

make monthly reports to the Governor, of the lands sold, to whom, and the amount of money on hand; and in case of his failure to make such report for the space of five days, then and in that case he shall be removed by the Governor; which amendment was lost, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

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 23d December, 1845, was read a second time. On the question of engrossing the bill for a third reading, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Floyd and Mays, and were,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd and Johnson—7.

Nays—Messrs Austin, Bradley, Kelly, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan, Tabor and White—9.

So the bill was lost.

On motion the Senate took a recess until quarter before 7 o'clock P. M.

Quarter of seven o'clock, P. M.

A quorum being present, Mr. McLean moved to reconsider the vote on the passage of a bill to be entitled an act prescribing the mode of appeal in criminal cases, which motion prevailed.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that they were now ready to go into the election of a Register of public lands; whereupon the Senate repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives, when, by invitation, the President took the Chair, and called the joint meeting to order.

[See minutes joint meeting of this date.]

The Senate on returning to their Chamber, on motion adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 29, 1846.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum being present, on motion, the reading of Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion, messrs. Fairbanks, Kelly and Carter were appointed a committee to inform the House that the Senate was now ready to go into the election of a Judge for the Southern District, which committee informed the Senate that they had performed that duty. A committee from the House informed the Senate that that body was now ready to go into the election of a Judge.

Mr. Floyd nominated Hon. G. W. McRea—Mr. Bradley nominated B. M. Pierson—Mr. Kelly nominated Joseph B. Lancaster—Mr. Tabor nominated W. P. Duval: which nominations were sent to the House.

The House, by a committee, informed the Senate that the following nominations were made in the House, viz.:

Joseph B. Lancaster, Bird M. Pierson, William R. Hackley, George W. McRae.

First Balloting.

For G. W. McRAE—Mr. President, messrs. Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd and Johnson—5.

For B. M. PIERSON—messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward—3.

For J. B. LANCASTER—messrs Austin, Kelly, McLean, McMillan, Walker, White—6.

For W. P. DUVAL—mr. Tabor—1.

For W. R. HACKLEY—0,

which result was communicated to the House.

The committee from the House reported the following result, as being the vote of the House, viz.:

DUVAL, 4—McRAE, 8—HACKLEY, 2—PIERSON, 6—LANCASTER, 15.

The President announced that there was no election, neither candidate having received a constitutional majority.

The House informed the Senate that the name of Mr. Hackley was withdrawn.

Second Balloting.

For McRae—mr. President, messrs. Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson—5.

For Lancaster—messrs Austin, Kelly, McLean, McMillan, Walker, White—6.

For Pierson—messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward, Priest—4.

For Duval—Mr. Tabor—1.

Vote of the House as reported by the committee, viz.:

Lancaster, 16—Pierson, 9—McRae, 6—Duval, 4.

The President announced that there was no election.

The name of W. P. Duval being withdrawn by Mr. Tabor, the following was the result:

Third Balloting.

For McRae—Mr. President, messrs. Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, Kelly, Tabor—8.

For Lancaster—messrs. Austin, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan, Walker, White—6.

For Pierson—messrs. Bradley, Bird, Priest—3.

The committee from the House reported the following result:

For Lancaster, 16—McRae, 6—Pierson, 13.

The President announced that there was no election.

Fourth Balloting.

For McRae—Mr. President, messrs. Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, McLean and Tabor—7.

For Lancaster—Messrs. Austin, Kelly, Lorimer, McMillan, White—5.

For Pierson—messrs. Bird, Bradley, Priest, Walker—4.

The House committee reported the following vote of the House:
For Lancaster, 16; *Pierson*, 13; *McRae*, 6.

The President announced that there was no election.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the name of Benjamin D. Wright had been placed in nomination in the House.

Fifth Balloting.

For McRae—Mr. President, messrs. Carter, Floyd, Johnson, Tabor—5.

For Lancaster—Messrs. Austin, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan—4.

For Pierson—Messrs. Bird, Bradley, Priest, Walker—4.

For Wright—Messrs. Broward, Fairbanks, Kelly and White—4.

