

Propositions and Grievances. Amendments and Revision of the

Messrs. CRAWFORD,
GHENT,
WATTS,
AVERY.

Constitution.
Messrs. TWEED,
D. J. SMITH,
AUSTIN,
COSTIN.

The following was received, read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary :

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Capitol, Tallahassee, Dec. 1, 1848. }

To the Honorable President of the Senate :

SIR :—In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, passed November 29th, I herewith enclose a copy of the "bill amending the Constitution, passed at the last session of the General Assembly," certified as requested.

As will be perceived, the certificate relative to the publication of said amendment, merely states the facts as to the time of publication, without saying, whether or not, it was published in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution. This is done, because the publication in the newspapers not being within the time required, it is to be considered whether the publication in the pamphlet laws was sufficient, and this I leave to the determination of your honorable body.

Very respectfully,
A. E. MAXWELL, *Secretary of State.*

On motion of Mr. Moseley, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 2, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Avery introduced a bill to be entitled "an act to provide for the sale of the Sixteenth Sections granted by Congress to the State for the support of Public Schools, and for consolidating the School Fund."

Which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Sanderson gave notice that he would at some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "an act to reduce the State tax the 20 per cent. added to it at the last session of the General Assembly."

Mr. Tweed moved that the Committee on Schools and Colleges be requested to bring in a bill to provide for the establishment of Common Schools throughout this State.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. D. J. Smith gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to amend the Election law in force in this State.

Mr. White gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to establish lost records and papers occasioned by the late destruction by fire of the Court House in Jackson county.

Mr. Avery moved that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the Chairman of each Standing Committee of the Senate with a copy of Thompson's Digest.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, so much of Governor's Message as relates to the establishment of a separate Supreme and Chancery Court, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

And so much as relates to the subject of Education, was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

And so much as refers to the subject of Pre-emptions and the draining of the Everglades, was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Tweed, so much as relates to the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Avery, so much as relates to the Seminole Indians, was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Sanderson moved that his Excellency the Governor be requested to furnish the Senate with any information or papers in his possession having reference to the settlement of the boundary line between this State and the State of Georgia.

Which motion prevailed.

The following message from the House was received and read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 1, 1848.

Honorable President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House has appointed Messrs. Walker, Bryant and Daniel, a Joint Committee on the part of the House, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, to inform his Excellency the Governor of the result of the vote for Governor of this State ; also Messrs. Scott, Long and Magbee, a Joint Committee to act with one from the Senate in announcing the same fact to Gen. Thomas Brown.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House Representatives.

On motion, Messrs. Burritt, Tweed and Aldrich, were appointed a Committee to act with the Committee of the House, to inform his Excellency the Governor of the result of the vote for Governor of this State at the late election.

And Messrs. White, Crawford and Sanderson were appointed a

Committee to inform Gen. Thomas Brown also, of the result of said vote.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, Mr. Lorimer was added to said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Militia, together with the report of the Adjutant General, was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Mr. Lorimer presented the memorial of William Wilson, administrator of the estate of P. A. Hayward, deceased;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The following message from the House was received and read:
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 2d, 1848.

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has appointed Messrs. Watterson, Bryant and Blackburn, a Joint Committee on its part, to act with the Committee appointed by the Senate, relative to the number of documents, &c., to be printed for the use of the General Assembly.

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

The following from His Excellency the Governor was received and read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Dec. 2, 1848.

Gentlemen of the Senate

and of the House of Representatives:

You have herewith enclosed a copy of a communication from the Commandant at Fort Brooke, in relation to recent "disturbances" that have occurred between some of the Indians and citizens of our State, in that vicinity. It does not appear, from this communication, that this disturbance is of a serious nature; nevertheless, it is deemed important that the subject should be properly investigated, and the evil, if any, be removed, to the end that if hostilities should again unfortunately commence, our fellow citizens may not be chargeable as the aggressors.

Very respectfully,

W. D. MOSELEY.

(copy.)

FORT BROOK, Tampa Bay, Nov. 7, 1848.

To His Excellency W. D. MOSELEY,
Governor of the State of Florida:

SIR:—I have the honor to inform you that by order of the War Department, I, on the 1st instant, took command of this post, and relieved Bt. Major R. D. A. Wade, 3d Arty. as agent ex-officio of Indian Affairs.

Respecting the Indian tribes in this State, I would remark that disturbances have occurred between some of them and citizens in this vicinity, traceable, I judge, to the first Chapter of the laws of

this State, regulating their government. By this law an Indian can be seized and flogged before being able to receive his order for his protection from the agent here. And I would respectfully suggest this subject, (section of the law,) for the consideration of your Excellency, with a view to its repeal, or such modification of the statute, as may be necessary for their greater protection.

I am, with great respect,

Your ob't servant,

W. N. MORRIS,
Major U. S. A. Commanding.

Mr. Floyd moved a call of the Senate;

Which motion was lost.

The Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him of the result of the vote for the office of Governor at the late Election, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to be entitled, An Act to incorporate St. John's Lodge, No. 12, in the City of St. Augustine,

Was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The Committee appointed to wait upon and inform Gen. Thomas Brown of the result of the vote for the office of Governor at the late election, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, the Senate adjourned until Monday 11 o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, December 4, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Todd officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Avery, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. White having stated that Mr. William C. Bryan, who was, on the 28th ult., elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate, had not attended, moved that the Senate proceed to the election of an Assistant Secretary;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Sanderson nominated Mr. Alexander Young, who was unanimously elected.

Mr. Floyd gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An Act to compel Bank Agencies and Bank Agents, doing business in this State to pay specie for all foreign bank bills circulated in this State;

Also, a bill to be entitled, An Act giving a lien to steam boat hands;