

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Bradley, Floyd, Johnson, Priest, Walker and White.—8.

So the motion was refused.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 22d, 1846.

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

On motion the following bills were taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day;

A bill to be entitled an act to alter the southern boundary of Benton county, and to establish the line dividing Hillsborough and Benton counties, also,

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the sale of the lands granted to the state for purposes of Internal Improvement, also,

A bill to be entitled an act so to alter the constitution of the State of Florida as to have Judges of Probate elected; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, also,

Resolution from the House in relation to elections of officers, which resolution was ordered to be placed first among the orders for to-day.

Pursuant to previous notice the following bills were presented:

By Mr. Broward, a bill to be entitled an act to define in what cases certain property are exempt from execution.

By Mr. Bird, a bill to be entitled an act concerning divorces.

By Mr. Floyd a bill to be entitled an act amendatory to the several acts incorporating the city of Apalachicola.

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

Mr. Fairbanks gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the act in force relative to elections.

Mr. Mays gave notice that he will on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of Equities of Redemption.

The President laid before the Senate a memorial of sundry citizens and tax payers of the city of Tallahassee praying the passage of a law restraining the corporation of said city within constitutional limits in their power of taxation, which was read and referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Fairbanks from the Judiciary committee made the following REPORT: The Judiciary committee to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an act to provide for holding extra terms

of the Circuit Courts, report the same back with the following amendments: in the 3d line of the second section insert the following, "whenever the regular term appointed by law for any county shall for any cause have failed, and"

And that the following section should be added:

Section 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Judges in their respective circuits at any regular term of the court in any county may make an order appointing a time for holding a special term of the court for hearing and deciding chancery causes, and shall have power at such special terms, to hear and decide all causes, matters and things depending in chancery in such courts; and all proceedings had and all orders decrees and judgments made at such special term shall have the same validity as if had or made at a regular term appointed by law.

G. R. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.

Which was received and the bill and amendments ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. White from the committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report.

The committee on enrolled bills,

REPORT: As correctly enrolled an act to authorize Jesse Coe, to establish a ferry across the Apalachicola river. Also 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 within the State one year the elective franchise; also,

A resolution authorising the governor to appoint a commissioner to make a legal investigation in the claim of Capt. William H. Payne's company &c., also,

An act to authorize Reason F. Swilley Administrator of Calvin E. Swilley deceased, to sell the real estate of said deceased at private sale.

THOMAS M. WHITE, Chairman.

Which was received.

Mr. Fairbanks from the Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an act to amend an act giving a lien to mechanics, overseers, and others,

REPORT: That they have examined the same, and return the same, with the following amendment: Striking out the 3d section, and substituting the following in place thereof:

Section 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the service of the scire facias shall be in the same manner as the service of a summons, except in cases where the defendants cannot be found, and are non residents of the county where proceedings are had, in which case notice shall be given in the manner now required by law, in cases of attachment.

G. R. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.

Which was received and the bill reported back and amendments ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Kelly from a select committee made the following report:

The special committee to whom was referred a bill entitled "an act to provide for amending the constitution of this State" have had the same under consideration and,

REPORT: Your committee agree in the generally expressed wishes of the people that the constitution of the State of Florida needs amendment; yet your committee cannot avoid deprecating the course proposed to be pursued at the present session of the General Assembly, to amend the constitution by legislative enactment—and in view of this opinion the necessity of amendment by another mode than that proposed is strengthened, when it is remembered that this instrument met with decided opposition; so much so that for some time it was doubted whether it was adopted. Years have elapsed since, and numbers have been added to our population who had no participation in framing the fundamental law under which they are to live; many of whom together with such as were residents at the adoption of the constitution, ask that important changes should be made; but do they contemplate, in this request, that they shall be deprived of an inherent right the most important to their interest? In their primary assembly, the people alone should organize the form of government under which they are to live. The origin of all government begun there, and it is but wise in the opinion of your committee, that a recurrence to fundamental principles should be had in our action upon the subject under consideration. Your committee therefore return the bill without amendment to the Senate and ask to be discharged.

W. W. J. KELLY, Chairman.

Which was received and the bill ordered for to-morrow.

The Senate received from the House the following bills and preamble and resolution, viz:

Preamble and resolution in relation to the claims for military supplies sold to Robert Armstrong, assistant quartermaster; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, and to annul certain rules adopted by said court; also,

Preamble and resolution in relation to a mail route in Nassau, Duval, and Columbia counties; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Betsey Ann Wingate; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the oath to be taken in claim cases by executors, administrators, and guardians; which were severally read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
21st December, 1846.

