

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 OF 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.

Mr. Sanderson moved to amend by striking out the words "to be located in Florida," at the end of the first resolution;

Which motion prevailed:

Ordered, That the said Resolutions, as amended, be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled, An Act to grant Pre-emption rights to settlers on State Lands.

Was, on motion of Mr. Sanderson, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, Dec. 7, 1848. }

Gentlemen of the Senate

and of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor herewith to transmit copies of the following correspondence, and will take pleasure in having carried into execution the wishes of the General Assembly, in regard to the ultimate disposition of this testimonial of respect, from the Board of Managers of the Washington National Monument.

Respectfully,

W. D. MOSELEY.

(COPY.)

MONTICELLO, Florida, Dec. 4th, 1848.

His Excellency W. D. Moseley:

SIR: At the late celebration of the 4th of July, in Washington city, sundry persons from the several parts of Florida, formed into procession as the representatives of Florida, having prepared a banner for the occasion. After the celebration, the banner was presented to the Society for the building of the Washington Monument, to be deposited in the Monument, and the President, in behalf of the Society, presented to the Florida Delegation, a piece of the corner stone of the Monument, to be delivered to the State of Florida. The stone has been prepared in a suitable manner by the Delegation, incased in a box of Live Oak, formerly a part of the United States frigate Constitution, celebrated in the Naval History of the United States. And I am instructed by the delegation to turn the box and its contents over to you, as Governor of the State, to be disposed of according to the direction of the proper authorities.— This duty I beg leave to discharge through the polite attention of Mr. Papy.

(Signed)

Yours, respectfully,

J. McCANTS.

(COPY.)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, Dec. 7, 1848. }

To Hon. J. McCants:

I have had the honor to receive your note of the 4th instant, with a piece of the "Corner Stone of the Washington National Monu-

ment," presented by yourself and other citizens of Florida, to the Governor, to be disposed of according to the direction of the proper authorities.

This token of respect for the memory of "The Father of his country," I have caused to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, to be disposed of ultimately as the General Assembly, now in session, may direct.

Be pleased to receive for yourself, and those of the citizens of this State, who were associated with you on that memorable occasion; "the laying of the Corner Stone of the Washington National Monument," assurances of my esteem and regard.

(Signed)

W. D. MOSELEY.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, referred to the Committee on the Executive Department.

A report on the subject of International Exchanges, by Alexander Vattermere,

Was received, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

House resolution relative to the claims of Captain George E. McClellan,

Was read the first time; on motion of Mr. Sanderson, the rule was waived, read a second and third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Mr. Burritt, from the Committee on the Judiciary, presented the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred "a bill to re-establish the records of the County of Jackson, and for other purposes," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the accompanying substitute.

S. L. BURRITT, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. White, ordered that said bill lie upon the table, and 75 copies be printed.

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

SATURDAY, December 9, 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 requiring Solicitors to make reports of the state and progress of cases, civil or criminal, in which the State is a party;

Which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading on Monday.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, the House resolution relative to the Election of United States Senator on Monday next, which was on