

Nays—None.

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

Engrossed 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 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, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts and White—19.

Nays—None.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to permanently locate the county site of Washington county, and for other purposes therein contained.

Was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. Floyd placed among the Orders for to-morrow.

Mr. Sanderson moved the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Burritt, Ghent, Moseley, Sanderson, Tweed and Watts—8.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Brown, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Lorimer, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith and White—11.

Said motion was lost.

Mr. Floyd moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, J. M. Smith and Tweed—11.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Watts and White—8.

Said motion prevailed, and the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, December 22, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Penny officiated as Chaplain.

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

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, leave of absence was granted for a few days to Mr. Watts.

On motion of Mr. Moseley, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Floyd until 6th January next.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, leave of absence was granted to Mr. White until Tuesday next.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Forward introduced a bill to be entitled, An act relating to crimes and misdemeanors, and requiring a prosecutor in certain cases.

Which was read the first time, laid upon the table, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ghent gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act defining the boundary lines of Walton county, and for other purposes.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that they had been appointed to invite the Senate to proceed to the Hall of the House of Representatives, at any time the Senate might fix upon, for the purpose of proceeding to the election of an United States Senator, and Solicitors of the several Judicial Circuits of this State.

Mr. Lorimer moved that a committee be appointed to wait upon the House to inform the House that the Senate would be ready to proceed to said election at 12 o'clock, M. to-day.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Forward and Austin, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Ghent, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Watts and White—9.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Moseley, J. M. Smith and Tweed—10.

Said motion was lost.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report as correctly engrossed, A 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.

WILLIAM A. FORWARD, Chairman.

The following messages from the House were read :

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1848.

*Honorable President of the Senate :*

Sir—The House has laid on the table Senate resolution for going into the election of Solicitors of the several Judicial Circuits at 1 o'clock to-day.

Very respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,

Clerk House of Representatives.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 21, 1848.

*Honorable President of the Senate :*

Sir—The House has concurred in the Senate resolution for the election of Solicitors of the several Judicial Circuits to-day at 1 o'clock, with the following amendments : Between the words "of" and "Solicitors," insert the words "U. S. Senator and also."

Strike out "1 o'clock" and insert "2½ o'clock."  
In which amendments the concurrence of the Senate is requested.  
Respectfully,  
W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 16, 1848.

*Honorable President of the Senate :*

Sir—The House has passed the Senate bill to be entitled, An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State Lands, with the following amendments: Insert the words "or cultivated lands," in the sixteenth line of the first section, between the words "residences" and "of;" and in the 4th section, between the words "land" and "that," in the tenth line, insert the words "within this State."

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,  
W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

The amendments therein contained were concurred in, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

The following message from the House was also read:

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 18, 1848.

*Honorable President of the Senate :*

Sir—The House has passed Senate bill to be entitled, An act to re-establish the records of the County of Jackson, and for other purposes, with the following amendments: After the 10th section insert as follows:

"SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted,* That until a seal of office is provided for the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, his private seal shall be sufficient in all cases where a seal is required by law."

Strike out in the last section the figure "11," and insert figure "12," so as to read "Sec. 12."

In which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Respectfully,  
W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

The amendments therein contained were concurred in, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Burritt, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith, and J. M. Smith—11.

Nays—Messrs. Avery and Tweed—2.

Mr. Tweed moved to amend the title by striking out the word "compel."

Which motion was lost.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the increase, investment, safe keeping, and disbursement of the common school fund:

On motion of Mr. Avery, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill, Mr. Sanderson 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. Sanderson, ordered that said bill lay over until to-morrow.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to permanently locate the County Site of Washington County, and for other purposes therein contained:

On motion of Mr. Floyd, the Senate unanimously resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill, for a special amendment, Mr. White in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and by their chairman, reported the bill back to the Senate with a special amendment, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion, said bill was read third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—17.

Nays—None.

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

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

Was read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, the Senate unanimously resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill for a special amendment, Mr. Floyd in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and by their chairman, reported the bill back to the Senate with a special amendment, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, the Senate again unanimously resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill, Mr. White in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and by their chairman reported the bill back to the Senate with special amendment, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Sanderson offered the following amendment, which was accepted:

After the words "other crafts," insert "except boats, vessels, smacks, or craft of less than five tons burthen."

Mr. Avery offered the following amendment as an additional section, viz :

"SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall not be in force until six months after it has received the signature of the Governor."