Gentlemen of the Senate,
and House of Representatives:

I have approved the following act, preamble and resolution:

An act to make certified copies of records evidence;

A resolution in relation to the bridge over the St. Sebastian river;

Preamble and resolution in relation to a mail route from Milton to Sparta, Alabama.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
W. D. MOSELEY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A message from the House relative to the election of a circuit judge, register, comptroller, treasurer, and tax assessors, came up, the invitation to go into an election of tax assessors at 7 o'clock P. M. this evening, accepted, and the balance laid on the table.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House was now ready to proceed to the election of a comptroller and treasurer for the State; whereupon, on motion of Mr. Kelly, the Senate proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives.

On motion, the General Assembly went into the election of a comptroller of public accounts.

Mr. Fairbanks of the Senate, nominated Nathaniel P. Bemis.

Mr. Leonard of the House, nominated J. L. Demilly.

Mr. Westcott of the House, nominated R. B. Clayton.

On the first balloting, the vote was as follows:

For BEMIS--Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Kelly, McMillan, Tabor, Aldrich, Canova, Cooper, Daniel, Finlayson, Gould, Hancock, Jernigan, Russell, Smith, Stone and Taylor; 22.

For DEMILLY--Messrs. Austin, Lorimer, Walker, White, Avery, Fairior, Fisher, Gibson, Gregory, Houston, Jones, Leonard, McIntosh, Monroe, Stockton, Tanner, Towle and Waterson; 18.

For CLAYTON--Messrs. Johnson, Broward, Fletcher, Gaylor, Westcott and Mr. Speaker; 6.

There being no election, the General Assembly proceeded to the 2d balloting. The result as follows:

For BEMIS--Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Kelly, Tabor, Aldrich, Broward, Canova, Cooper, Daniel, Finlayson, Gould, Hancock, Jernigan, Russel, Smith, Stone, Taylor and Ward; 23.

For DEMILLY--Messrs. Austin, Lorimer, McMillan, Walker, White, Avery, Fairior, Fisher, Gibson, Gregory, Houston, Jones, Leonard, McIntosh, Monroe, Stockton, Tanner, Towle, Tracey and Waterson; 20.

For CLAYTON--Messieurs Johnson, Fletcher, Gaylor, Westcott and Mr. Speaker; 5.

The President announced that there was no election.

On the 3d balloting, the vote was as follows:

For BEMIS--Mr. President, messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Kelly, Tabor, Aldrich, Broward, Canova, Cooper, Daniel, Fin-

Jayson, Gould, Hancock, Jernigan, Russell, Smith, Stone, Taylor, Ward and Mr. Speaker; 24.

For DEMILLY--messrs Austin, Lorimer, McMillan, Walker, White, Avery, Farnor, Fisher, Gibson, Gregory, Houston, Leonard, McIntosh, Monroe, Stockton, Tanner, Towle, Tracey and Waterson; 19.

For CLAYTON--messrs. Johnson, Fletcher, Gaylor, Jones and Westcott; 5.

There being no election, the General Assembly proceeded to the 4th balloting. The result as follows:

For BEMIS--Mr. President, messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Kelly, Tabor, Aldrich, Broward, Canova, Cooper, Daniel, Finlayson, Gaylor, Gould, Hancock, Jernigan, Russell, Smith, Stone, Taylor, Ward and Mr. Speaker; 25.

For DEMILLY--messrs. Austin, Lorimer, McMillan, Walker, White, Avery, Farnor, Fisher, Gibson, Gregory, Houston, Jones, Leonard, Maxwell, McIntosh, Monroe, Stockton, Tanner, Towle, Tracey and Waterson; 21.

For CLAYTON--messrs. Johnson, Fletcher and Westcott; 3.

There being no election, the name of Mr. Clayton was withdrawn, and the General Assembly proceeded to the fifth balloting, as follows:

For BEMIS--Mr. President, messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Johnson, Kelly, Tabor, Aldrich, Broward, Canova, Cooper, Daniel, Finlayson, Fletcher, Gaylor, Gould, Hancock, Jernigan, Russell, Smith, Stone, Taylor, Ward and Mr. Speaker; 26.

