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Yeas--Mr. President, Messrs Bird, Bradley, Broward, Fairbanks, Flovd, Johnson, McLean McMillan, Tabor--10.

Nay--Mr. Carter--1.

So the bill passed, with the title as stated.

The Senate received from the House Preamble and Resolutions relative to the permits of settlers under the armed occupation act; also,

Preamble and Resolution asking Congress to grant a quarter section of land to build a court house in Benton county; also,

Preamble and Resolution relative to a post office at Fernandina, on Amelia Island; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Seaborn E. Walker, to Seaborn E. Rawls; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to alter the twelfth section of the 5th article of the constitution of the State of Florida;

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

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives, viz:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 24th, 1846. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:--The House have receded from its amendment to the Senate bill to entitled "An act to exempt from capitation tax certain persons therein named."

Your obedient servant, M. D. PAPY,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

Also the following.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 24th, 1846. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:--The House have adopted the suggestion of the Senate to go into the Election of a Circuit Judge for the Southern Circuit on Tuesday morning next at 10 o'clock A. M.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
M. D. PAPY, Clerk of Ho. Rep.

Having gone through the orders the Senate adjourned until Saturday 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 26th December, 1846.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum being

present the reading of the journal of Thursdays proceedings was dispensed with.

The rule was waived and Mr. Fairbanks permitted to introduce without previous notice, 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. McLean offered the following resolution: Resolved, that the Secretary of the Senate return to the Senate printer the bill to be entitled an act concerning grand and petit jurors, with a request that he will print the same correctly, which was adopted.

Mr. White offered the following resolution; Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened that the General Assembly adjourn sine die on Friday the first day of January next, which was read the first time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Fairbanks, from the judiciary committee made the following report.

The judiciary committee to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled an act concerning divorces" report: That said bill should be amended by inserting in the 4th line thereof after the word 'person' by the judgment of a court, upon application to be made as in other cases for divorce" and ask leave to be discharged &c.

G. R. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.

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

Also, the following report:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the bill to be entitled "an act to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, and to annul certain rules adopted by said Court,"

REPORT:

That they have examined the same, and recommend the following additional section, to be numbered

Section 3d. *Be it further enacted*, That the Seal now in use by the said Supreme Court, be, and the same is hereby adopted by law as the Seal of said Supreme Court.

G. R. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.

Which was read, and the bill and amendment ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Fairbanks, from a select committee, to whom were referred certain preamble and resolutions from the House, in relation to a mail route in Duval, Nassau, and Columbia counties, reported said preamble and resolutions back without amendment—the same ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Fairbanks, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom were referred 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 amendatory of the several acts incorporating the city of Apalachicola; which bills were reported back without amendment. Said bills ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Militia, made the following
REPORT.

The Committee on the Militia, to whom was referred, the bill to be entitled an act to organize the Sixth Regiment Florida Militia, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the following amendments: Strike out preamble: in Sec. 1st. strike out inhabitants and insert militia: in Sec. 2nd strike out inhabitants and insert militia: in Sec. 4th strike out all after companies, and insert according to militia law.

The committee recommend the passage of the bill.

A. G. JOHNSON, Chairman.

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

Mr. Fairbanks from the Judiciary, introduced the following bill viz: A bill to be entitled an act in respect to keeping U. S. prisoners in the jails of this State, which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Kelly made the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Commonwealth to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An act for the relief of John B. De Corce" have had the same under consideration and

REPORT:

That after an investigation of the evidences connected with the subject matter, of said bill, your committee are satisfied that relief ought to be granted—they therefore return the bill to the Senate without amendment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

W. W. J. KELLY, Chairman,

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

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

December 26th, 1846. }

Hon. President of the Senate.

Sir—On motion of Mr. Avery, it was ordered, that this House notify the Senate that they will be ready to go into the election of tax assessors for the counties of Escambia and Santa Rosa, this day at 12 o'clock M.

Also: that this house notify the Senate that they will be ready to go into the election of Register, on Monday the 28th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M. A true copy from the Journal.

M. D. PAPY, Clerk Ho. Rep.

Which was read, and concurred in with the following amendment, viz: Strike out 12 and insert 3 P. M. so as to read 3 o'clock, P. M. Strike out 3 and insert so as to read 7 o'clock P.M., which amendment was certified to the House.

The House returned the following message:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

December 26th, 1846. }

Hon. President of the Senate.

The House concur with the Senate in their amendment to go in to the election of assessors this afternoon at 3 o'clock P. M., and of Register on Monday 7 o'clock P. M.

Respectfully, &c.,

M. D. PAPY,

Clerk of House of Representatives.

Which was read:

Mr. White from the committee on enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled an act to exempt from the payment of capitation tax certain persons therein named, which report was received.

On motion of Mr. Bradley, (the rule being waived) the vote on Thursday passing a bill entitled an act for the relief of Nathan Backer, was reconsidered and said bill again put upon its passage. The vote was as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Fairbanks, Floyd, Kelly, Lorimer, McLean and McMillan—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bradley, Broward, Carter, Johnson and White—5.

