

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Moseley, J. M. Smith and Tweed—11.

Said bill was lost. Ordered, that the same be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an act to establish a tariff of fees, approved January 6th, 1847,

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

House resolution providing for the refunding of certain overpaid dues,

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

On motion, the President appointed Messrs. Forward, White and Avery, an Engrossing Committee.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 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 providing for the purchase, on the part of the State, of lands offered for sale for taxes;

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

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. D. J. Smith introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to alter and amend the Election law in force in this State;

Which was read the first time, ordered to a second reading to-morrow, and seventy-five 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 relating to fines, forfeitures, costs and other moneys adjudged to the State.

On motion of Mr. Forward,

Ordered, that leave be granted to the Committees on Enrolled Bills and Engrossed Bills, to report at any time.

On motion, Messrs. Sanderson, White and Forward were appointed a committee, to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, to examine the offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer.

Mr. Forward, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, presented the following report, which was received:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report as correctly engrossed a bill to be entitled, An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State Lands.

WILLIAM A. FORWARD, Chairman.

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 the bill to be entitled, "An act to re-establish the Records of the County of Jackson, and for other purposes," beg leave to report the said bill with the following amendments, to wit:

Insert the words—*or judgment, order, or decree of the Probate Court or Judge*, after the word "writing" in the 4th line of the 4th section.

Insert the words—*or entered of record*, after the word "recorded" in the 7th line of the 4th section.

Insert the words—*or other writing*, after the word "documents," in the 9th line of the 4th section.

Insert the words—*or record*, after the word "papers" in the 13th line of the 4th section.

Insert the words—*or record*, after the word "papers" in the 16th line of the 4th section.

Insert the words—*by order of said Court*, after the word "shall" in the 21st line of the 4th section.

And the Committee ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

S. L. BURRITT, Chairman.

Mr. Sanderson, from the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, reported a bill to be entitled, An act reducing the salary of the Governor's Private Secretary;

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State Lands;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Lorimer, Mosely, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—18.

Nays—None.

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

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.

House resolution providing for the refunding of certain overpaid dues;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Floyd moved to amend by inserting, after the words "Key West" in 5th line, the words "and Apalachicola;"

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, said resolution was referred to the

Committee on Taxation and Revenue, with instructions and power to send for papers and persons, if necessary.

House bill to be entitled, An Act to establish a tariff of fees, approved January 6, 1847;

On motion of Mr. Forward, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill, Mr. Aldrich in the Chair;

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and by their Chairman reported the bill back to the Senate, with amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof. Which report was concurred in.

On motion, said bill, as amended, was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Tweed, Sanderson and Forward.

Bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the establishment of Common Schools,

Was, on motion of Mr. Avery, laid upon the table.

Mr. Aldrich, from the Committee on Enrolled bills, reported Resolution urging upon Congress the passage of a law granting land to the officers and soldiers who served in the war in Florida, as correctly enrolled.

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

THURSDAY, December 14, 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 relating to fines, forfeitures, costs, and other moneys adjudged to the State.

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

Mr. Forward gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Collectors, prescribing the term of assessment, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Floyd introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to repeal the road laws in and for the county of Franklin.

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

Mr. D. J. Smith gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to more permanently locate the County Site of Washington County, and for other purposes therein contained.

Mr. Burritt gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to provide for compensation to physicians for professional attendance upon Coroner's inquests.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Austin, Lorimer, and Crawford, was appointed to wait upon the House, and request them to return the following bills, viz: a bill to be entitled, An act to repeal 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;

And also a bill to be entitled, An act to empower Green R. Farmer and William T. Pebbles to assume the management of their estates.

Which committee reported that that duty had been performed.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, the vote had on 12th inst. on House bill to be entitled, An act to empower Green R. Farmer and William T. Pebbles to assume the management of their estates, was reconsidered, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Crawford moved the vote had on the 12th instant on House bill entitled, An act to repeal 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, be reconsidered.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Burritt, Crawford, Ghent, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Watts, White—10.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Moseley, J. M. Smith, Tweed—9.

Said motion prevailed, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

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

The Committee on Schools and Colleges to whom was referred the bill entitled, "An act to provide for the sale of the 16th Sections granted by Congress to the State for the support of public schools and for consolidating the School fund," beg leave to

REPORT:

They have examined the bill under consideration, and believing it essential to the usefulness of the school fund, that the provisions therein contained should be enforced, recommend its passage.

Your Committee, aware that there are many who suppose the State has *not* the right to sell the 16th sections, consolidate the fund, and distribute the annual interest of the same, in equal amounts to every child in the State, of proper age to attend school, (owing to words of limitation contained in the grant,)—beg leave to submit with this report some of the reasons which induce them to think it not only her right, legally and equitably, but her duty, to sell the 16th sections, consolidate the fund derived from the sale, and make an equal distribution of its annual interest.

Your Committee are also aware their views conflict with the *expressed* opinions of gentlemen whose opinions are entitled to much respect.