete payment.

A modification which it might be well to adopt would be to fix the minimum price somewhat in accordance with the location as well as intrinsic value of the land as for instance, all lands between the Suwannee and Apalachicola rivers from location might be deemed more valuable than others situated in parts of the country less densely populated.

Should a cash sale be insisted upon, we should necessarily, be obliged to make a large reduction in the minimum rates affixed to the State Lands in order to make any sales; while the Government by means of pre-emption rights and a minimum for its best lands below that we propose to affix to our second best lands, offers more favorable terms than the State.

In nearly all sales of real estate between individuals, the principle of a part payment down, and a term of years for the balance is insisted upon and recognized; and the difference between an entire cash sale and a sale partly on credit is always great. An individual who sells land at a lower price for cash, does so, not because it is more secure, but because the money may be necessary to him or its use to him greater than the interest, but in the case of the state where the money to be received is intended to be reinvested at interest, no such reason applies, but on the contrary, no kind of investment is more safe, than that secured by a lien, and power of re-entry upon the lands themselves, while the interest received is greater than can be obtained from any other species of safe investment. The credit, however, should not be extended for a greater length of time than is requisite to enable the purchaser to meet the balance; one half being paid within the first year will be a sufficient guarantee for the fulfillment on the part of the purchaser of his contract.

The committee with great pleasure bear testimony to the fidelity and judgment with which the novel and complicated duties of the Registership have been performed by his Excellency the Governor without cost to the State. The state is also under much obligation to the President of the Board of Trustees of Seminary Lands for the unwearied exertions and disinterested aid rendered by him in the cause of education and the public interests of the state. Mr. Oscar Myers has acted as the clerk of the Registry of Lands during the past year, and has performed the duties of the same faithfully, and your committee recommend an appropriation of one hundred dollars to be paid to Mr. Myers from the contingent fund upon the warrant of the Governor.

Your committee would particularly call attention to the importance and necessity of filling the office of Register immediately, and relieving the Governor from the onerous duties appertaining to it.

The lands granted for the seat of government are in charge of the treasurer  
G. R. FAIRBANKS, Ch'n Senate Com.  
CHARLES RUSSELL, Ch'n Ho. Com.

### LANDS LOCATED.

#### WHITNER'S SELECTIONS.

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. South.</i>	<i>R. East.</i>
The E hf S W qr and E hf of N W qr of	22	13	21
The whole of	15	13	21
The whole of	17	13	21
North West quarter of	27	13	21
North East quarter of	28	13	21
E half of N E qr and E half of S E qr	6	13	21
The whole of	5	13	21
The whole of	4	13	21
N E N W and S W qrs	3	13	21
S E qr and E half of N E qr	8	13	21
S half of E half N E qr and W half of N W qr of 4	13	13	22
The whole of	5	13	22
The whole of	6	13	22
N E N W and S E qrs and E hf of S W qr	19	13	22
The whole of	30	13	22
South half of	31	13	22
South half of	32	13	22
North half of	34	15	22
West half of	35	15	22
S E qr and E half of N E qr of	5	17	22
South West quarter of	1	17	22
South half of	2	17	22
S half N E quarter and E half of N W qr of	3	17	22
North West and South East qrs of	4	17	22
South East quarter of	34	16	22
S W qr and East half of North West qr of	35	16	22
Lots Nos 1 and 2 of	6	16	22
S W qr E hf of N W qr and E hf of S E qr of	5	16	22
South West quarter of	4	16	22
East half of North West quarter of	9	16	22
South West quarter of	10	16	22
E half of N W qr and W hf of N E qr of	15	16	22
West half of	18	16	22
East half of	27	15	21
S W qr and W hf of N W qr of	27	14	20
S E qr E hf of N W qr and E hf of S W qr of	26	14	20
E hf of N E qr and E hf of S E qr of	25	14	20