Which was not accepted.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Floyd, Sanderson, D. J. Smith and White—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, J. M. Smith, and Tweed—12.

Said bill was lost. Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled, An act relating to the mode of appointment and duties of Auctioneers :

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, 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.

On the question of concurring in said report, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Costin and Forward, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Tweed and White—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith and Watts—15.

Said report was not concurred in.

On motion, said bill was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Forward, Aldrich and Costin.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend the law now in force relative to the organization of Patrols ;

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

Mr. Floyd moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, J. M. Smith—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Burritt, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed, Watts, White—12.

Said motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Austin, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

Messrs. Floyd and Aldrich having demanded a call of the Senate, the following Senators answered to their names, viz : Mr. President,

Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Floyd, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith.

Bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act to amend the several acts regulating judicial proceedings, approved January 3, 1848,

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to require licenses to be taken out by persons, and subjects not hitherto taxable,

Was, on motion of Mr. Floyd, read the first time by its title, and made the special order for Tuesday next.

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of occupying claimants,

Was, on motion of Mr. Floyd, read the first time by its title, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act concerning roads and highways, passed at the adjourned session of 1845,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Floyd moved that the rule be waived, and said bill be read a second time.

Which motion was lost.

House resolution relative to a contemplated mail route in the County of St. Lucie,

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act to amend the several acts to raise a Revenue for this State,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Forward moved that the rule be waived, and said bill read a second time.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Brown, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Burritt, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith, Watts, White—11.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Brown, Floyd, J. M. Smith—4.

The Senate refused to waive the rule.

Said bill was ordered a second reading to-morrow.

The following House bills were read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow, viz :

Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of James M. Bates.

Bill to be entitled, An act concerning the records of Levy County.

Bill to be entitled, An act to alter and change the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Middle District.

Also, resolution asking from Congress a grant of a quarter section of land for Holmes County.

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 ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

Resolution substituted for House resolution, urging upon Congress the payment of the claim of the late William Treadwell, deceased, Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled, An act prescribing a general method for the issuing of licenses, and the payment of the tax thereon ;  
Was read the second time.

Mr. Sanderson offered the following as an additional section, viz :

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted,* That the selling of spirituous liquors in quantities less than one gallon, shall be, and is hereby declared retailing.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Brown, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Burritt and Sanderson—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Crawford, Floyd, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Watts and White—13.

Said motion was lost, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the recording of the marks and brands of cattle shipped from the State of Florida ;

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

Mr. D. J. Smith moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Mr. J. M. Smith moved that it adjourn until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Which motion prevailed, and the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

#### SATURDAY, December 23, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Moseley moved that the report of the Committee on Federal Relations be suppressed from the Journals.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of certain Jurors in Hillsborough county.

Mr. White moved that a Committee be appointed to wait upon and inform the House that the Senate would be ready to proceed to the election of an U. S. Senator to-day at 11 o'clock, the House concurring.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Forward and Costin, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Ghent, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Watts, White—9.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Mosely, J. M. Smith, Tweed—10.

Said motion was lost.

Mr. Floyd gave notice that he would at some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An act for the protection of the West Florida and Georgia line of Telegraph.

On motion of Mr. White, a committee consisting of Messrs. White, Floyd and Forward were appointed to wait upon and inform the House that the Senate would be ready, the House concurring, to proceed to the election of an U. S. Senator and Solicitors of the several Judicial Circuits of this State, on Monday the 1st day of January, A. D., 1849.

The following message from the House was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 23, 1848.

*Hon. President of the Senate :*

SIR :—The House have passed the following joint resolution :

*Resolved,* (the Senate concurring,) That this General Assembly adjourn until Wednesday next 12 o'clock.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,  
Clerk House Representatives.

The President having decided that this was a question of adjournment, and consequently a question of privilege, decided that the question of concurring in said resolution was in order.

Which decision was appealed from by Mr. Sanderson.

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

Mr. Sanderson moved that said resolution be placed at the bottom of the orders.

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Burritt offered the following amendment :

Strike out the words "this General Assembly adjourn," and insert in lieu thereof "when this General Assembly shall adjourn this day it shall stand adjourned."

Which motion prevailed.

On the question of concurring in said resolution as amended, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Avery and D. J. Smith, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, J. M. Smith, Watts, White—12.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed—6.

Said resolution was adopted. Ordered to be certified to the House.

On motion of Mr. D. J. Smith, House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the Circuit Court of Washington to be held at Mossey Hill meeting House,