

the same appears to be correctly enrolled as passed, there appear to be inaccuracies in the phraseology of the 5th and 6th sections.

LOUIS ALDRICH, Chairman.

The following communications were transmitted to His Excellency the Governor:

SENATE CHAMBER, January 11, 1849.

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

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

An act to amend an act approved January 4, 1847, giving a lien to steam boat men and others, navigating the bay and river of Apalachicola;

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

An act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company;

An act to provide for the election of a keeper of Public Archives in the cities of St. Augustine and Pensacola;

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

An act for the benefit of Craven G. Fife and James R. Tucker;

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

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

Respectfully,

C. W. DOWNING,  
Secretary Senate.

The following message from the House was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 11, 1849.

Honorable President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has adhered to its disagreement to Senate amendments to House resolution authorizing the Register of Public Lands to invest the moneys in his hands in the purchase of State Certificates, and has appointed Messrs. Bryant, McClellan and Coleman a committee of conference on the part of the House, to act with a similar committee from the Senate upon said disagreement.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House Representatives.

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

FRIDAY, January 12, 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.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Moseley for the remainder of the session.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Crawford, White and Tweed, have been appointed, to confer with the committee on the part of the House, relative to the investment, by the Register, of the money in his hands in State script.

Mr. Tweed offered the following:

Resolved, the House concurring, That the General Assembly will proceed to the election of Judges of the several circuits of this State, to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

The President decided it out of order.

Mr. Sanderson offered the following:

Resolved, That the General Assembly has the right, under the Constitution, to go into the election of Circuit Judges at its present session.

Mr. Avery offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, it will be expedient for the Governor to call an extra session of the Legislature, in time to elect Judges of the Circuit Courts, in accordance with that provision of the Constitution, which requires the next regular election of Judges to take place at the expiration of five years, from the first election.

Mr. Forward moved that said substitute be indefinitely postponed.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Brown, Costin, Crawford, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith and White—12.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Burritt, Floyd, Moseley, Tweed and Watts—7.

Said motion prevailed.

Mr. Forward moved that the original resolution offered by Mr. Sanderson be indefinitely postponed;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Moseley and J. M. Smith—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts and White—9.

Said motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Forward, the rule was waived, and he allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act supplementary to an act, passed at this session, relating to the mode of appointment and duties of Auctioneers.

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Cos-

tin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Watts, White—17.

Nays—None.

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

The following message from his Excellency the Governor was read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, January 11, 1849.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*

*and of the House of Representatives:*

The following acts are approved: An act to amend an act, approved January 4, 1847, giving a lien to steamboat men and others navigating the bay and river of Apalachicola;

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

An act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company;

An act to provide for the appointment of a keeper of Public Archives in the cities of St. Augustine and Pensacola;

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

An act for the relief of Craven G. Fife and James R. Tucker;

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

Very respectfully,

W. D. MOSELEY.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, January 11, 1849.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

I hereby nominate the following persons as Auctioneers for the Counties in which they respectively reside, to wit:

John Sutton, for the county of Benton;

Daniel K. McDonald, for the county of Walton;

R. P. Robertson, for the county of Marion;

George M. Galpin, for the county of Alachua; and

Thomas W. Jones, Charles De Waal, Lemuel J. McKendree, and John Haas, for the county of Duval.

To which your advice and consent is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully,

W. D. MOSELEY.

Said nominations were advised and consented to.

Mr. Burritt, from the Committee on the Judiciary, presented the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act regulating judicial proceedings, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, with the following amendments, and recommend its passage.

S. L. BURRITT, Chairman.

Also the following:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill entitled, An act to authorize certain officers therein named to continue

in, and perform the duties of, their several offices until their successors are duly elected and appointed, commissioned and qualified, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That, by the law of this State, as it now exists, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and Coroners continue in office until their successors are qualified; so far as they are concerned, therefore, no further law on the subject is necessary. As to the other officers named in the bill, viz: County Commissioners, Judges of Probate, Clerks of the Circuit Court, and Constables, they believe the law has made no provision. They see no objection, however, in embracing the first mentioned officers in this bill, as it is only confirmatory of the existing law; and to avoid delay, which might be occasioned by amending the bill by striking out at so late a period of the session, they recommend the passage of the bill as it is.

S. L. BURRITT, Chairman.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Watts—15.

Nays—None.

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

Mr. Aldrich, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, presented the following Report:

The Committee on enrolled bills beg leave to report as correctly enrolled, Bills and Resolutions entitled as follows, viz:—

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

An act relating to Capital Punishments;

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

Preamble and Resolutions in relation to a Light House at or near the mouth of the Suwannee river;

Resolution asking from Congress the grant of one hundred and sixty acres of land, &c.

LOUIS ALDRICH, Chairman.

The following message from the House was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 11, 1849.