## WHITNER'S SELECTIONS—Continued.

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. South.</i>	<i>R. East.</i>
N W S W and S E qrs of	36	14	20
East half of	35	14	20
South half of	34	14	20
E half of N E qr and E half of S E qrof	11	14	20
North half of	29	14	20
N E qr E hf of N W qr and E hf of S E qr of	32	14	20
E half of N E qr of	28	14	20
S W qr and W half of N W qr of	30	14	21
The whole of	6	23	20
North East North West and South West qrs of	5	23	20
E hf of N W qr and W hf of N E qr of	7	23	20
E hf of N E qr and E hf of S E qr of	8	23	20
W h of NW and SW qs and E h of NE & SE qs	9	23	20
N W S W and S E qrs of	10	23	20
South East quarter of	23	23	20
West half of South West quarter of	24	23	20
West half of North East quarter of	26	23	20
North half of	6	24	21
Whole of	11	24	21
S W qr and W half of S E qr	14	24	21
North West quarter of	23	24	21
South West quarter of	24	24	21
W half of S W qr and N W quarter of	26	24	21
South East qr of	27	24	21
N W qr and W hf of S W quarter of	25	24	21
Whole of	23	22	19
Whole of	24	22	19
East half of	25	22	19
E h of NE q SW q of NE q & SE q NW q of	36	22	19
North half of	26	22	19
Whole of	22	22	19
N E and N W quarters of	21	22	19
North half of	27	22	19
North half of	28	22	19
North half of	29	22	19
East half of	19	22	19
E hf and E hf of N W and S W qrs of	33	22	19
West ha f of South West quarter of	34	22	19
North half and South East quarter of	6	22	19
East half of	7	22	19
East half of	18	22	19
North East quarter and South half of	17	22	19
East half of	8	22	19
East half of North East and S E qrs of	5	22	19
Whole of	4	22	19
Whole of	3	22	19
Whole of	9	22	19
West half of	10	22	19
West half of	15	22	19
W hf of N W and S W qrs of	2	22	19
E hf of s w qr and w hf of s e qr	1	22	19
North east quarter of	12	22	19
whole of	11	22	19
west half of	14	22	19
w half and w half of south east quarter of	19	22	20
Whole of	20	22	20

## WHITNER'S SELECTIONS—Continued.

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. South.</i>	<i>R. East.</i>
west half of north west quarter of	31	22	20
s w q, w h of s e q, e h of n w q, w h of n e qr of	5	19	17
west hf and west half of north east quarter of	8	19	17
south half of	1	21	18
south east half of	2	21	18
north half of	12	21	18
s e qr, e half of n w qr, and w hf of n e qr of	30	20	19
whole of	6	16	16
west half of	10	16	16
w hf and w hf of n e and s e qrs of	15	16	16
whole of	22	16	16
north east north west and south east qrs of	28	16	16
whole of	7	16	16
whole of	8, 9, 17, 18	16	16
whole of	20, 21, 27	16	16
west half of	5	16	16
east half of	19	16	16
west half of	23	16	16
west half of	26	16	16
west half of north west quarter of	20	15	20
e hf of n e qr s e qr and e hf of s w qr of	19	15	20
s w qr and w hf of n w qr of	29	15	20
n e s e s w qrs and e hf of n w qr of	30	15	20
w hf and w hf of n e qr of	1	14	20
whole of	2	14	20
s hf n w qr and w hf of n e qr	36	13	20
south half and north east quarter of	35	13	20
whole of	21, 17	13	20
north east quarter of	28	13	20
west half of	25	13	20
whole of	1	13	20
south half of	2	13	20
whole of	12	13	20
whole of	6	13	20
whole of	5	13	20
All except the west hf of s w quarter of	8	13	20
whole of	7	13	20
n w qr w hf of n e qr and w hf of s w quarter of	32	13	20
east half of	31	13	20
north east quarter of	10	13	19
w hf and w half of n e and s e quarters of	26	13	19
e hf of s e qr and e hf of s w quarter of	27	13	19
n e quarter and e hf of n w quarter of	34	13	19
south west quarter of	1	13	19
s e quarter and e half of s w quarter of	2	13	19
north half of	11	13	19
west half of	12	13	19
south half and west hf of north west qr of	13	13	19
north east qr of	14	13	19
w hf of n w and s w qrs and s e qr of s w qr of	25	12	19
north east south east and south west qrs of	26	12	19
west half of	35	12	19
north west quarter of	36	12	19
north half of	1	12	18
whole of	5 & 6	12	14
west half of	4	12	14