For DEMILLY--messrs. Austin, Lorimer, McMillan, Walker, White, Avery, Farnor, Fisher, Gibson, Gregory, Houston, Jones, Leonard, Maxwell, McIntosh, Monroe, Stockton, Tanner, Towle, Tracey, Waterson and Westcott; 22.

There being no election, the General Assembly proceeded to the 6th balloting, to wit:

For BEMIS--Mr. President, messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Kelly, Tabor, Aldrich, Broward, Canova, Cooper, Daniel, Finlayson, Fletcher, Gaylor, Gould, Hancock, Jernigan, Russell, Smith, Stone, Taylor, Ward and Mr. Speaker; 27.

For DEMILLY--messrs. Austin, Lorimer, McMillan, Walker, White, Avery, Farnor, Fisher, Gibson, Gregory, Houston, Jones, Leonard, Maxwell, McIntosh, Monroe, Stockton, Tanner, Towle, Tracey, Waterson and Westcott; 22.

There being no election, the General Assembly proceeded to the seventh balloting; which was as follows:

For BEMIS--Mr. President, messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Kelly, Tabor, Aldrich, Avery, Broward, Canova, Cooper, Daniel, Finlayson, Fletcher, Gaylor, Gould, Hancock, Jernigan, Russell, Smith, Stone, Taylor, Ward and Mr. Speaker; 28.

For DEMILLY--messrs. Austin, Lorimer, McMillan, Walker, White, Farnor, Fisher, Gibson, Gregory, Houston, Jones, Leonard, Maxwell, McIntosh, Monroe, Stockton, Tanner, Towle, Tracey, and Waterson; 20.

The name of J. L. Demilly being withdrawn, the General Assembly proceeded to ballot the eighth time, and on counting the votes, it appeared that N. P. Bemis had received 41 votes, as follows:

For BEMIS--Mr. President, messrs. Austin, Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Kelly, Lorimer, McMillan, Tabor, White, Aldrich, Avery, Broward, Canova, Cooper, Daniel, Finlayson, Fisher, Fletcher, Gaylor, Gould, Gregory, Hancock, Houston, Jernigan, Jones, Leonard, McIntosh, Monroe, Russell, Smith, Stockton, Stone, Taylor, Tracey, Ward and Mr. Speaker; 41.

And was thereupon, declared duly elected Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The General Assembly then proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for the State.

Mr. Taylor, of the House, nominated Benjamin Byrd. There being no other nomination, the General Assembly proceeded to ballot for Treasurer, and on counting the votes, the following was the result of the first balloting:

B. Byrd, 47; Blank, 1.

To wit:

For Byrd—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Kelly, Lorimer, McMillan, Tabor, Walker and White, 15

Votes of the House: Byrd, 32
Blank, 1. — 47.

Benjamin Bird was therefore declared duly elected Treasurer.

The Senate returned to their Chamber, when the following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, December 22d, 1846. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and Ho. of Representatives:

You have herewith transmitted sundry resolutions, forwarded to this Department by the last mail, from the Government of New Hampshire, with a request that they may be laid before you.

Upon this very extraordinary communication I do not deem it advisable to comment—further than to remark, that it is to me a matter of unfeigned regret that the Legislature of any member of the confederacy should assume the responsibility to denounce an institution of a sister state; and “pledge a co-operation, (even within the limits of her constitutional action,) for its suppression and extermination.” An interference, from whatever motives it may have been prompted, cannot, it is believed, be sanctioned either by “principles of humanity or religion.”

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. D. MOSELEY, Gov. of Fla.

Which was read, the resolution from the State of New Hampshire relating to the policy of the general government, which looks to a wise and equitable protection of all the departments of our national industry, &c., was laid on the table; and the other resolutions ordered to be returned to his Excellency the Governor with the request that they would be sent back to the Executive of New Hampshire.

On motion the Senate took a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

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His Excellency the Governor transmitted the following message:
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
 December 22, 1846. }

Gentlemen of the Senate,
 and House of Representatives:

I hereby nominate Isaac B. Blanton, as Judge of Probates, and E. H. Richards, as auctioneer, for the county of Levy, and Benjamin B. Thompson, as Judge of Probates, and Samuel W. Burnett, as auctioneer, for the county of Alachua. Also, the following persons as auctioneers for the counties specified:

For Monroe county—Wm. A. Pitcher, Wm. H. Wall, F. J. Moreno, Wm. H. Shaw, Jas. A. Thomson, R. L. Hicks, Geo. L. Bowne, Daniel M. Whitehurst, Wm. Curry, Rafale D. Fountanc, and Benj. H. Kerr.