*Hon. President of the Senate:*

SIR: The House has passed the Senate bill to be entitled, An act to render taxation more equitable, by imposing a tax upon subjects heretofore exempt, and reducing the rate upon subjects now taxed, with the enclosed amendments; in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

The Senate disagreed to said amendments.

On motion of Mr. J. M. Smith, the rule was waived, and he allowed to present the petition of Asa May, which was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. M. Smith, Forward and Watts.

The following message from the House was also read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 11, 1849.

*Hon. President of the Senate :*

SIR : The House insists upon its amendments to Senate bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the Register of the Land Office to appoint a deputy, and for other purposes.

Respectfully,  
W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

On motion, Messrs. Sanderson, Aldrich and Watts, were appointed to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the House relative to said bill.

The following message from the House was also read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 11, 1849.

*Hon. President of the Senate :*

SIR : The House has concurred in Senate amendments to House bill to be entitled, An act to amend the laws now in force establishing a tariff of fees, and to House Resolution relative to the question in controversy between the North and South.

Respectfully,  
W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

Also, the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 11, 1849.

*Hon. President of the Senate :*

SIR : The House rejects Senate substitute for House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Hays, and insist upon the original.

Respectfully,  
W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House Representatives.

The Senate receded from its amendment.

The following message from the House was also read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 11, 1849.

*Hon. President of the Senate :*

SIR : The House has passed Senate bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the several acts now in force in relation to the assessment and collection of the Revenue, with the enclosed amendment, in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,  
W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House Representatives.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Aldrich, Tweed and Sanderson, were appointed to confer with a similar committee on the part of the House on said bill.

The following message from the House was also read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 11, 1849.

*Hon. President of the Senate :*

SIR : The House has passed Senate bill to be entitled, An act to

organize the county of Hilaka, with the enclosed amendment, in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,  
W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House Representatives.

The Senate concurred in the amendments. Ordered that said bill be enrolled.

The House returned Senate bills entitled, An Act to provide for the payment of services rendered by overseers of Public Roads in the county of Leon ;

Resolution relative to the subject of International exchange ;  
Preamble and resolution relative to Washington Bartlett, as passed by the House without amendment.

Ordered to be enrolled.

The House returned Senate bill entitled, An act to amend the law of attachment in force in this State, as indefinitely postponed in the House.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution relative to the inauguration of Gen. Thomas Brown, Governor elect, was read the second time.

Mr. Sandrum offered the following as a substitute ;

*Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring,* That we proceed to inaugurate Gen. Thomas Brown, Governor of the State of Florida, on to-morrow at 12 o'clock, in the Representative Hall.

Mr. Forward moved that said resolution be indefinitely postponed.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Forward, J. M. Smith—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Burritt, Crawford, Floyd, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed, White—11.

On the question of adopting said substitute the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Forward and Sanderson, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Burritt, Crawford, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed, White—10.

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

Said substitute was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Avery the rule was waived, and he allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act in relation to George W. Hutchins.

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, White—15.

Nays—None.

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

The rule being waived, Mr. White, from a select committee, presented the following report:

The committee of conference, appointed to consider the disagreement between the Senate and House in reference to the resolution of the House to authorize the Register of Public Lands to invest any monies in the purchase of State certificates,

#### REPORT:

That they have agreed to submit the following resolution in lieu of that had under consideration, to wit:

*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 he is hereby, authorized and directed to invest any and all monies in his hands, or that may hereafter come into his possession, belonging to the school or internal improvement funds, in State scrip, when the same can be purchased at a discount of at least three per cent.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. BRYANT, Chairman.

G. E. McCLELLAN,

JOHN COLEMAN,

Committee on part of the House.

JNO. L. CRAWFORD, Chairman.

THOMAS M. WHITE,

C. A. TWEED,

Committee on part of the Senate.

The resolution therein contained was adopted.

The rule being waived, Mr. Sanderson, from a select committee, presented the following report:

The select committee, to whom was referred the resolution and communication from his Excellency W. D. Moseley, relative to the surplus revenue due to the State of Florida,

#### REPORT:

That they have investigated the subject referred to them, and learn from a letter of the Hon. R. J. Walker, Secretary of the Treasury, that the account of the surplus revenue, deposited with the States under the act of 23d June, 1836, was stated, agreeably to the requirements of that law, on the 1st January, 1837, and the several instalments apportioned among the States respectively on that day. The three quarterly instalments required to be placed with the States on the 1st January, 1st April, and 1st July, 1837, were transferred to them accordingly, and the deposite of the fourth instalment proportioned by law. The power of the Treasury Department, in regard to the deposite of the surplus revenue is, therefore, executed. Under existing laws, nothing is due to Florida for the portion of the surplus revenue. Unless a sufficient proportion shall be recalled by law from the States entitled by act of 1836, no part of the surplus

revenue can be deposited with the States admitted into the Union since the distribution made on the 1st of January, 1837. The above embraces all the information the committee are able to obtain upon this subject. Which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. SANDERSON,

Chairman of Select Committee.