## WHITNER'S SELECTIONS—Continued.

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. South.</i>	<i>R. East.</i>
whole of	7	12	14
whole of	8	12	14
south east quarter of	8	15	23
east half of	17	15	23
n w and s e qrs and w half of n e quarter of	21	15	23
north half of	28	15	23
north half and south west quarter of	27	15	23
w half of north west and south west qrs of	26	15	23
w half s e quarter and w half of n e quarter of	22	15	23
whole of	1 & 2	23	29
east half and east half of south west qr of	11	23	29
north half and south east quarter of	12	23	29
west half of	5	23	30
west half of	8	23	30
whole of	6 & 7	23	30

## RANDOLPH'S SELECTIONS.

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. South.</i>	<i>R. East.</i>
whole of	1	7	15
Fraction of	12	7	15
west half of south west quarter of	6	7	16
Fractional	5	8	14
Fractional	8	8	14
south half of	9	8	14
Fractional	17 & 19	8	14
west half of	20	8	14
Fractional	30	8	14
w hf of n w qrs w qr and w hf s e qr of	29	8	14
n w qr and w hf of n e qr of	32	8	14
w hf of n w qr and w hf of s w qr of	5	9	14
Fractional	6	9	14
Fractional	7	9	14
west half of south west quarter of	8	9	14
Fractional	18 & 19	9	14
n w qr and w hf of s w quarter of	17	9	14
west half of north west quarter of	20	9	14
south half of	29	9	15
south east quarter of	30	9	15
south east quarter of	8	9	16
west half south west quarter of	9	9	16
east half of	17	9	16
east half of north east quarter of	20	9	16
west half of north west quarter of	21	9	16
Fractional	36	12	31
Fractional	31	12	32
Fractional	1	13	31
The whole of	6	13	32
Fractional	7	13	32
Fractional	8	13	32
Fractional	18	13	32
Fractional	17	13	32
Fractional	19	13	32
Fractional	20	13	32
south west quarter of	5	13	32
south lots of	8	14	32
south lots of	9	14	32

## RANDOLPH'S SELECTIONS—Continued.

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. South.</i>	<i>R. East.</i>
north hf and west hf of south west quarter of	17	14	32
fraction of north east quarter of	18	14	32
fractional	19	15	33
fractional	29	15	33
fractional	32	15	33
east hf of south east qr and north east qr of	30	15	33
south half of fractional	4	16	33
east hf and east hf of north west qr of fractional	5	16	33
north east quarter of	8	16	33
west half and north east quarter of	9	16	33
south half of fractional	3	16	33
north half and south east quarter of fractional	10	16	33
fractional	11	16	33
fractional	14	16	33
east hf of north east qr and east hf of s e qr of	21	16	33
west half of south west quarter of	22	16	33
west half of north west quarter of	27	16	33
east half of north east quarter of	28	16	33
the whole of	18	27	21
south half of	7	27	21
north halves of	8 & 9	27	21
south half	20	28	21
north half of	29	28	21
south half	1	28	22
west half (except the n w qr of the n w qr) of	12	28	22
south hf of north west qr and w hf of n e qr of	11	28	22
east half of south east quarter of	10	28	22
north east quarter of	15	28	22
north west quarter of	13	28	22
the whole of	14	28	22
the whole of	36	29	22
west half and south east quarter of	25	29	22
west half of	24	29	22
west half and south east quarter of	23	19	31
fractional	21, 22 & 27	19	31
the whole of	26	19	31
south west quarter of	28	19	31
south east qr and east hf of s w qr of	29	19	31
south east quarter of	34	19	31
south west quarter of	35	19	31
south west quarter of	25	19	31
fractional	2	20	31
north east quarter of	3	20	31
fractional	11	20	31
east half and north west quarter of	10	20	31
fractional	15	20	31
east half and south west quarter of	17	20	31
south east qr and east hf of south west qr of	18	20	31
east hf of north-west qr, s hf and n e qr of	19	20	31
fractional	20, 25, 26, 29, 30	20	31
fractions of	23 & 24	20	31
the whole of	35 & 36	20	31
west hf and west hf of n e qr and s e qr of	1	21	31
the whole of	2	21	31
the whole of	3	21	31
east half and north west quarter of	4	21	31

