

Senate, a statement of the Census of the children in this State, between 6 and 18 years of age; also a statement of the condition of the 16th sections, called for by resolution of the 1st inst.

Very respectfully,

A. E. MAXWELL,
Sec'y State.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, ordered that 250 copies of the accompanying documents, be printed.

Mr. Sanderson moved to adjourn until Monday, 10 o'clock.

Mr. White moved to insert 11 o'clock in the place of 10 o'clock.

Which motion prevailed.

The Senate adjourned until Monday morning, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 11, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Avery the reading of Saturday's Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. White moved that the bill to be entitled, An Act to re-establish the records of the county of Jackson, and for other purposes, be taken from the table, and placed among the Orders of the Day;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Ghent gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An Act declaring East River a navigable stream.

Mr. D. J. Smith gave notice that he would, at some future time, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of owners and captains of boats and barges on the Choctanhachee river and Holmes Creek, in West Florida.

Mr. Avery presented the memorial of certain inhabitants of the City of Pensacola, praying to be relieved from taxes, &c.;

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Avery, referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances; with instructions to report a bill favoring the object of the petitioners.

The following communication from the Treasurer was read, and on motion of Mr. Sanderson, 75 copies of the accompanying document ordered to be printed:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Dec. 11, 1848.

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR—In compliance with resolution of the 4th inst., I have the honor to enclose herewith "a statement of the amount of Jury and Witness certificates, each, taken up at the Treasury, 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 in the State, since the passage of the law providing for the payment of Jurors and Witnesses."

Very respectfully, &c.

WM. R. HAYWARD, Treasurer.

Mr. White presented the memorial of Hiram W. Brooks, praying relief, which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Floyd presented the memorial of certain citizens of Apalachicola, praying for a modification or repeal of a law therein mentioned, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Floyd presented the memorial of William D. Moseley, praying relief, &c. Which was read and on motion of Mr. Avery referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

The following message from the House was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 11, 1848.

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has concurred in Senate "Resolution relative to the mode of Electing a U. S. Senator," with the following amendments: Strike out the word "concurred" and insert "joint." Strike out the words "a quorum of both Houses" and insert "all the members elected to the General Assembly."

In which amendments the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, the Senate concurred in the amendments of the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act relating to Capital punishment, was read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Aldrich was excused from voting.

On the question of the passage of said bill the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Forward, Mosely, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—14.

Nays—None.

The bill passed—title as above.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled, An act to empower Green R. Farmer and Wm. S. Pebbles to assume the management of their estates.

Which was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Austin, laid upon the table until to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act to locate the county site of Benton county, was read the second time and ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House had taken a recess of 15 minutes, at the expiration of which time the House would be ready to receive the Senate in order to proceed to the election of U. S. Senator.

House bill to be entitled, An act entitled an act to prohibit the cir-

ulation of notes of foreign Banks of a less denomination than five dollars, approved February 14, 1835,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Forward moved that said bill be indefinitely postponed;

Mr. Sanderson moved that said bill be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

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

Was, on motion of Mr. Sanderson, read three times by its title as of the second reading, and ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled, An act granting pre-emption rights to settlers on public lands,

Was, on motion of Mr. Floyd, made the special order for to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled, An act to re-establish the records of the County of Jackson, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A call of the Senate being demanded by Messrs. Sanderson and Floyd, the following Senators answered to their names, viz :

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

Mr. D. J. Smith moved to adjourn until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

The President decided the motion to be out of order.

Mr. Lorimer appealed from the decision.

The question, shall the decision of the Chair be sustained? being put, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House for the purpose of going into the election of U. S. Senator; and upon the invitation of the Speaker, the President took the Chair.

The President having declared the object of the joint meeting of the General Assembly to be the election of an U. S. Senator, announced that nominations were in order.

Mr. Bryant nominated Samuel L. Burritt, of Duval County.

Mr. Avery nominated Jackson Morton, of Escambia County.

Mr. Long nominated Jesse Finley, of Jackson County.

Mr. Maxwell nominated George T. Ward, of Leon County.

The vote was as follows:

For Burritt—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Sanderson, J. M. Smith—8. Members of the House—18. Total—26.

For Morton—Messrs. Avery, Moseley, and Tweed—3. Members of the House—3. Total—6.

For Finley—Messrs. D. J. Smith and White—2. Members of the House—5. Total—7.

For Ward—Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Ghent, Lorimer, Watts—5. Members of the House—11. Total—16.

