

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Sanderson, laid upon the table.

House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the payment of services rendered by Overseers of Public Roads,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Forward, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 20, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

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

On motion of Mr. Floyd, House bill to be entitled, An act for the protection of the Fisheries on the Coast of Florida,

Was taken from the table, and placed among the orders.

Mr. Aldrich gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road and Canal Company.

Mr. Forward gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act relating to crimes and misdemeanors, and requiring a prosecutor in certain cases.

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 repeal an act to amend the several acts regulating judicial proceedings, approved January 3, 1848.

Mr. Aldrich, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following report:

The Committee on Elections, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, "An act to amend and alter the Election Law in force in this State," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

#### REPORT,

That the bill proposes to make material alterations in the election law in this State, particularly with regard to the manner of conducting elections. The intention of the bill is no doubt to simplify, in some respect, the forms now required to be observed by the existing law. Your committee do not deem the inconvenience of the existing law of sufficient importance to justify the change proposed. The election law of this State is now to be found in a Digest of the laws of the State, prepared at great expense and for public convenience. A large number of the copies of that Digest have been distributed through the State, and the law is now accessible to all. Your committee believe that the informalities which have occurred in the returns of election, are not so much attributable to the intricacies of the law, as to the frequent changes made therein, and to the fact that the same have not been generally distributed.

This law, of all others, is one which should not be subject to frequent changes. Every man comes in direct contact with it. Every one is liable to be called on to administer it, and it should be certain and accessible to all. Your committee report the bill back to the Senate without amendment, and ask to be discharged, &c.

LOUIS ALDRICH, Chairman.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act in part entitled an act to raise a Revenue for the State of Florida;

Was read the second time, and on the question of engrossing said bill for a third reading to-morrow, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Tweed, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, J. M. Smith—11.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Crawford, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—8.

Said bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report as correctly engrossed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled, An act relating to fines, forfeitures, costs, and other moneys adjudged to the State.

A bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the sale of Sixteenth Sections granted by Congress to the State for the support of Public Schools, and for consolidating the School Fund—and

An act amendatory of the several acts of limitation in force in this State.

WILLIAM A. FORWARD, Chair'n.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the sale of the Sixteenth Sections granted by Congress to the State for the support of Public Schools, and for consolidating the School Fund;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Ghent, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts—12.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, J. M. Smith, White—7.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act relating to fines, forfeitures, costs, and other moneys adjudged to the State;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Forward, Ghent, 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.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the several acts of limitation in force in this State ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—15.

Nays—None.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to compel the Judges of the Circuit Courts to hold the terms of Court at the times and places prescribed by law ;

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

A message from the House was received, which was, on motion of Mr. Floyd, laid upon the table.

Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of William Wilson, Administrator of P. A. Hayward, deceased ;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the contingent expenses of the Supreme and Circuit Courts of this State, and of the Executive Offices ;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to alter and change the names of certain persons therein named ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith, Watts, 12.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Forward, Sanderson—3.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to permanently locate the county site of Washington County, and for other purposes therein contained ;

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

On motion of Mr. Austin, the vote had upon laying upon the table the message just received from the House, was reconsidered, and upon the reconsideration thereof the said message was read as follows, to wit :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 1848.

Honorable President of the Senate :

Sir—The House has adopted the following resolution :

“ Resolved, That the General Assembly (the Senate concurring,) shall proceed to ballot for a United States Senator to-day, at 12 o'clock, M. Also for Solicitors of the several Judicial Circuits.”

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,

Clerk House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act for the protection of the Fisheries on the Coast of Florida ;

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill, Mr. Burritt 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.

On motion of Mr. Costin, the bill was read the second time by its title, and ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend and alter the election law in force in this State ;

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

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

THURSDAY, December 21, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Moseley, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Forward, the bill to be entitled, An act to prescribe an equal and uniform mode of taxation and for other purposes, was taken from the table and placed among the orders.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Tweed introduced a bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the several acts now in force in relation to the assessment and collection of the revenue.

Which was read the first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Taxation and Revenue.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Aldrich introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road and Canal Company.

Which was read the first time by its title and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. D. J. Smith introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act to amend the several acts regulating Judicial proceedings, approved Jan. 3, 1848.

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

The following was ordered to be spread upon the Journal :

The undersigned, members of the Senate, who voted against the