## RANDOLPH'S SELECTIONS—Continued.

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. South.</i>	<i>R. East.</i>
north half and south west quarter of	10	21	31
north west quarter of	11	21	31
north west quarter of	12	21	31
the whole of	24	20	30
east half of fractional	25	20	30
fractional	26	20	30
the whole of	27 & 28	20	30
fractional	35	20	30
north east quarter of	6	21	31
s w qr and whf of n w qr and e hf of n e qr of	5	21	31
south half and north east quarter of	15	21	31
fractions of	25 & 36	19	31
east half of fractional	31	20	31
fractional	33	20	31
north east quarter of	34	20	30
fractional	36	20	30
north half and south west quarter of	1	21	30
north half of	2	21	30
west half of	30	20	32
the whole of	24 & 25	22	29
east half and south west quarter of	36	22	29
south east quarter and east half south w qr of	29	19	31
east half of north east quarter of	29	20	30
east half of north west qr and whf of n e qr of	28	21	31
east half of s w qr and whf of s e qr of	21	21	31
west half of south w qr and whf of n w qr of	31	20	32
fractional	24	20	32
east half of south east quarter of	23	20	32
east half of north east quarter of	26	20	32
north west quarter of	25	20	32
fractional	33	12	28
lots no. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of	34	12	28
fractional	4	12	28
lots no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of	3	13	28
east half of north east quarter of	15	13	28
lots no. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of	10	13	28
lots no. 1 and 2 of	9	13	28
fractional	1	12	27
east half of south east quarter of	2	12	27
east half of north east quarter of	11	12	27
all except west half of south west quarter of	12	12	27
Fractional	7 & 18	12	28
Fractional	20	10	27
south west quarter of	21	10	27
west half of	28	10	27
all except south west quarter of	29	10	27
east hf of north e quarter and e hf of s e qr of	17	11	28
east half of north east quarter of	20	11	28
west half of north west quarter of	21	11	28
north half of	26	22	29
east half of north east quarter of	27	22	29
east half of south east quarter of	22	22	29
west half of north west qr & west half of	} 23	22	29
s w qr e hf of n e qr & e hf of s e qr of			
the whole of	3 & 4	18	30
north east quarter of	9	18	30

**RANDOLPH'S SELECEIONS—Continued.**

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. South.</i>	<i>R. East.</i>
north half and south east quarter of	10	18	30
north east quarter of	15	18	30
the whole of	1, 2, 11, & 12	18	30
west ha'f of north west quarter of	14	18	30
the whole of	27	18	30
east half of south west quarter of	28	18	30
east half of south east quarter of	21	18	30
west half of s w qr and east hf of s e qr of	22	18	30
south west quarter of	23	18	30
north west qr and west hf of s w qr of	26	18	30
east half of n east qr and e half of s e quarter of	33	18	30
north west quarter and w hf of s w quarter of	34	18	30

**S. J. PERRY'S SELECTIONS.**

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. South.</i>	<i>R. East.</i>
west half north east quarter of	4	10	13
north west quarter of	4	10	13
north east quarter of	5	10	13
south east quarter of	5	10	13
south west quarter of	5	10	13
east half north east quarter of	6	10	13
east half south east quarter of	6	10	13
north west quarter of	5	10	13
south west quarter of	4	10	13
south east quarter of	4	10	13
north west quarter of	9	10	13
north east quarter of	8	10	13
south east quarter of	8	10	13
east half south east quarter of	8	10	13
east halves of north east and south east qr of	17	10	13
north west quarter of	21	10	13
west half north east quarter of	21	10	13
south east quarter of	21	10	13
north east quarter of	27	10	13
south east quarter of	34	10	13
north east quarter of	34	10	13
south west and south east quarters of	34	10	13
west half north west quarter of	35	10	13
west half north west quarter of	34	10	13
the whole of	18	5	13
the whole of	13	5	12
south half of	12	5	12
north half of	32	4	12
south west quarter of	30	4	12
north west qr and west hf north east qr of	31	4	12
the whole of	28	1	7

