

Courts to hold the terms of Court at the times and places prescribed by law;

A bill entitled, An act to provide for the increase, investment, safe-keeping, and disbursement, of the common school fund.

LOUIS ALDRICH, Chairman.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled, An act respecting weights and measures.

The Senate resumed, in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of said bill, Mr. Lorimer in the Chair.

After sometime spent therein the Committee rose, and by their Chairman reported the bill back to the Senate without amendment, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Said bill was, on motion, read a second time by its title, and referred to a select Committee consisting of Messrs. Brown, White, and Crawford.

Resolution relative to the election of Judges for the several judicial Circuits of this State on 3d inst., was read.

Mr. Avery moved to strike out "3d" and insert "10."

Which motion prevailed.

Said resolution was, by common consent, passed over informally for the present.

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—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Crawford, Lorimer, D. J. Smith, Tweed, White—8.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Moseley, J. M. Smith—6.

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

On motion, the petition, this morning presented, of citizens of Franklin County, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Floyd, Tweed, and Moseley.

House bill to be entitled, An act relating to the sale of real estate, was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled, An act to alter and change the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Middle District, 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. Avery, Brown, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, White—12.

Nay—Mr. Floyd—1.

Said bill passed; title as stated; ordered to be certified to the House,

On motion, the Senate took a recess for thirty minutes.

At the expiration of which time, the session was resumed.

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

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Moseley and J. M. Smith, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Burritt, Floyd, Lorimer, Sanderson, J. M. Smith—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Ghent, Moseley, D. J. Smith—6.

Which motion was lost.

Mr. J. M. Smith moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Burritt, Floyd, Lorimer, Sanderson, J. M. Smith, White—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Ghent, Moseley, D. J. Smith—5.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, January 9, 1849.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Crawford, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Lorimer introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to establish an asylum for the relief, comfort and protection of the poor and destitute of Leon county, which was read the first time, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burritt presented the following petition, which by common consent was ordered to be spread upon the journal:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Florida:

The undersigned members of the Whig party of Franklin county, would beg leave respectfully to represent to your honorable body their views and wishes regarding the election of Judge for the Western District. They now entertain the same opinion which influenced them in their action when, in 1845, they denounced the democratic legislature of that day because they excluded from consideration in the selection of Judges the qualifications and fitness of those who differed from them in POLITICAL sentiment.

We then deprecated most earnestly that political *ultraism* which could make the judicial ermine the reward for political service; and we cannot now see, in the change of party, any reason to forsake an honest and cherished principle. We believe that to noth-

ing more than to this spirit of undistinguishing proscription, which characterized the democratic party, is to be attributed the condemnation and defeat which has befallen them. Besides this, in the Presidential election just terminated, the people of the United States have given unmistakeable evidence of their opposition to the democratic doctrine of proscription for opinion's sake.

We prefer now to *practice* what we have heretofore *preached*.— The whig party have now the opportunity of exhibiting an example of that conduct they have always professed to admire. They now can illustrate that moderate Jeffersonian policy recommended by our victorious old leader Gen. Taylor.

In accordance with the above sentiment, we take great pleasure in bearing our testimony to the legal ability and impartiality, the courteous and dignified deportment and high moral fortitude of our present Judge, the Hon. Geo. S. Hawkins. We are more constrained to give to his Honor our high commendation, because that during his whole judicial career, amidst the warmest political excitement which has surrounded him, he has preserved the judicial dignity unsullied, and has elicited by his conduct the admiration and high personal regard of all the whigs in our county.

In conclusion, we have found the Hon. G. S. Hawkins honest and capable, and for a Judge we require nothing more. He has filled to our entire satisfaction the duties of his high office, and we do most earnestly and respectfully recommend his re-election.

J. C. MACLAY,
A. DOWNER,
J. NUGENT CUMMINGS,
CHESTER G. HOLMES,
JNO. W. RINALDI,
B. F. NOURSE,
HENRY D. DARDEN,
N. J. DEBLOIS,

BENJAMIN SALTER,
JOHN G. RUAN,
A. WYLIE,
DAN. J. DAY,
N. C. ROBBINS,
CHAS. PRATT,
WM. HONE,
R. H. WINANS.

On motion of Mr. Forward the vote had on yesterday on House bill to be entitled, An act to alter and change the term of holding the Circuit Courts in the Middle District, was reconsidered, and referred to a select Committee consisting of Messrs. Crawford, White, and Moseley.

