

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;

Also, a bill to be entitled, An Act to repeal the road laws of Franklin county, and for other purposes.

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 foreman of Grand Juries to administer oaths to witnesses.

Mr. Sanderson moved,

That the Treasurer be requested to furnish, for the information of the Senate, a statement of the amount of Jury and Witness certificates, each, taken up by him as cash from the respective Tax Collectors; in whose favor the accounts were certified; and the Term of the Court the same were rendered in the respective counties of the State, since the passage of the law providing for the payment of Jurors and Witnesses;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Sanderson moved,

That the Comptroller be requested to furnish, for the information of the Senate, the amount, (if any,) allowed for Court house rent during the present fiscal year. Also, the amount paid for the contingent expenses of the Circuit Court, at the last two terms of said Court in the several counties in the State, and by whom said accounts were allowed;

Which motion prevailed.

The following communication from the Comptroller was read:—

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 2, 1848.

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to present herewith the statement, called for by the resolution of the 29th ult., of the amount of accounts, audited at this office during the past fiscal year, in favor of State witnesses for mileage and attendance. It will be perceived that these accounts are all for services prior to the year 1848—accounts for that year being paid in another way, as provided by the law of last session.

I am, &c., very respectfully,

SIMON TOWLE, Comptroller.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, Ordered, That 75 copies of the document accompanying the same be printed.

The following message from His Excellency the Governor was read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Dec. 2, 1848.

To the Hon. President of the Senate:

In reply to a communication from the Senate of this date, "requesting me to furnish the Senate with any information or papers in the possession of the Executive, having reference to the settlement of the Boundary line between this State and the State of Georgia," I have the honor herewith to transmit, (with the request that it be laid before the Senate,) the correspondence between the late Commissioners, Messrs. Couper and Crawford on the part of Georgia, and Messrs. Branch and Duval on the part of this State. The recent correspondence between the Governors of Georgia and Florida,

referred to in my late message, will be found among the documents accompanying the message.

Very respectfully,

W. D. MOSELEY.

On motion of Mr. Avery, referred, with the accompanying documents, to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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,

Was, on motion of Mr. Burritt, read a second time by its title, referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

House resolution, relative to the examination of the offices of State,

Was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, Ordered, That the Secretary return the same to the House, with a request that it be engrossed.

By consent, Mr. White offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted.

WHEREAS, by a dispensation of Divine Providence, the Hon. John Brett, Jr., late Senator from the Fourth Senatorial District, has been called from the stage of action;

Be it therefore Resolved by the members of this Senate, That they feel deeply the loss of that worthy member of their body, and hereby tender to his bereaved family and friends their warmest sympathies.

Be it further Resolved, That as a testimony of their regard for the memory of the said John Brett, jr., they wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.

Be it further Resolved, That out of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate adjourn until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

Whereupon the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 5, 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.

Mr. Alexander Young, who was, on yesterday, elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate, was duly sworn by Hon. D. J. Smith, Justice of the Peace for Washington County.

Mr. Austin gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize William T. Pebbles, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate.

Mr. Avery moved that the Register of Public Lands be requested to inform the Senate what amount has been received from the United States government on account of the five per cent fund.