House bill to be entitled, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the fourth General Assembly, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Burritt, Costin, Forward, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith and White—10.

Nays—Mr. Floyd—1.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act regulating Judicial Proceedings,

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, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Forward, Lorimer, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith and White—11.

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

House resolution for auditing E. Barnard's account, was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

House resolution relative to the distribution of certain copies of Thompson's Digest,

Was read the first and second time;

Mr. Forward moved to amend by inserting, after the words "county," in 8th line, the words, "and Billy Bowlegs;"

Which was carried.

The rule being waived, said resolution was read a third time, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Brown, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Brown, Forward, Lorimer and D. J. Smith—7.

Nays—Messrs. Floyd, Sanderson and J. M. Smith—3.

Said resolution passed. Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act therein named, Was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Forward, the rule was waived, and he allowed to introduce a resolution relative to distribution of Thompson's Digest to other States;

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

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of measurers of lumber, and for other purposes, was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Burritt, Floyd, Forward, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Watts, White—11.

Nays—None.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend the several acts now in force in relation to the officers of Courts, was read the second time, the rule waived, read a third time by its title, and on the question of its passage the yeas were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Burritt, Costin, Forward, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Watts, White—12.

Nays—None.

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

House resolution relative to the safe keeping of the Public Arms, was read the second time, and ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

The following was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

This day came R. J. Floyd, and by way of explanation to a vote given upon a bill to be entitled, An act to render taxation more equal by imposing a tax upon subjects heretofore exempt, and reducing the rate upon subjects now taxed, and saith that he favors that portion of the bill reducing the revenue of the State ten per cent., but that he opposes the remainder of said bill, and asks his reasons to be spread upon the journals of the Senate.

R. J. FLOYD,  
JAS. H. T. LORIMER.

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 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. Austin, Avery, Burritt, Sanderson, D. J. Smith and Watts—7.

Nays—Messrs. Floyd, Forward and J. M. Smith—3.

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

On motion of Mr. Forward, the Senate took a recess until 5 o'clock P. M.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The following communication was transmitted to his Excellency the Governor :

SENATE CHAMBER, Jan. 12, 1849.

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

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

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

An act relating to capital punishments ;

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

An act supplementary to an act entitled an act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State lands passed at the present session ;

An act to provide for the payment of the salary, traveling, and other expenses of the Register of Public Lands, out of the Public monies in his hands ;

Resolutions asking from Congress the grant of one hundred and sixty acres of land ; and

Preamble and Resolution in relation to a Light House at or near the mouth of the Suwannee River.

Respectfully,

C. W. DOWNING,  
Secretary Senate.

The following message from the House were read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

January 12, 1849. }

Honorable President of the Senate :

SIR : Messrs. Walker, Scott and McClellan, have been appointed a Committee to confer with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, relative to Senate bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the Register of the Land Office to appoint a Deputy, and for other purposes.

Respectfully,

WM. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, the action heretofore had on Senate Bill entitled, An act to provide for the payment of services rendered by overseers of Public roads in the county of Leon, was reconsidered.

The following message from the House was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

January 12, 1849. }

Honorable President of the Senate :

SIR : The House recedes from its first, and insists upon its second and third amendments to Senate bill to be entitled, An act to render taxation more equitable by imposing a tax upon subjects heretofore exempt, and reducing the rate upon subjects now taxed.

Respectfully,

WM. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. White, Sanderson and Tweed, were appointed to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the House relative to said bill.

The following messages from His Excellency the Governor were read :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, January 12, 1849. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I hereby nominate A. T. Bennett, Judge of Probate for the county

of Franklin, to which your advice and consent is respectfully solicited.  
Very respectfully, W. D. MOSELEY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, January 12, 1849.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

I hereby nominate Joseph E. Caro, as keeper of the Public Archives at Pensacola, to which your advice and consent is respectfully solicited.  
Very respectfully,

W. D. MOSELEY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, January 12, 1849.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*

*and of the House of Representatives:*

I hereby nominate the following persons as Auctioneers for the counties in which they respectively reside, to wit: George G. Pattison, C. T. Knapp, William B. Davis, J. G. Michaelofski, D. Davidson, George W. Barkley, Alexander McVoy, Francis de la Rua, B. F. Magee, Bethall G. Bell, James Gonzalez, and Joseph Quigles, for the county of Escambia; Benjamin Rollins, for Hamilton county; and George W. Hutchins, for Leon county.

