

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.

Mr. Crawford, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, presented the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of William Wilson, administrator on the estate of P. A. Hayward, deceased, after examining the same, have come to the conclusion that the language therein used is such as ought not to be embraced in any petition which is intended for the consideration of your honorable body; and they therefore ask leave to return the same to the Senate, and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

JNO. L. CRAWFORD, Chairman.

The following communication from the Comptroller, was read:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 6th, 1848.

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR: In compliance with the order made on the 4th instant, requiring me to furnish a statement of the amounts paid for Court House rent, during the present fiscal year, I have to say that during this fiscal year no such claim has been allowed.

During the past fiscal year, ending 31st October last, accounts were allowed to the amount of one hundred and ninety-five dollars, (\$195 00) of which a list is herewith presented, showing the claimant, County, term, and amount, in each case.

I am, very respectfully, &c.

SIMON TOWLE.

Statement of the amount allowed during the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1848, for Court House Rent.

No. of Warrant	In whose favor.	County.	Term.	Am't.	
114	City of Pensacola,	Escambia,	Fall T. 1847,	40 00	Rent of City Hall.
158	Geo. D. Miller,	Columbia,	" " "	50 00	Court Room and 2
165	John Barber, Sheriff,	Hillsboro',	Sp'g T. 1847,	25 00	Jury Rooms.
"	" " "	"	Fall T. 1847,	25 00	
206	J. M. Bates,	Benton,	" " "	30 00	
314	James Nawls,	Calhoun,	Fall T. 1846,	12 50	
"	" " "	"	Fall T. 1847,	12 50	
				\$195 00	

Also the following from the Register of Public Lands:

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF PUBLIC LANDS, }
December 6th, 1848. }

To the President of the Senate, &c.:

SIR: In reply to the several inquiries propounded to me in the Senate's order of yesterday, I have to state that, by the Report of the "President of the Trustees" to the Governor in January, 1845, it appears that the sum of \$1736 29 had then been received from the United States as the amount then due to Florida "on account of the 5 per cent. fund;" and by the Report of the "President of Trustees" in November, 1846, it appears that the further sum of \$975

80 had been received on account of the same fund for the year 1845: and the Register, as stated in his late Report, has received for the year 1846 the sum of \$1930 92, making an aggregate of \$4643 01.

The distribute share of the same fund due to Florida for 1847, the amount of which is not ascertained, though applied for, has not yet been paid.

"The amount received on account of rent of 16th Sections," deducting expenses, is \$579 09, which is placed to the credit of the respective Townships as follows, viz:

T. 2 N., R. 1 E.,	\$ 3 59	T. 3 N., R. 3 E.,	\$ 25 14½
" 3 " " 1 "	71 84½	" 1 S., " 2 "	426 06
" 3 " " 2 "	21 55	" 1 " " 1 W.,	10 77½
" 2 " " 3 "	20 11½		

The salary of the Register, and his travelling expenses being, by law, payable at the Treasury, there are no expenditures on account of 16th Sections except such as occur for renting and collecting, and for locating lands for those which are deficient.

The proportion of expenditure for these purposes depends upon the number and amount of rents, and the quantity and quality of land located.

The amount paid thus far as costs and commissions on rents, is \$226 91, and the amount paid for locating deficient 16th Sections, is \$583 38, which sums are respectively debited to the several Townships for which the services were rendered.

Part of the office expenses, for furniture, &c., ought to be charged to the School Lands, but to do this with even an approximation to accuracy, is impracticable. If the School funds were an unit, there would be no difficulty; but the impracticability arises from the number of 16th Sections, (not yet ascertained,) their unequal areas, and their still more unequal value—circumstances which preclude the possibility of apportioning among them such expenses as have been referred to.

Very respectfully,

JOHN BEARD,
Register of Public Lands.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to be entitled, An act relating to capital punishments,

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Floyd, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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

Was read three several times as of the second reading, and ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate St. Johns Lodge, No. 12, in the city of St. Augustine,
Was read the second time.

Mr. Floyd moved to amend by striking out the words "not exceeding the value of five thousand dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "provided the property does not exceed the value of five thousand dollars."

Which motion prevailed.

Ordered that said bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The following message from the House was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 6, 1848.

Honorable President of the Senate :

SIR:—The House has concurred in the report of the joint committee on joint rules.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,

Clerk House Representatives.

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

FRIDAY, December 8, 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. Avery gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An Act to require State Solicitors to make reports to the Comptroller of all State cases under their control.

Mr. Tweed gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An Act to define the Eastern boundary of Santa Rosa county ;

Also, a bill to be entitled, An Act relating to the assessment and collection of taxes ;

Also, a bill to be entitled, An Act relating to certain fines and forfeitures which have accrued to the State in the county of Santa Rosa.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Tweed introduced a bill to be entitled, An Act amendatory of the several acts of Limitations in this State ;

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

Mr. Avery moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened, That the United States Senator to be elected at the present session, shall be elected by the concurrent vote of both Houses of the General Assembly, and that a majority of a quorum of both Houses shall be sufficient to elect.

The following message from the House, with the accompanying resolution, was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 7th, 1848.

Hon. President of the Senate :

SIR : The House has this day adopted the enclosed joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Be it Resolved, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly will proceed to the election of a United States Senator, on Monday next, at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. Avery, said resolution was laid upon the table.

The following message and accompanying resolution from the House, was also read :

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, December 7, 1848.

Honorable President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House has this day passed the enclosed resolution, and request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,

Clerk House Representatives.

Resolved, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly will adjourn *sine die* on the 23d day of this month.

On motion of Mr. Lorimer, ordered that said resolution lie upon the table.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate St. John's Lodge, No. 12, in the city of St. Augustine,

Was read the third time. On the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—16.

Nays—None.

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

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, on motion of Mr. Sanderson, laid upon the table.

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

Was read a second time.

Mr. Watts moved to amend by inserting, after the word soldiers in the 7th line of the 1st resolution, the words "of the militia."

Which motion prevailed.