The following reports from standing Committees were presented, viz:

The Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a bill 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 Halifax river, and appointing commissioners for said purpose

REPORT:

That they have no doubt that the construction of such a canal, or some other mode of connecting said rivers, would be of vast utility, and would doubtless greatly enhance the value of the lands in that

region, and prove a great convenience to the inhabitants thereof. But doubting as they do the practicability of constructing a canal through a country of such character, they feel unwilling to hazard the Internal Improvement fund for such a doubtful purpose.

W. P. MOSELEY, Chairman.
D. J. SMITH.

The Committee on enrolled bills beg leave to report as correctly enrolled:

A bill entitled, An act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors, and for other purposes.

LOUIS ALDRICH, Chairman.

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to amend the law of attachment in this State, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That there is, in the opinion of the Committee, some obscurity in the said bill, but that they believe the object of said bill is to provide for process of attachment against individuals removing themselves, or their property, from one county to another in the State, and that if such is the case, they beg leave to offer the following bill as a substitute, and which, in the opinion of the Committee, more clearly expresses that object.

S. L. BURRITT, Chairman.

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the petition and memorial of Hiram Brooks, of the city of Apalachicola, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That the statement of indebtedness, made in said petition, they find, upon examination at the Comptroller's office, to be confirmed.— The Committee therefore do not feel authorized to doubt the validity of the claim, or the liability of this State to pay it. It is believed to be but an act of justice to individuals holding scrip or audited claims for services rendered to the late territory, that they should be paid. From the report made by the Comptroller to the Legislature at its last session, it appeared that the amount of claims of this character outstanding amounted to \$16,184 37-100. The claim of the petitioner is included in this amount. The committee are not aware that any portion of the said \$16,184 37-100 has since been paid.— In the language of a report made upon the subject of this territorial debt by the committee on claims in the House of Representatives at the last session, "as between the different holders of the scrip for this debt it would not be right that a preference should be given one over another, and it is obvious that" (in the present condition of our Treasury) "all cannot be paid at once. In view of this difficulty, and to obviate trouble and annoyance in future legislation on this subject, the Committee have thought it best to suggest a general remedy which will place "the holders of this scrip upon an equal foot-

ing." They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying bill, which provides for the redemption of this territorial scrip in four equal instalments, believing as they do that justice to these creditors, not less than to the character of the State, requires that some certain and effectual measure shall be at once adopted for the ultimate extinguishment of this debt. S. L. BURRITT, Chairman.

The following message from the House was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 8, 1849.

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the Senate bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company, with the enclosed amendments, in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

The Senate concurred in the amendments.

Mr. Sanderson, from a Select Committee, reported back House bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the pilot laws now in force in this State, without amendment.

Mr. Sanderson, from a Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to prescribe an equal and uniform mode of taxation, and for other purposes, reported a substitute for said bill, the substitute bearing the same title.

The following message and accompanying document were also read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 8, 1849.

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has received the enclosed message from the Governor, directed to the Senate and House of Representatives. The nominations have been concurred in, and the message ordered to be transmitted to the Senate for their action.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, January , 1849.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I hereby nominate the following persons as Auctioneers for the county of Monroe, to wit: William H. Wall, Asa F. Tift, Joseph A. Thouron, F. J. Moreno, R. L. Hicks, G. L. Bowne, R. D. Fontane, W. H. Von Pfister, James Filor, Hiram Benner, William Curry, John P. Baldwin, S. J. Ashley, and A. Patterson.

Very respectfully,

W. D. MOSELEY.

Said nominations were advised and consented to by the Senate.

The following was also read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 8, 1849.

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed Senate bill to be 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.

with the enclosed amendments, and request the concurrence of the Senate therein. Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,

Clerk House of Representatives.

The Senate concurred in the amendments.

The House returned Senate bills to be entitled:

An act amendatory of the several acts of force in this State relative to trading with slaves;

An act to authorize William Tenant and John B. Tenant to establish a ferry across Escambia river;

An act providing for the purchase on the part of the State of lands offered for sale for taxes;

An act prescribing a general method for the issuing of licenses, and the payment of the tax thereon;

An act to encourage and facilitate the construction of a Rail Road from some point on the St. Mary's River or waters adjacent thereto, to Pensacola, and to authorize and regulate partnerships for that purpose;

As passed by the House without amendment.

Ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. D. J. Smith the rule was waived, and he allowed to present the following report:

Mr. D. J. 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, submits the following REPORT: They have had the bill under consideration, and believing that it would not be expedient to so entirely abolish the Militia law of this State, recommend that the bill be not passed.

D. J. SMITH, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Brown the rule was waived and he allowed to present preamble and resolutions in relation to a light house at or near the mouth of the Suwannee, which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title and passed. Ordered to be certified to the House.

The following communication was transmitted to his Excellency the Governor:

SENATE CHAMBER, Jan. 4, 1849.

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

Sir—I have the honor to transmit for the approval of your Excellency the following bills, viz:

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

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

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

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

An act to compel the Judges of the Circuit Courts to hold the term of court at the times and places prescribed by law;

An act to authorize and provide for the election of Register of

Public Lands for 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 relating to fines, forfeitures, costs and other moneys adjudged to the State;

An act amendatory of the several acts relative to Jurors and State witnesses.

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

Respectfully,

C. W. DOWNING,
Secretary Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution relative to the election of Judges for the several Judicial Circuits of this State on 10th instant.

Mr. Tweed moved that said Resolution be postponed until to-morrow. On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Forward and Burritt, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Burritt, Crawford, Floyd, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed and Watts—11.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Brown, Costin, Forward, Ghent, J. M. Smith and White—8.

Said motion prevailed.

House resolution relative to the question in controversy between the North and South, was read the second time, and ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act for the purpose of keeping the Indians within their boundary;

And House preamble and resolution asking Congress to take some action to keep the Indians of Florida within their prescribed boundary; were read the first time, the rule waived, read a second time by their title, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

House preamble and resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the Chipola river;

House preamble and resolution urging upon Congress the payment of the claim of the estate of John W. Levinus, were read the first time and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Floyd the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

Bill to be entitled, An act for the benefit of the scrip holders of the late Territory of Florida, was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act regulating the mode of proceeding on attachments,

was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House resolution relative to Wm. A. Sever, was read the second time.

Mr. Mosely offered the following amendments, viz: Strike out the words "blood hounds" and insert in lieu thereof the words "use of the army." Also add the following: "Resolved further, That a copy of the foregoing resolution, properly authenticated, be forwarded to our Senators and Representative in Congress." Which were unanimously adopted, and the resolution, as amended, adopted. Ordered to be certified to the House.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to organize the county of Hikalaka, was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burritt, Floyd, Forward, Sanderson, J. M. Smith, Tweed and Watts—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Crawford, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith and White—7.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to render taxation more equable, by imposing a tax upon subjects heretofore exempt, and reducing the rates upon subjects now taxed, was read the second time.

Mr. Forward offered the following amendment, viz: Add at the end of sec. 2 the following, viz: "That hereafter taxes on third rate land shall be one quarter of a cent per acre."

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Forward and J. M. Smith, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Brown, Burritt, Floyd, Forward, Lorimer, Sanderson, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts—12.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Crawford, Moseley, D. J. Smith, White—5. Said amendment was adopted.

Mr. Floyd moved to amend by adding the following to the second section, viz:

That no incorporated town or city, except Pensacola, in this State shall be allowed to assess or collect more than fifty per cent on the amount of the tax assessed for State purposes.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Floyd, Ghent, Watts—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed—11.

Said motion was lost.

Mr. Floyd moved that said bill be indefinitely postponed. Said motion was lost.

Mr. Watts moved to amend the 1st section by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following, viz:

That the act approved Jan. 8, 1848, entitled, An act to amend the

several acts to raise a revenue for the State, approved July 24, 1845, and Dec. 27, 1845, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Said motion was lost.

Mr. Floyd moved to amend the 2d section by adding the following, viz: "That there shall be exempted from taxation in this State to every man or woman at the head of a family, property to the amount of three hundred dollars." On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Ghent, and were,

Yeas—Messrs. Floyd, Ghent—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Brown, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—15.

Said motion was lost.

Ordered that said bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Engrossed substitute to House resolution, authorizing the Register of Public Lands to invest any moneys in his hands in the purchase of State certificates, was read the third time and passed. Ordered to be certified to the House.

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., was read the second time.

Mr. Forward moved that said bill be laid upon the table.

Said motion was lost.

Ordered that said bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A resolution relative to the adjournment, *sine die*, of the General Assembly, was read the second time.