**BARKLEY'S SELECTIONS.**

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. South.</i>	<i>R. West.</i>
east half northeast quarter and e half s e qr of	7	1	9
west half northwest qr & w half s w quarter of	8	1	9
east half northeast qr and east half s e qr of	18	1	9
west half northwest quarter and w hf sw qr of	17	1	9
east half northeast quarter and e hf s e qr of	19	1	9
west half of northwest qr and w hf s w quar of	20	1	9
west half northwest quarter and w hf s w qr of	29	1	9
east half northeast quarter and e hf s e qr of	30	1	9
lots nos 2 & 3 and south halves of 4 and 5 of	6	5 north	16

## BARKLEY'S SELECTIONS.

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>T. North.</i>	<i>R. West.</i>
lot no. 2 of	7	5	16
west half northwest quarter and s w quar of	17	5	16
fractional sections nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4	18	5	16
fractional	19	5	16
lots nos. 1 and 2, of	20	5	16
lot no 4 of	21	5	16
lots nos 4 and 5 of	27	5	16
lots nos 2 and 3, and s hf no 1 of	34	5	16
frac sects 19 29 no 3 frac sec.30 frac 23, 4 of	31	6	16
n hf and s w qr of	26	4	7
south east quarter of	27	4	7
south half of	4	5	9
west half of	1	5	9
east half of	2	5	9
east half and east half of n w qr and s w qr of	9	5	9
west half of	13	5	9
whole of	14	5	9
south east quarter of	15	5	9
east half north east quarter	21	5	9
north half and south east quarter of	22	5	9
whole of	23	5	9
west half of	24	5	9
west half north west qr and south hf s w qr of	26	5	9
n e and s e qrs e hf n w and e hf s w qrs of	27	5	9
e hf n w qr e hf s w qr and n e and s e qrs of	34	5	9
w hf n w qr and w hf south west quarter of	35	5	9
west halves of	6 and 7	6	9
east half south east quarter of	8	6	9
south half of	9	6	9
south half of	10	6	9
the whole of	14, 15, 17, 18	6	9
north half of	19	6	9
east half of	21	6	9
the whole of	22 and 23	6	9
west half of	25	6	9
the whole of	26 and 27	6	9
east half and south west quarter of	28	6	9
north west quarter of	33	6	9
north east quarter of	34	6	9
the whole of	35	6	9
west half of	36	6	9
north east quarter and south half of	10	5	10
east half of	15	5	10
the whole of	1	6	10
east half of	2	6	10
east half of	13	6	10
the whole of	24	6	10
the whole of	27	3	7
the whole of	36	6	12
east half of	35	6	12
north hf s and s e qr of 30 of	29 and 30	5	9

## WELL'S SELECTIONS.

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>Township.</i>	<i>Range.</i>
east half south west qr and w hf s e qr of	18	2 n	9 w
north east quarter of	19	2 n	9 w