For Dade county—Robert Fletcher and Wm. H. Hilliard.

For Alachua county—George M. Gilpin.

For Duval county—George D. Fisher, George C. Acosta, and L. S. Bennett.

For Gadsden county—Thos. D. Wilson.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. MOSELEY.

Which was read and laid on the table.

The following message, accompanied by the bill referred to, was also received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
 Tallahassee, December 22, 1846. }

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I herewith return without approval the bill originating in the Senate to be entitled "An act to provide for the payment of Treasurer's certificates."

The objections to the approval of the bill are these:

1st. The present law requiring the payment of the warrants according to number, is more just to the creditors of the state, in this—that it gives satisfaction first to the oldest claims; whereas the bill proposed destroys this just priority and places the last warrant issued on an equal footing with the first.

2d. That so long as the warrants are payable according to number their present value may be very accurately ascertained; whereas under the proposed bill the uncertainty of the time of payment of these warrants cannot fail to restrain their circulation and depreciate them in the market.

3d. That no provision is made by the proposed bill to secure the payment of warrants now out, and which shall be outstanding on the 1st of March next, although such warrants have obtained circulation on the faith of the system now in force—recognizing priority according to number.

4th. That if the warrant first presented at the Treasury, without reference to date or number, is entitled to precedence, an advantage is given to those around the Capitol, to the injury of creditors at a distance, and particularly those in the remote counties, where the amount of taxes collected is not sufficient to pay the warrant which its Representative receives. Besides the officers of the Government about the Capitol could present their demands to the Treasurer as soon as the warrants were received, and might therefore receive their salaries to the exclusion of all other claims. If they availed themselves of this advantage, they would soon become odious, and if from motives of delicacy, they withhold their claims, they would not be paid.

5th. That so long as the warrants exceed or equal the taxes collected, there cannot reach the Treasury a sum of money sufficient to defray the contingent expenses of the Government, which must be *met by cash*.

6th. That the proposed bill will place it in the power of the Collectors and

Depositors of the revenue to speculate with the government money in the government warrants, and to exercise their offices oppressively to those honest creditors of the State who may happen not to be in favor with them. It is true that such officers may not thus do violence to their oaths and duties—but it is well to remove temptations of this character from all public officers, however reputed for honesty and punctuality.

Upon the whole, I think the present law just in its operation, and as far as I can be informed has worked well: paying the oldest claims first, and reserving the funds designed for each warrant until it shall be presented. I therefore recommend a re-consideration of the proposed bill by the General Assembly.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. D. MOSELEY.

Which was received and the bill put upon its passage over the veto of the Governor. The vote was as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Carter, Fairbanks, Johnson, Kelly, McMillan, Priest, Walker, White.—9.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Bird, Bradley, Broward, Floyd, Lorimer, Tabor.—7.

There not being a constitutional majority, the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act so to amend the constitution of this State as to make the sessions of the Legislature biennial instead of annual, was read the third time; on the question "shall this bill pass?" the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Lorimer, McMillan, Priest, Tabor, Walker, White.—15.

Nays—Mr. Kelly.—1.

So the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Carter the title was amended by striking out "Legislature" and inserting instead thereof "General Assembly."

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act giving a lien to steamboat men and others navigating the Apalachicola river, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate patrols in this State and for other purposes, was ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow tax assessors to administer oaths in certain cases, was read a third time; on the question "shall this bill pass?" the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Kelly, Lorimer, McMillan, Priest, Tabor, Walker, White.—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed with the title as stated.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the payment of Solicitor's fees, and designating the mode of collecting the same, was read a third time; on the question, "shall this bill pass?" the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Bradley, Bird, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Johnson, Kelly, McMillan, Priest, Walker, White.—12.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Floyd, Lorimer, Tabor.—4.

So the bill passed with the title as stated. Ordered that the same be certified to House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to costs in criminal cases was read the second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Richard T. Martin to establish a ferry across Write's creek, was read the second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry Hart to establish a ferry across Choctawhatchie river, was read second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and regulate pilotage on the waters and in the harbors of Dade county, was read the second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking testimony in chancery, was read a second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to elections in this State, was taken up and postponed until to-morrow.

The House returned Senate resolutions relative to the arms, &c. received by the Governor; adopted by the House without amendment.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the northern line of St. Lucie county, was read the second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill for the relief of Nathan Backer, was read the second time and ordered for to-morrow.

