

Mr. Floyd moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., which motion was lost.

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Nathan S. Watson, John T. Myrick and James Griffin, was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were :

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts and White—15.

Nays—Mr. President, and Mr. Austin—2.

Said bill passed. Title as stated. Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the people of Wakulla county to select their county site, was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed and Watts—13.

Nays—Messrs. Brown and Floyd—2.

Said bill passed. Title as stated. Ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Floyd moved that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M. ; which motion was lost.

House bills to be entitled, An act amendatory to the Pilot Laws now in force in this State ;

An act to amend an act entitled, An act to regulate the Pilotage of the bar of the river St. Johns ;

An act to abolish the allowance of tare or gross weight on bales of manufactured cotton ;

Were read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

House resolution authorizing the Register of Public Lands to invest any moneys in his hands in the purchase of State certificates, was read the first time.

Mr. Floyd moved that the rule be waived, and said resolution read a second time, on which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Costin, and were :

Yeas—Mr. Floyd—1.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed and White—17.

Said motion was lost, and the resolution ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act to empower James C. Evans, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, was, on motion of Mr. D. J. Smith, read the first time by its title, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

The House returned Senate bills to be entitled, An act to compel the Judges of the Circuit Courts to hold the terms of Court at the times and places prescribed by law ;

An act amendatory of the several acts relating to jurors and State witnesses ;

An act to amend the revenue law of this State as regards Hawkers, Pedlars, and Itinerant Traders ;

And Senate resolution relative to the Port of Cedar Keys ;

As passed by the House without amendment. Ordered to be enrolled.

The House also returned Senate bill entitled, An act to provide for the election of a keeper of Public Archives in the cities of St. Augustine and Pensacola, and to prescribe their duties, &c., as indefinitely postponed by the House.

On motion of Mr. Forward, the rule was waived, and he allowed to give notice that he would, at some future time, introduce a bill to be entitled, An act making appropriations from the internal improvement fund for digging a Canal from the waters of the Indian river to the waters of the Halifax river, and appointment of Commissioners for the same.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, January 6, 1849.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present, on motion of Mr. D. J. Smith, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Forward introduced a bill to be entitled, An act making appropriation from the Internal Improvement Fund for digging a canal from the waters of the Indian river to the waters of the Halifax river, and appointment of Commissioners for the same ; which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. Moseley moved that the House Resolution relative to the adjournment of the General Assembly, *sine die*, on the 12th instant, be taken up and acted upon ;

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Moseley and Floyd, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Ghent, Moseley, Watts and White—12.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith and Tweed—5.

Said motion prevailed, and the resolution was read.

Mr. Moseley moved that the word "12th" be stricken out ;

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Moseley and Floyd, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Ghent, Moseley and Watts—10.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed and White—8.

Said motion prevailed.

Mr. Mosely moved that the blank be filled with "11;"

Mr. White moved that it be filled with "13;"

Mr. D. J. Smith moved that it be filled with "15;"

Mr. Sanderson moved that the resolution be laid on the table;

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Moseley and Floyd, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Brown, Costin, Crawford, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts and White—12.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Floyd, Forward, Moseley and J. M. Smith—5.

Said motion prevailed.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that they had had been appointed to wait upon and request the Senate to return to the House the Senate bill entitled, An act to provide for the election of a keeper of Public Archives in the cities of St. Augustine and Pensacola, and to prescribe their duties, &c., which had been indefinitely postponed in the House, and returned to the Senate.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Forward, Costin and Floyd, were appointed to return said bill to the House;

Which Committee reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

On motion of Mr. White, the rule was waived, and he allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act authorizing the United States of America to purchase real estate in Florida, for the purpose of locating arsenals, dock yards, magazines, forts, &c., passed in 1845; which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lorimer gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the payment of services rendered by overseers of Public Roads in the county of Leon.

Mr. Sanderson gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the appointment of a Deputy to the Register of the Land Office, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Avery for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, the vote had yesterday on the bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the Comptrollers office, was reconsidered, and said bill placed among the Orders.

The following Reports from Standing Committees were presented,

The Committee on enrolled-bills beg leave to report as correctly enrolled the following bills and resolutions, viz:

A bill entitled, An act to provide for seals for the Circuit Courts of this State;

A bill to be entitled, An act to change the southern boundary of Leon County;

A bill entitled, An act reducing the salary of the Governor's private Secretary;

A bill entitled, An act to authorize the construction of the Magnetic Telegraph, and providing for the protection of the same.

A bill entitled, An act to remove the county site of Walton county;

A bill entitled, An act relating to manufacturing companies;

A bill to be entitled, An act relative to the examination of the office of Register of Public Lands;

A bill entitled, An act to incorporate the Medical Board of Florida;

Resolutions relative to the Port of Cedar Keys.

LOUIS ALDRICH, Chairman.

The Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the draining of the Everglades, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That from all the evidence which they have been able to obtain they are of the opinion that it is possible to drain the Everglades and reclaim a vast amount of now waste land, and render it valuable. And while they would be inclined to favor private enterprise they cannot consent to involve the State in expense especially when there is uncertainty in succeeding in the undertaking.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. P. MOSELEY, Chairman.

Mr. Smith from the Committee on the Militia, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to alter and amend the militia law of this State, presents the following

REPORT:

They have had the matter under consideration, and believing that it would, not be expedient to so entirely abolish the militia law of the State as the bill before them would do if adopted. We therefore recommend the accompanying amendment, to wit:

Strike out all after the word State in the 5th line of first Section, and insert, except so much as relates to volunteer militia, be and the same are hereby suspended from operation until such time as the Governor shall, by proclamation, declare it to be his opinion that the public safety requires they shall be enforced.

Strike out all after the word officers in the fourth line of 2d section.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. J. SMITH, Chairman.

The following Report from a Select Committee was presented:—
The Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to be enti.

led, An act to prevent trespass on the School, Seminary and Internal Improvement Lands, and to recover damages for the use and occupation of the same,

REPORT:

The same back with the following amendment, to wit: after the word "State," in the 9th line, insert "to the damage or injury of the same," and recommend the passage of the Bill as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SANDERSON.

The bill therein reported was read the second time, the rule waived, read a third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts—14.

Nays—None.

Said bill passed. Title as stated. Ordered to be certified to the House.

The following message from the House was read:

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, January 4, 1849.

Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir—The House has concurred in Senate Amendments to House Bill to be entitled, An act relating to the mode of appointment and duties of Auctioneers.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 3, 1849.

Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir—The House has passed Senate Bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act approved January 4th, 1847, giving a lien to steam boat men and others navigating the bay and river of Apalachicola, with enclosed amendments, in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House Representatives.

The Senate concurred in said amendment.
Ordered that said Bill be enrolled.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House Bill to be entitled An act to provide for the election of Judges of Probate by the People, was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brown, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Mosely, J. M. Smith, Watts, White—12.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Burritt, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed—7.

Said bill passed. Title as stated. Ordered to be certified to the House.

The following was ordered to be spread upon the journal:

Having been requested by my constituents to vote for a bill providing for the appointment of an officer to take probate of wills &c. by the people in each county, I in obedience therewith, vote for the bill entitled "An act to provide for the election of Judges of Probate by the people."

WILLIAM A. FORWARD.

House bill to be entitled An act to alter and amend the Militia Laws of this State, was, on motion of Mr. Floyd, re-committed to the Committee on Militia.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the Comptroller's Office, was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were,

Yeas—Messrs. Avery, Brown, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, White—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Mosely, Watts—8.

Said bill passed. Title as stated. Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to establish a tariff of fees, approved July 6, 1847, was read the third time, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Costin, Crawford, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—16.

Nays—Mr. Burritt—1.

Said bill passed—title as stated. Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act amendatory to the Pilot Laws now in force in this State, was read the second time and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Floyd, Mosely and Sanderson.

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the pilotage of the Bar of the River St. Johns, was, on motion of Mr. Burritt, laid upon the table.

House bill to be entitled An act to abolish the allowance of tare or gross weight on bales of unmanufactured cotton, was on motion, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

House bill to be entitled An act to empower James C. Evans, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were,

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Crawford, Ghent, White—5.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Mosely, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts—10.

Said bill was lost. Ordered to be certified to the House.

House Resolution authorizing the Register of Public Lands to invest any moneys in his hands in the purchase of State Certificates, was read the second time. Mr. Forward moved to amend by inser-

ting after the word "par" in said resolutions the following, to wit: "Excepting the School Fund, which he is hereby authorized so to invest, provided the same shall yield an interest at the rate of 6 per cent."

Mr. Floyd moved that said amendment be amended by inserting, in lieu of the word "interest," the word "discount;" which motion prevailed.

Mr. Floyd offered the following as a substitute for the House Resolution, viz:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That the Register of Public Lands be, and is hereby authorized to invest any and all moneys in his hands, or that may hereafter come into his possession, belonging to the School or Internal Improvement Fund in State Scrip, when the same can be purchased at a discount of at least six per cent.

Which was adopted.

Bill to be entitled, An act relating to the Internal Improvement, Seminary and School Fund. was, on motion of Mr. Floyd, laid upon the table, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

House bills to be entitled, An act respecting the election of certain officers by the General Assembly of this State;

An act for the relief of Benjamin Hayes;

An act explanatory of the laws relating to interest;

An act relating to the sale of real estate;

Were read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-mor-

row.

House Preamble and Resolution urging upon Congress the payment of losses sustained by the citizens of Florida during the Seminole war, &c.,

Was read the first time, the rule waived, and read a second and third time by its title;

On the question of the passage of said Preamble and Resolution, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Forward and Brown, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White

—19.

Nays—None,

Said preamble and resolutions passed. Ordered to be certified to the House.