## WELL'S SELECTIONS--Continued.

<i>Selections:</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>Township.</i>	<i>Range.</i>
east half of	30	2	9
west half of	32	2 n	9 w
whole of	8	2 s	8 w
Fractional	9	2	8
whole of	17	2	8
whole of	20	2	8
east half of	18	2 s	8
Fractional	6	3 s	8 w
Fractional	7	3	8
south east qr and east hf north east qr of	1	3	9
Fractional	12	3	9
lots nos 1 and 2 and n e qr and n w qr of	13	3	9
west half of	14	3	9
Fractional	17	4 south	9
lots nos four and five of	8	4	9
Fractional	32	2 north	16
south half of	11	2	16
south half of	5	2	15
west half north west quarter of	8	2	15
west half south west quarter of	8	2	15
west half south west quarter of	17	2	15
south west quarter and w half se quarter of	5	3 north	17 w
east half of south west quarter of	7	3	17
whole of	8	3	17
north half south west qr and w hfs e qr of	9	3	17
west half of	15	3	17
whole of	17	3	17
south half and north west quarter of	18	3	17
whole of	19	3	17
west half of	20	3	17
whole of	21	3	17
north half of	27	3	17
west half of	22	3	17
the whole of	28	3	17
north west quarter of	29	3	17
the whole of	30	3	17
the whole of	31	3	17
east half of	13	2 north	18 w
east half and south west quarter of	24	2	18
east half of south east quarter of	19	1 north	9 w
south west qr and w hf of n w quarter of	20	1	9
north west quarter of	29	1	9
east half of north east quarter of	30	1	9
lot number two of	10	7 north	8 w
north west quarter and west hf s w qr of	15	7	8
west half of	28	7	8
east half of	29	7	8
west half of	30	7	8
west half of south west quarter of	19	7	8
south half and north west quarter of	25	7 north	9 w
the whole of	26	7	9
north half of	27	7	9
east half and north west quarter of	23	7	9
west half of	14	7	9
the whole of	15	7	9
fractional	10	7	9

## WELL'S SELECTIONS—Continued:

<i>Selections.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>	<i>Township.</i>	<i>R. West.</i>
north west quarter and south east quarter of	24	7	9
east hf east hf n w quarter and e hfs w qr of	27	7 north	10 w
south east qr and e hf south west qr of	34	7	10
south half of	35	7	10
fractional	27	6 north	21 w
north half of	34	6	21
east half of	28	6	21
the whole of	7	2 s	13
west half of	8	2	13

Mr. Lorimer from the minority in the select committee appointed to examine into the proceedings of the acting Register of public lands, made the following report. :

The minority of the Joint Select Committee appointed by the General Assembly to examine into the proceedings of the acting Register of Public Lands disagrees to that part of the Report of the majority of the Committee which recommends that all the Seminary and College Lands belonging to the State be sold on a credit.

The minority of the committee entertains doubts whether the public interests will be most promoted by the selling of the seminary and college lands on the credit system, and judging the future by the past, entertains the opinion that it would be preferable to try first the cash system of selling said lands, and if upon experiment the lands should be found to sell for less than their value, or not sell readily, then the credit system could be resorted to.

The minority of the committee regrets the necessity of differing with the majority, on the momentous subject now under consideration; a subject in which all are deeply interested and desire to act with a view to promote the best interests of the common country; but the minority of the committee cannot consistently express other views, with the information which is at hand, and which is relied on as a guide to truth and correct conclusions.

JAMES H. T. LORIMER.

DR.	<i>The Governor of the State of Florida in account with the Locating Agents of the State.</i>		CR.	
1846.		1846.		
Feb. 24.	To amt. borrowed from seminary fund,	400 00	Feb. 24. By amt. paid B. F. Whitner, jr.,	200 00
Mar. 24.	“ “ “ “	200 00	Mar. 24. “ “ Henry Wells,	100 00
June 24.	“ “ “ contingent fund,	500 00	Mar. 26. “ “ S. J. Perry,	100 00
Aug. 11.	“ “ “ 5 pr cent. fund,	500 00	Apr. 20. “ “ H. Dorsey,	100 00
Sep. 20.	“ “ “ “ “	200 00	June 20. “ “ B. F. Whitner, jr.,	500 00
Oct. 19.	“ “ “ “ “	100 00	July 7. “ “ S. J. Perry,	60 00
Oct. 19.	“ “ “ “ “	100 00	Aug. 11. “ “ A. M. Randolph,	500 00
			Sep. 30. “ “ B. F. Whitner, jr.,	200 00
			Oct. 19. “ “ H. Dorsey,	100 00
			Oct. 19. “ “ H. Wells,	100 00
			Dec. 1. Balance in hands of acting Register,	40 00
		\$2,000 00		\$2,000 00