Preamble and resolution from the House relating to the payment of the salary of Richard T. Brantly, late solicitor of the southern circuit, was read the second time, and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appeals and writs of error in criminal cases, reported back by judiciary committee, and a substitute recommended by said committee entitled "an act to prescribe the mode of appeals in criminal cases" was read a second time, and postponed until to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to define more particularly who are retailse of spirituous liquors was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to alter the constitution of this State, as to have Judges of Probate elected, was read the second time, and referred to the committee on amendments and revisions of the constitution.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the sale of the lands granted to the State for purposes of internal improvement, came up on its second reading.

On motion, the Senate went into a Committee of the Whole,

Mr. Floyd in the Chair, on said bill. After some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again; which report was received, and leave granted to sit again on to-morrow.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported as correctly enrolled a resolution relating to public arms received by the Governor from the General Government.

The following communication was transmitted to His Excellency the Governor, by the Messenger, to wit:

SENATE CHAMBER,
22d December, 1846. }

To His Excellency W. D. MOSELEY, Governor of Florida...Sir:

The following bills and resolutions passed and adopted by the General Assembly, and signed by the officers of the two Houses, are respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval, to wit:

An act so to amend the Constitution as to extend to all free white male inhabitants, being citizens of the United States, and who shall have resided in the State one year, the elective franchise;

An act to authorize Jesse Coe to establish a ferry across the Apalachicola river;

An act to authorize Reason F. Swilley, administrator of Calvin E. Swilley, deceased, to sell the real estate of said deceased at private sale;

A resolution respecting the claims of Capt. William H. Payne's company;

A resolution relating to the public arms received by the State from the General Government.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. ARCHER, *Secretary Senate.*

The Senate took a recess until quarter before 7 o'clock, P. M.

Quarter of seven o'clock. P. M.

There being a quorum present, the following bills received from the House were read the first time by their title, and placed among the orders for to-morrow, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate pilotage on the waters and in the harbours of St. Lucie county;

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the sixth section of an act entitled an act to organize the circuit courts of the State of Florida; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to make permanent the election precincts in the county of Columbia, and to provide for the transmission of the poll books to the judge of probates; also,

A resolution in relation to the claim against the Territory of Florida by the Third Auditor of the United States Treasury Department;

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House was ready to go into the election of tax assessors for the different counties; whereupon, the Senate proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives, and the General Assembly proceeded by joint ballot in said election.

[See Minutes of Joint Meeting of this date.]

The Senate having returned to their chamber, on motion, they adjourned until to-morrow 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 23d, 1846.

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

On motion of Mr. Floyd, Mr. Goodbread was excused from the Senate during the present session.

Mr. Walker moved the rules be waived, to allow him to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to re-organize the sixth regiment of Florida militia: read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Broward gave notice that he will, at an early day, ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the election of electors to elect the President and Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Floyd was permitted to have spread upon the journal the following protest:

And now comes R. J. Floyd, Senator of the 6th Senatorial district—and assigns as reasons of protest against a bill, passed at a former day of this session, for the payment of Jurors, the following:

1st. That it will tend greatly to increase the revenue to the detriment of larger counties.

2d. That he is in favor of the payment of jurors by the different counties in this State; and of allowing the county commissioners power to levy a special tax for that purpose when the people of any such county shall demand it.

R. J. FLOYD.

Mr. McLean, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an act concerning grand and petit jurors; which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Walker, a bill to amend an act to regulate the pilotage of the port of St. Mark's, was taken from the table, and placed among the orders.

On motion of Mr. Broward, the vote on yesterday directing certain resolutions from the State of New Hampshire returned to the Governor, was reconsidered, and the resolutions laid on the table.

Mr. Carter presented the petition of sundry citizens of Columbia, asking the division of that county; which was referred to a select committee, to consist of Messrs. Carter, Bird, and White; also,

A petition to abolish commissioners courts, and establish county courts; which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth; also,

A memorial from Eliza A. Crews and J. M. Crews, administrators of James Niblack, to sell real estate in Columbia county; which was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Floyd presented the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, A tariff of imposts and duties was originally authorized and designed exclusively for "revenue;" And whereas, a tariff imposed principally for protection and secondly for revenue is unauthorized by the Constitution of the United States—tends to the creation of monopolies, is prejudicial to and destructive of all interests not protected; is productive of sectional discord and jeal-