House resolutions relative to question of controversy between the North and South, was read the first time and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Aldrich from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, presented the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to Report, as correct,

ly enrolled, a bill entitled, An act relating to the act of incorporation of the town of Milton.

LOUIS ALDRICH, Chairman.

The House returned Senate bills entitled,

An act to provide for the increase, investment, safe keeping and disbursement of the Common School Fund,

An act to authorize and provide for the election of Register of Public Lands of the State of Florida by the qualified voters within the same,

An act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors, and for other purposes,

An act to amend the revenue laws in force in this State,

An act to declare Yellow River in Walton county a navigable stream,

As passed by the House without amendment. Ordered to be enrolled.

The following communications were transmitted to His Excellency the Governor:

SENATE CHAMBER, January 6, 1849.

His Excellency W. D. MOSELEY, Governor, &c.

SIR: I herewith transmit for the approval of your Excellency the following bills and resolutions, to wit:

An act to authorize the construction of the Magnetic Telegraph, and providing for the protection of the same;

An act reducing the salary of the Governor's private Secretary;

An act relative to the examination of the office of Register of Public Land;

An act in relation to the act of incorporation of the town of Milton.

An act to change the boundary of Leon County;

An act to provide for seals for the Circuit Courts of this State;

An act relating to manufacturing companies;

An act to incorporate the Medical Board of Florida;

Also, An act to remove the County site of Walton County;

And also resolution relative to the Port of Cedar Keys.

Passed by the two Houses of the General Assembly, and signed by the presiding officers thereof.

Respectfully,

C. W. DOWNING,
Secretary Senate.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, January 5, 1849.

To His Excellency W. D. MOSELEY, Governor, &c.:

SIR: We have the honor to inform your Excellency that at a joint meeting of the General Assembly held this day for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer Register of Public Lands, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State:

Mr. David P. Hogue, of Leon County, was declared duly elected Attorney General of this State.

Mr. Charles W. Downing, of Duval County, was declared duly elected Secretary of State of this State.

Mr. Simon Towle, of Leon County, was declared duly elected Comptroller of Public Accounts of this State.

Mr. William R. Hayward, of Leon County, was declared duly elected Treasurer of this State.

Mr. Robert S. Hayward, was declared duly elected Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State.

Respectfully,

C. W. DOWNING,
Secretary Senate.

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, the Senate adjourned until Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, January 8, 1849.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Moseley, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Sanderson introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the Register of the Land Office to appoint a Deputy, and for other purposes.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading tomorrow.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Sanderson, White, and Forward, was appointed, to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, to draft a bill providing appropriation for the expenses of the present General Assembly, and to take all necessary action thereon.

The following message from his Excellency the Governor was read:
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, January 8, 1849.

Gentlemen of the Senate

and of the House of Representatives:

The following acts and resolutions passed at your present session are approved, to wit:

An act permanently to locate the county site of Washington county, and for other purposes therein contained;

An act to empower William Newsom to assume the management of his own estate.

An act to change the name of Robert Benjamin Smith;

An act in relation to the contingent expenses of the Supreme Court, of the Circuit Courts, and of the Executive Offices;

Resolution authorizing the Governor to employ a fit person to copy the Laws;

Resolution relative to the boundary line between Georgia and Florida;

An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Jackson county to lay a tax to build a court house, and for other purposes;

An act to provide for recording marks and brands of cattle shipped from this State, and for other purposes;

An act to authorize the Circuit Court of Washington county to be held at Mossy Hill meeting house;

An act to extend the tenure of office of Register of Public Lands;

An act in relation to the laws now in force in regard to patrols;

An act to change the names of persons therein contained;

Resolution for a quarter section of land for the county site of Calhoun county;

Resolution for a mail route in the county of St. Lucie;

Resolution for a quarter section of land for the county site of Holmes county;

Resolution for a quarter section of land for the county site of Washington county;

Resolution for a quarter section of land for the county site of Benton county;

An act to authorize the construction of the Magnetic Telegraph, and for other purposes;

An act to reduce the salary of the Secretary of the Governor;

An act to examine the office of the Register of public lands;

An act in relation to the town of Milton;

An act to change the southern boundary of Leon county;

An act to provide seals for the Circuit Courts of this State;

An act in relation to manufacturing companies;

An act to incorporate the Medical Board of Florida;

An act to remove the county site of Walton county;

Resolution in relation to the port of Cedar Keys.

Very respectfully,

W. D. MOSELEY.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, January 8, 1849. }

Gentlemen of the Senate

and House of Representatives:

I hereby nominate G. G. Holt and John Denham, Auctioneers for the County of Wakulla, and John G. Putnam, Auctioneer for the County of Levy.

Very respectfully,

W. D. MOSELEY.

The nomination therein contained, relative to Levy County, was advised and consented to by the Senate.

The following message, and accompanying document, from his Excellency the Governor, was also read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, January 8, 1849. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

You have herewith transmitted, a copy of a communication from the Register of Public Lands, in relation to the pre-emption law passed at your present session.