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Which was received read and five hundred copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. White, from the committee on Schools and Colleges, presented the following minority report :

The undersigned, one of the Committee on Schools and Colleges, dissenting from the majority of the Committee, asks leave to

#### REPORT:

That, in his opinion, it would be impolitic and unwise to sell the grants of land made by Congress to the State for Schools and Colleges, and internal improvements, entirely for cash, as is recommended by the majority of the committee. First—because if these lands are put up at auction and sold for cash entirely, they will sell greatly below their value. Secondly—by selling these lands on a moderate credit, inducements would be held out for persons to purchase and settle them, and it would place it within the power of every person (be their means ever so limited) to procure for themselves and families homesteads. On the other hand, if these lands were sold for cash entirely, many persons would be unable to do so, from their inability to raise means, at once, sufficient to purchase such of the lands as they might desire to do, and the lands in all probability would fall into the hands of speculators and capitalists, thereby preventing emigration and settlement, which is so desirable to all new countries. It should be the policy of the State in the disposition of these lands, first to guard and protect the fund for which they were severally granted, and next so to dispose of them as would be most beneficial to the citizens of our own State, and those wishing to immigrate and settle among us. In the opinion of the undersigned, both these objects could be best attained by selling these lands on a moderate credit. It is urged by the majority of the committee, that the credit system would be expensive in collections, &c. This is admitted to be true to some extent. Yet in the opinion of the undersigned, the difference between a cash and credit sale of these lands would greatly exceed the expense apprehended by the committee. To illustrate this more fully, there is of the lands granted for internal improvements 500,000 acres, of the lands granted for public schools, (the sixteenth sections,) there are about 500,000 acres, so far as the public domain has been surveyed in the State, and of the lands granted for seminaries of learning, there are upwards of ninety-two thousand acres; add these sums together, it makes near 1,100,000 acres. Taking the minimum prices, as proposed by the majority of the Committee—say first rate lands at two dollars per acre, second rate one dollar and twenty-five cents, and third rate at seventy-five cents—the average price would be one dollar and thirty-three and one-third cents per acre. This would produce a fund of over \$1,400,000; then, supposing the lands to sell for twenty-five per cent. more on credit than for cash, (which there is every probability of,) the difference between a cash and credit sale would be over \$400,000. It would scarcely be contended, that the expenses apprehended could reach near this sum. Another reason urged by the committee, why these lands should be sold for cash, is that they apprehend at some future time, politicians will make party questions and political capital, by making it an issue before the people, whether they should be compelled to pay their dues punctually to the State, or whether further time should be granted them. In answer to this argument, the undersigned, with due deference to the majority of the committee, would state that he has more confidence in the sovereign people, than to suppose for one moment they would be unwilling to pay to the State its just dues, as they became liable.

And in conclusion, the undersigned would certainly regret, that a subject so entirely foreign to political difference of opinion; and one, too, of such immense importance to the final interest of the people, should ever be agitated during the canvass of an election, as is suggested by the majority of the committee. He feels however, confident, that neither the majority of the committee, or

the undersigned, will ever experience such cause of regret. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS M. WHITE.

Which were read, received and five hundred copies of the majority and minority reports ordered to be printed.

The following Bills and Resolution were received from the House, viz.,

A Resolution to go into the election of assessors on Thursday the 17th inst; also,

A bill to be entitled "an act to change the northern line of St. Lucie county"; also,

A bill to be entitled "an act to adopt seals for the different departments therein mentioned"; also,

A bill to be entitled "an act for the relief of Nathan Backer; also,

A bill to be entitled "an act to alter and change the name of Theodora Caroline Trezvant."

Which bills were read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow his excellency the Governor transmitted to the Senate the following message.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, December 14th, 1846.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have approved the following Preambles and Resolutions, to wit:

Preamble and Resolution relative to a light house at Egmont Key on the southern coast of Florida.