So the bill passed with the title as stated.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the protection of the Fisheries on the coast of Florida, approved December 27, 1845, was read the second time, amended in the first section by striking out twenty and inserting five, and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the Jasper Hussars, was read a second time, and ordered for tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Betsy Ann Wingate, was read the third time. On the question, shall this bill pass? the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Kelly, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan, White—12. Nays, 0.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the oath to be taken in claim cases by administrators, executors and guardians, was read the third time. On the question of the passage of the bill, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bradley, Fairbanks, McMillan: 4.

Nays—Messrs. Broward, Carter, Floyd, Johnson, Kelly, Lorimer, McLean and White—8.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to make permanent the election precincts in the county of Columbia, and to provide for the trans-

mission of the poll books to the Judge of Probate, was read the third time. On the question, shall this bill pass? the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan and White—10.

Nays—Mr. President and Mr. Kelly.—2.

So the bill passed, with the title as stated.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the several acts relative to proceedings in chancery, was read the second time, and on motion, the Senate went into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. Kelly in the chair, on said bill. After some time, the committee rose, reported the bill back to the Senate with sundry amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same; which report was received, and the bill and amendments ordered for to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

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The Senate met, and a quorum being present, the following communication was transmitted by the messenger to His Excellency the Governor:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
26th December, 1846. }

His Excellency, W. D. MOSELEY, Governor.

I transmit herewith "An Act to exempt from the payment of capitation tax certain persons therein named"—the bill having passed the two houses of the General Assembly, is sent for your approval.

Your obedient servant, H. ARCHER,
Sec. Senate.

A committee from the House announced that they were ready to proceed to the election of tax assessors for Santa Rosa and Escambia counties; whereupon, the Senate proceeded to the hall of the House. On invitation of the Speaker, the President took the chair, and organized the joint meeting.

[See Minutes of Joint Meeting of this date.]

After returning to the Chamber, the Senate proceeded with the orders of the day.

Resolutions in relation to the claim against the Territory of Florida by the Third Auditor of the United States Treasury Department, was read the third time, and adopted. Ordered, that the same be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to admit Charles P. Cooper to practice law in the several courts in this State, was read the third time.

On the final passage of the bill, the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bradley, Broward, Carter, Floyd, Johnson, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan, White—10.

Nays—Mr. Kelly—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the sale of the lands granted to the State for purposes of internal improvement, postponed for to-day, came up on its second reading, postponed, and made the special order for Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to costs in criminal cases, was read the third time. On the question of the passage of the bill, the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Kelly, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan, White—11.

Nays—Mr. President—1.

So the bill passed—with the title as stated.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking testimony in chancery, was read the third time, and on the question of the passage of the bill, the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Kelly, Lorimer, McMillan, and White—10.

Nays—Mr. President—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Preamble and resolutions relative to the permits of settlers under the armed occupation act, was read the second time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Preamble and resolution asking Congress to grant a quarter section of land to build a Court House in Benton county was read a second time and ordered for to-morrow.

Preamble and resolution relative to the establishment of a Post Office at Fernandina, on Amelia Island, was read the second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Seaborn E. Walker to that of Seaborn E. Rawls, was read a second time, and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to alter the twelfth section of the fifth article of the Constitution of the State of Florida was read the second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act limiting the sessions of the General Assembly of the State of Florida was read the third time.—On the question, Shall this bill pass? the vote was as follows,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan, White—11.

Nay—Mr. Kelly—1.

So the bill passed with the title as stated.

The following bill reported back to the Senate this morning and ordered for to-morrow, was taken up for consideration to-day, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act amendatory to the several acts incorporating the city of Apalachicola;

Mr. Floyd offered the following as an amendment to said bill, Viz: Amend the fourth section as follows: Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the mayor and aldermen from levying a tax upon retailers of spirituous liquors, keepers of nine and ten pin alleys, billiard tables and public drays, within said corporation, which amendment was adopted and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for Monday.

Having gone through with the orders, on motion, the rule was waived, and the following bills introduced:

By the President—pursuant to previous notice, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of Equities of Redemption to mortgaged property, and for other purposes, approved December 23d, 1845; also,

Without previous notice Mr. Fairbanks introduced the following bill: A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the executors of Nehemiah Brush, deceased.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until Monday, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 28th December, 1846.

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

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the resolution offered by Mr. McLean on Saturday last, directing the Secretary to return a bill entitled An act relating to Grand and Petit jurors, to the Printers of the Senate, &c., be stricken from the Journal. On the question of adopting said motion the ayes and nays were called by Messrs. Kelly and Lorimer, and were

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson and Tabor—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Kelly, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan, and White—6.

So the motion was decided in the affirmative.

Pursuant to previous notice the following bills were presented, viz.:

By Mr. Carter, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the re-establishment of the records of the county of Columbia, and for other purposes, which was read the first time, and ordered to be printed, also,

By Mr. Broward, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the sale of Seminary lands, and for other purposes: which was read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kelly moved that the resolution stricken out this morning from the Journal of Saturday's proceedings, which is notwithstanding