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The President announced that there was no election.

SECOND VOTING.

For Burritt—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Sanderson, J. M. Smith—8. Members of the House—18. Total—26.

For Morton—Messrs. Avery, Mosely and Tweed—3. Members of the House—3. Total—6.

For Finley—Messrs. D. J. Smith and White—2. Members of the House—5. Total—7.

For Ward—Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Ghent, Lorimer and Watts—5. Members of the House—11. Total—16.

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So there was no election.

THIRD VOTING.

For Burritt—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Sanderson, J. M. Smith—8. Members of the House—18. Total—26.

For Morton—Messrs. Avery, Mosely and Tweed—3. Members of the House—2. Total—5.

For Finley—Messrs. D. J. Smith and White—2. Members of the House—5. Total—7.

For Ward—Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Ghent, Lorimer and Watts—5. Members of the House—12. Total—17.

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So there was no election.

Mr. Jones moved that the joint meeting be adjourned, and that the election be postponed until Thursday next.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Blackburn and Smith, and were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Crawford, Ghent, Lorimer, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts and White—9. Members of the House—18. Total—27.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Mosely, Sanderson, and J. M. Smith—9. Members of the House—20. Total—29.

The motion was therefore lost.

Mr. Ghent nominated Walker Anderson, of Escambia county.

FOURTH VOTING.

For Burritt—Messrs. Costin, Floyd, Forward, Sanderson and J. M. Smith—5. Members of the House—18. Total—23.

For Morton—Messrs. Avery, Moseley and Tweed—3. Members of the House—2. Total—5.

For Finley—Messrs. D. J. Smith and White—2. Members of the House—5. Total—7.

For Ward—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Lorimer and Watts—5. Members of the House—12. Total 17.

For *Anderson*—Messrs. Aldrich, Brown and Ghent—3. Members of the House—1. Total—4.

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So there was no election.

Mr. Austin moved to adjourn until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Avery moved to amend by inserting Friday, 12 M., in lieu of to-morrow, 10 A. M.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Blackburn, and were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Crawford, Lorimer, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts and White—8. Members of the House—17. Total—25.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Moseley, Sanderson and J. M. Smith—10. Members of the House—22. Total—32.

So the motion was lost.

FIFTH VOTING.

For *Burrill*—Messrs. Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Sanderson and J. M. Smith—6. Members of the House—17. Total—23.

For *Morton*—Messrs. Avery and Tweed. Members of the House—4. Total—6.

For *Finley*—Messrs. D. J. Smith and White—2. Members of the House—4. Total—6.

For *Ward*—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Lorimer, Moseley, and Watts—6. Members of the House—12. Total—18.

For *Anderson*—Messrs. Aldrich and Ghent—2. Members of the House—1. Total—3.

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So there was no election.

Mr. Tweed moved to adjourn until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Blackburn and Coleman, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Crawford, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts, and White—9. Members of the House—20. Total—29.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Moseley, and J. M. Smith—9. Members of the House—19. Total—28.

So the motion prevailed.

The Senate then returned to their Chamber.

Bill to be entitled, An act requiring Solicitors to make reports of the state and progress of cases, civil and criminal, in which the State is a party,

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Resolutions relative to the removal of the Seat of Government of the State of Florida,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Crawford moved the indefinite postponement of said resolutions.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Sanderson and Moseley, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Crawford, Lorimer, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, and White—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Costin, Forward, Ghent, Moseley, Sanderson, Tweed and Watts—11.

So said motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Avery, said resolutions were referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

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

TUESDAY, December 12, 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.

On motion of Mr. Austin, the House bill entitled, An Act to empower Green R. Farmer and Wm. F. Pebbles to assume the management of their Estates,

Was taken from the table, and placed among the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, House bill entitled, An Act entitled an act to prohibit the circulation of Notes of Foreign Banks, of a less denomination than five dollars, approved February 14, 1835,

Was taken from the table, and placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Aldrich gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An Act providing for the purchase on the part of the State, of lands offered for sale.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Sanderson introduced a bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the several acts to raise a revenue for this State, approved January 8, 1848 ;

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue ;

Mr. Avery, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, presented the following report, which was received :

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, who were instructed to bring in a bill providing for the establishment of Common Schools, ask leave to report the accompanying bill.

O. M. AVERY,

Chairman of Committee on Schools and Colleges.
The accompanying bill, to be entitled, An Act to provide for the