

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 Bréit, 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.

Also, the amount received on account of rent of Sixteenth Sections, what townships are credited with this money, and how much is placed to the credit of each township.

Also, what proportion of the annual expense of carrying on the operations of the Land Office, including Register's salary, etc., is properly chargeable to the common school department.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Avery, from a Select Committee, presented the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee appointed by the Senate to act with a similar Committee on the part of the House, to draft Joint Rules for the government of the two Houses during the present session, report the following

JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

RULE 1.—Messages from either House to the other shall be sent by such person as a sense of propriety in each House may determine.

2.—After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or by the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in one or the other House.

3.—When a bill or resolution, which shall have passed in one House is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same may have passed.

4.—When a bill or resolution which has been passed in one House, shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session, without notice of ten days, and leave of two-thirds of that House in which it shall be moved.

5.—Each House shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

6.—No bill that shall have passed one House, shall be sent for concurrence to the other, on either of the last three days of the session.

7.—After each House shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

8.—When elections are required to be made by joint vote of the two Houses, the time of electing shall be previously agreed upon, and each House shall communicate the nominations therein to the other, prior to the voting.

9.—Each House shall communicate to the other the nominations, and the result of each voting.

10.—In every Joint Committee the member first named on the part of the House first proposing such Committee, shall convene the same.

11.—During the election of officers there shall be no motions entertained, except to adjourn, to proceed to vote, to nominate and to withdraw a candidate—which motions shall have precedence in the order they stand.

12.—The doings throughout shall proceed without debate.

13.—Communications shall be made on paper, and signed by the presiding officer of each House, and transmitted through the Messenger, or Doorkeeper.

14.—In every case of disagreement between the Senate and House of Representatives, either House may suggest a conference, and appoint a Committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a Committee to confer at a convenient hour, to be designated by the Chairman; said Committees shall meet, and confer freely on the subject of disagreement.

15.—Whenever a public bill or resolution is ordered to be printed for the use of either House, a number shall be ordered sufficient for the use of both Houses; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to inform the other House of such order, and to transmit to that House the requisite number of printed copies.

On motion of Mr. Austin, ordered that seventy-five copies of said rules be printed.

The following message from the House was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 4, 1848.

Honorable President of the Senate:

SIR:—Messrs. Long, Maxwell, and Blackburn have been appointed a joint committee on the part of the House, to act with that appointed by the Senate in drafting joint rules for the government of both Houses.

Very respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,

Clerk House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House resolution for obtaining certain tabular statements from the Comptroller, was read and passed.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 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.

Hon. J. M. Smith, of Tenth District, appeared and took his seat.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Tweed introduced a bill to be entitled, An Act relative to Capital Punishments;

Which was read the first time, ordered to a second reading to-morrow, and on motion of Mr. Burritt, 75 copies ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. White introduced a bill to be

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