The House Committee reported the following as the vote of the House, viz.:

Lancaster, 13—*Pierson*, 11—*McRae*, 8—*Wright*, 4.

The President announced that there was no election.

On motion, the Senate suspended the election until 7 o'clock, P. M., which was communicated to the House.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House concurred in the suspension of the election, until 7 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. White, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, an act providing for the payment of Solicitors' fees, and designating the mode of collecting the same, which report was received.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act providing the mode of appeal in criminal cases, the vote on which bill having been reconsidered, the same was placed among the orders, and came up on its passage. On the question, shall this bill pass? the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, messrs. Carter, Fairbanks, Kelly, McMillan, McLean, Walker, White—8.

Nays—messrs. Austin, Bird, Bradley, Broward, Floyd, Johnson, Lorimer, Tabor—8.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Executors of the estate of Nehemiah Brush, deceased, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act in respect to keeping United States' prisoners in the jails of this State, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act amendatory of the several acts incorporating the city of Apalachicola, was read a third time, and on the question of its passage, the vote was as follows:

Yeas—messrs. Austin, Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Floyd, Johnson, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan, Tabor and Walker—12.

Nays—messrs. Fairbanks, Kelly and White—3.

So the bill passed with the title as stated.

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 25, 1845, came up on its second reading. On motion, the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. White in the Chair, on said bill. After some consideration the committee rose, reported the bill back, with all but the enacting clause stricken out, and a bill offered as substitute adopted, with the enacting clause stricken out, as an amendment: which report was received, and the bill as amended ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled "A general law in respect to corporations," came up on its second reading. On motion, the Senate went into committee of the whole on said bill, Mr. Carter in the Chair. After some time spent in its consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again: which report was received.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock, P. M.

A quorum being present, the Senate in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Carter in the Chair, resumed the consideration of a bill entitled a general law in respect to Corporations. After some time, the committee rose, reported said bill back with sundry amendments, and asked to be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; which report was received, the amendments concurred in, and the bill as amended read a second time.

Mr. Kelly moved to amend the bill in the 52d section, by inserting in the 2d line, after the word "militia," the word "jury;" which amendment was rejected. The bill was then ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

The following messages were received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Dec. 29, 1846.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and House of Representatives:

I have approved the following act, to wit: "an act to provide for the payment of solicitor's fees, and designating the mode of collecting the same."

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

Which was read; also, the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
December 29, 1846. }

Gentlemen of the Senate, and House of Representatives:

I hereby nominate Lovick Sexton as Judge of Probates; and Joel Atkins, as auctioneer, for Calhoun county.

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

Which was read, and the nominations advised and consented to.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the sale of the lands granted to the State for the purpose of internal improvement, was read a third time. On the question, "shall this bill pass?" the vote was as follows, viz:

Yeas--Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Bradley, Fairbanks, Floyd, Johnson, McMillan, Walker, White--9.

Nays--Messrs. Austin, Broward, Carter, Kelly, McLean, and Tabor--6.

So the bill passed--title as stated.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act relative to elections in this State, was read a second time; and on motion, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. White in the Chair, on said bill. After some time, the committee rose, reported the same back with sundry amendments, and asked to be discharged from the farther consideration of the same; which report was received, the amendments concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Lorimer, he was permitted to record his vote in the negative, on the passage of the bill entitled an act to provide for the sale of lands granted to the State for the purpose of internal improvement.

A resolution to adjourn sine die on 1st January next, was read a second time, and laid on the table.

A resolution in relation to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, was read a second time; and on the question of engrossing for a third reading, the resolution was lost.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock, P. M.

A quorum being present, on motion messrs. White, McLean and Walker were appointed a committee to inform the House that the Senate were now ready to resume the election for a Judge of the Southern District, and that messrs. Pearson, Wright, McRae and Lancaster were in nomination. Which committee reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House was also ready to resume the said election.

(See votings of this date.)

On motion the Senate agreed to postpone the election until 10 o'clock to-morrow. A committee was appointed to inform the House of said postponement, and ask their concurrence. The House by a committee having informed the Senate that they concurred in said postponement, on motion the Senate adjourned until half past nine o'clock to-morrow.