

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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entitled, An Act to re-establish the records of the county of Jackson, and for other purposes ;

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

Mr. Forward gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to repeal the 2d section of an act entitled, an act supplementary to, and extending the provisions of an act assenting to the purchase by the United States, and ceding to the same jurisdiction of certain lands on the Island of Key West, for the purposes designated in said act, approved July 8th, 1845.

Mr. Burritt, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following Report, which was concurred in :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a certified copy of "the bill amending the Constitution passed at the last session of the General Assembly," together with a communication from the Secretary of State accompanying the same, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That in the opinion of the Committee, the said bill was duly published six months previous to the State Election in October last, within the meaning of the Constitution.

S. L. BURRITT, Chairman.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the 12th clause of the 5th article of the Constitution of this State, so that the Judges of the Circuit Courts shall hold their offices for a term of eight years, instead of during good behavior,

Was read ; and on motion of Mr. Sanderson, read the second and third time by its title, as of the first day, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

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

Was read ; Mr. Sanderson moved to strike out the words " Executive Department," and insert in lieu thereof the words " Treasurer and Comptroller ;"

Which motion prevailed.

The Resolution then passed as amended.

Ordered, that the same be certified to the House.

Mr. Sanderson moved that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock ;

Which motion was lost.

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

THURSDAY, December 7, 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. Aldrich introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State lands.

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

Mr. Aldrich gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An act to repeal so much of the law providing for the Election of Electors of President and Vice President of the U. States as requires the sheriffs of the several counties to deliver, or cause to be delivered, the returns of the election of said Electors to the Secretary of State, and for other purposes.

Mr. Crawford presented the petition of certain citizens of Leon county, praying that the Southern boundary line of Leon county be changed, &c.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Lorimer, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Crawford, Lorimer, and Austin.

Mr. Aldrich presented the petition of certain citizens of Alachua County, praying the passage of a law relative to the slaughter of neat cattle.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Aldrich, referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Watts presented the following resolutions, which were read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Resolution urging upon Congress the passage of a law granting land to the officers and soldiers who served in the Indian war in Florida.

1. Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our Senators and Representative in Congress be requested to urge upon Congress the passage of a law making similar grants of land to the officers and soldiers who served in the Indian war in Florida in consideration of their services to those made to the officers and soldiers who served in the war with Mexico, to be located in Florida.

2. Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the above resolution, duly certified, to each of our Senators and to our Representative in Congress.

Mr. Floyd, from the Committee on Corporations, presented the following report, which was concurred in :

The Committee on Corporations, to whom the bill entitled, An act to incorporate St. John's Lodge, No. 12, in the city of St. Augustine, was referred, ask leave to return the same with an amendment, to wit: In the last section of the bill, add at the word taxation, "not exceeding in value five thousand dollars." The committee find the requisite notice required under the Constitution has been made in a newspaper published in the city of St. Augustine, and recommend the passage of the bill with amendment.

R. J. FLOYD, Committee.