Very respectfully, W. D. MOSELEY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, January 12, 1849.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*

*and of the House of Representatives:*

I hereby nominate N. Baker, John S. Hutchinson, P. W. Cullen, and Jesse F. Potts, Auctioneers for the county of Franklin; D. G. Raney, D. B. Wood, and B. Ellison, Port Wardens for the port of Apalachicola; and J. L. Barber, W. G. Porter, W. A. Kain, A. T. Bennett, and H. Swaim, Commissioners of Pilotage for the waters of Apalachicola bay—to which your advice and consent is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully, W. D. MOSELEY.

Said nominations were advised and consented to.

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

The Committee on Enrolled bills beg leave to REPORT, as correctly enrolled, Bills, and a Preamble and Resolutions entitled as follows:

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;

Resolution relative to the subject of International exchange;

Preamble and Resolution relative to Washington Bartlett;

An act to provide for the payment of services rendered by Overseers of public roads in the county of Leon.

The Committee remark that the last act, although it is correctly enrolled according to the engrossment, yet, according to the recollection of your Committee, and as appears from the title of the act, the act as enrolled does not correspond with that intended to be passed by the Senate.

LOUIS ALDRICH, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Tweed, the rule was waived, and he allowed, from a Select Committee, to present the following report:

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the bill relating to the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Western Circuit, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they have considered the same, and recommend the passage of the bill, with the following amendment: Strike out the word "Euclidean" and insert "Walton."

C. A. TWEED, Chairman.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Costin, Forward, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed and White—12.

Nays—None.

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

The following messages from the House were read:

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, January 12, 1849.

*Honorable President of the Senate:*

SIR:—The House has adopted the enclosed resolution, from the committee of conference upon the disagreement as to House resolution authorizing the Register of Public Lands to invest any moneys in his hands in the purchase of State Certificates, reported in lieu of the original resolution and substitute.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 12, 1849.

*Honorable President of the Senate:*

SIR:—The House has concurred in Senate joint resolution relation to inauguration of the Governor elect on to-morrow, 12 o'clock, M.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House Representatives.

The House returned Senate bills entitled, An act in relation to the issuing of commissions to certain public officers;

An act supplementary to an act, passed at this session, relating to the mode of appointment and duties of Auctioneers;

As passed by the House without amendment.

Ordered to be enrolled.

House bill to be entitled, An act explanatory of the several acts in relation to the migration of free persons of color into this State, was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Costin, Floyd, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, White—10.

Nays—None.

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

House resolution relative to the claim of Michael Ledwith, 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.

On motion, leave was granted to Mr. Forward to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petitions praying the establishment of Hila-ka County.

Bill to be entitled, An act for the payment of Overseers of Public Roads in the County of Leon, was read the second time.

Mr. Lorimer moved to amend by inserting, after the word "road," in fourth line, and after the word "treasury," in seventh line, the words "of said county."

Said motion prevailed.

The rule being waived, said bill was 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, Brown, Costin, Forward, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—13.

Nays—None.

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

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Avery allowed to introduce the following:

WHEREAS, A difference of opinion exists as to the expiration of the term of office of the present Governor of this State:

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That any action or expression of opinion by this General Assembly in reference thereto, shall not be deemed as intended to be conclusive upon the question at issue, so far as the rights of the parties interested are respectively concerned.

The Senate refused to waive the rule to read said resolution a second time.

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

Said motion was lost.

Mr. J. M. Smith moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Said motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Tweed, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, January 13, 1849.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

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

On motion of Mr. White, the rule was waived, and he allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the Comptroller's Office;

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Crawford, Forward, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed and White—11.

Nays—Messrs. Floyd and Watts—2.

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

On motion of Mr. Forward, the Chief Secretary was authorized to employ an additional Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk for the remainder of the session.

The Secretary employed Mr. Wm. K. Beard.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. D. J. Smith, Burritt and Tweed, were appointed to wait upon and inform Gen. Thomas Brown, that the General Assembly would convene in the House this day, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purpose; and that he might, in their presence, take the oath of office as Governor elect of this State.

On motion a Committee, to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, consisting of Messrs. Tweed, Sanderson and White, were appointed to wait upon, and invite the Justices of the Supreme Court to be present at said ceremony; and also to invite that His Honor the Chief Justice administer the oath to General Thomas Brown.

Said committee were also appointed to wait upon, and inform the House hereof.

The House returned Senate bill entitled, An act supplemental to and explanatory of an act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company, and the other acts passed at the present session, contemplating or authorizing the construction of a Rail Road, as passed by the House without amendment.

Ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Sanderson, from the Committee of Conference, relative to Senate bill entitled, An act to authorize the Register to employ a Deputy Register, and for other purposes, reported: That the Committee had considered the matter, and recommended that the words "five hundred" in said bill, be stricken out, and "two hundred" inserted in lieu thereof.

On the question of adopting said amendment, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Brown, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Crawford, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed and White—9.

Nays—Messrs. Floyd and Watts—2.

Said amendment was adopted.