Mr. D. J. Smith moved to fill the blank therein with "15th."

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. White and D. J. Smith, and were,

Yeas—Messrs. Ghent, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Mosely, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—13.

Said motion was lost.

Mr. Floyd moved that the blank be filled by inserting "13th."

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Sanderson and D. J. Smith, and were,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent; Lorimer, Moseley, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—15.

Nays—Messrs. Sanderson, D. J. Smith—2.

Said motion prevailed. On motion the rule was waived, and said resolution read a third time and passed. Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act explanatory of the laws relating to interest, was read the second time; the Senate refused to order said bill to a third reading.

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Benjamin Hayes,

was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

House bill to be entitled An act respecting the election of certain officers of the General Assembly, of this State, was read the second time. Mr. Floyd moved that said bill be indefinitely postponed. Said motion prevailed.

Bill to be entitled An act supplemental to an act entitled an act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State Lands, passed at the present session, 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, Austin, Avery, Brown, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Mosely, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, White—15.

Nays—Mr. Watts—1.

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

Bill to be entitled An act to provide for the payment of services rendered by overseers of public roads in the county of Leon, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the Register of the Land Office to appoint a deputy, and for other purposes, was read a second time.

Mr. Sanderson offered the following as an additional section, viz:

"Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That all accounts of the said Register shall be first audited, and allowed by the Comptroller of the State before the same shall be paid."

Which was adopted.

On motion the rule was waived, said bill read a third time by its title, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Brown, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Sanderson, Tweed, White—9.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Crawford, Floyd, Moseley, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Watts—8.

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

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:

On motion of Mr. Floyd, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill, Mr. Sanderson in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The Senate refused.

Mr. Forward moved to reinstate the following as the first section of said bill, which had been stricken out in committee of the whole, viz:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Represen-*

tatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That there be appropriated from the internal improvement fund of this State the sum of three thousand dollars, for the purpose of digging a Canal from the waters of Indian river to the waters of Halifax river, in the county of Orange, at or near a place called the Haulover, between said rivers.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Forward and Sanderson, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Forward, Lorimer, Sanderson, J. M. Smith—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Crawford, Floyd, Moseley, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—10.

Said motion was lost.

The Senate refused to order said bill to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled, An act to alter and amend the Militia laws of this State, was read the second time.

Mr. Floyd moved that said bill be laid upon the table.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Sanderson and Tweed, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Floyd, Forward, Moseley, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Watts and White—10.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Brown, Crawford, Lorimer, Sanderson and Tweed—6.

Said motion prevailed.

House bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the pilot laws now in force in this State, 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, Austin, Brown, Floyd, Moseley, Sanderson, J. M. Smith and White—9.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Crawford, Forward, D. J. Smith and Tweed—5.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend the law of attachment in force in this State, was read the second time, and on the question of engrossing said bill for a third reading to-morrow, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Floyd, Lorimer, Sanderson, J. M. Smith, Tweed and Watts—9.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Forward, Moseley, D. J. Smith and White—7.

Said bill was therefore ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled, An act to prescribe an equal and uniform mode of taxation, and for other purposes;

Mr. Tweed moved that said bill be laid upon the table; on which

the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Sanderson and Tweed, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Brown, Crawford, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts, and White—11.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Forward, Sanderson, J. M. Smith—4.

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

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1849.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

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

On motion of Mr. Crawford the nominations made on Monday last by His Excellency the Governor, of G. G. Holt and John Denham as auctioneers for the County of Wakulla, were advised and consented to by the Senate.

Mr. Lorimer moved to reconsider the vote had on yesterday relative to the amendment (which was adopted) of Mr. Forward to the bill to be entitled, An act to render taxation more equable by imposing a tax upon subjects heretofore exempt, and reducing the rates upon subjects now taxed.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Forward and White, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Brown, Burritt, Crawford, Lorimer, D. J. Smith, Tweed, White—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Floyd, Forward, Moseley, J. M. Smith—6.

Said motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Burritt, 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 taken from the table and placed among the orders.

Mr. J. M. Smith presented preamble and resolution relative to the subject of international exchange.

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title and passed.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

The following reports from standing Committees were read:

The Committee on Federal Relations to whom was referred the report on the subject of international exchanges, by Mons. Alexander Vattemare, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That the scheme submitted to the State of Florida through its Executive and its Senators in Congress, in which its participation is invited,