Preamble and Resolution asking an appropriation of Congress for a light house at New Smyrna on the eastern coast of Florida.

A Resolution relating to public documents.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

WILLIAM D. MOSELEY.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Preamble and Resolutions relating to the removal of the Indians now remaining in Florida, was read the third time, the resolutions adopted and the preamble amended by striking out the word "seriously." Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Preamble and resolution from the House in relation to losses from depredations of Indians; was read the third time and adopted without amendment. Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

A bill from the House relating to the duties of the Circuit Court acting for the counties of Orange and St. Lucie; which was read the third time and passed with the title as stated. Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Preamble and resolution requesting the governor to transmit to our Senators and Representative in Congress copies of the resolutions in relation to the Seminary lands, &c., adopted by the last

General Assembly, was read the second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill from the House to be entitled an act to alter the Southern boundary of Benton county, and to establish the line dividing Hillsborough and Benton counties, was read the second time & referred to a select committee to consist of Messrs. Bradley, McLean and Priest.

A resolution relative to adjournment sine die on the 24th inst., was read the second time and referred to the committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for amending the Constitution of this State, was read a second time and referred to a select committee to consist of Messrs. Kelly, White and Carter.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for Appeals and Writs of Error in criminal cases; which was read the second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the payment of jurors, was read as amended on yesterday and the amendments concurred in.

Mr. Lorimer moved that all after the enacting clause of the amended bill be stricken out and the following inserted in lieu thereof, to wit:

"That the grand and petit jurors empaneled for the circuit courts in and for any of the counties of this state, shall each be entitled to and receive one dollar per diem, to be paid by the sheriff of the county in which such juror shall serve, immediately after the adjournment of said court."

Strike out the second and third sections and insert,

"Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of raising the funds necessary to pay the grand and petit jurors as provided for in the foregoing section, it shall be the duty of the Judges of Probate and the County Commissioners in the several counties of this State at the time they meet to make their annual county assessments, to make an estimate of the probable sum that will be required to pay the grand and petit jurors of their respective counties for one year, and lay an additional county tax sufficient to pay the same: which shall be collected and paid into the county treasury, as other county taxes are collected and paid over.

Sec. 3: *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the judges of Probate, immediately after the adjournment of the circuit court of their respective counties, to draw on the county treasurer in favor of the sheriff of such county for a sum sufficient to pay the grand and petit jurors, for their per diem at such term of the court. And it shall be the duty of the sheriffs to make out two full and complete rolls of the pannel of the grand and petit jury, shewing the number of days each juror has served, with the amount paid to each juror, who shall subscribe his name opposite

the sum by him received. One of which rolls shall be retained by the sheriff in his office, and the other he shall deposit with the judge of probate to be used in the settlement of his accounts.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall be in force from and after the passage thereof."

Which amendment was rejected and the bill ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Fairbanks, certain preamble and resolutions from the House was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day, to wit :

Preamble and resolution relative to the establishment of a complete educational system. On motion the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Bird in the chair on said preamble and resolution. After some time the committee rose, reported the preamble and resolution as amended, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which report was received, the committee discharged, and the resolutions and amendments ordered for to-morrow.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

#### WEDNESDAY, 16th December, 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. Broward, it was ordered that a place within the senate chamber be set apart for the reporters of the different papers of this city.

Mr. Broward gave notice that he would at an early day ask leave to introduce a bill in relation to certain property by the laws of the State exempt from execution, and to define in what cases such property may be exempted from execution.

On motion of Mr. Broward the following bills were taken from the table and placed among the orders viz ;

A bill to be entitled an act to tax law suits to pay jurors ; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of grand and petit jurors in their respective counties in this State ; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the public printing.

Mr. Broward, moved that the several bills among the orders to provide for the payment of jurors, be considered and disposed of according to their seniority, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Walker gave notice that he would at an early day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled act to regulate pilotage at the port of St. Marks.

Pursuant to public notice the following bills were introduced viz., by Mr. White.

A bill to provide for vacancies in boards of county commission.