

Was read the second time, the rule waived, read a 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, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed and White—16.

Nays—None.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the several Judges of Probate in this State to solemnize the rites of matrimony, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and 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, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed and White—16.

Nays—None.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the administrators of John W. Dubose, deceased, to sell real estate,

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and 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, Costin, Crawford, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed and White—13.

Nays—None.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act compensating Lewis H. Miller for taking the census of Holmes county in 1848,

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

House bill to be entitled, An act regulating Weights and Measures, 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 locate permanently the county site of Calhoun county.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to empower George P. Keys, a minor, to assume the management of his own Estate,

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to encourage and facilitate the construction of a Rail Road from some point on the St. Mary's river, or wa-

ters adjacent thereto, to Pensacola, and to authorize and regulate partnerships for that purpose,

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

On motion of Mr. Floyd, the rule was waived, and he allowed to give notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the qualified electors of this State to elect a Register of Public Lands, and for other purposes.

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

SATURDAY, December 30, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Moseley moved that the resolution of the House, relative to the adjournment of the General Assembly *sine die* on 23d instant, be taken from the table, and placed among the orders.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Tweed, the rule was waived, and he allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act relating to Auctioneers.

Which was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Forward, 75 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Forward, bill to be entitled, An act relating to crimes and misdemeanors, and requiring a prosecutor in certain cases, was taken from the table, and placed among the orders.

Mr. Forward presented the petition of certain citizens of Alachua County, praying the establishment of a new County.

Which was referred to the select committee having charge of that subject.

Mr. Aldrich, from the Committee on Elections, presented a bill to be entitled, An act to change the name of Robert Benjamin Smith.

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

Mr. White, from the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, presented the following report:

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred a House bill entitled, An act to require licenses to be taken out by persons, and subjects not hitherto taxed; also a bill entitled, An act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors, and for other purposes; also, An act to amend the revenue laws of this State, as regards hawkers and pedlars and itinerant traders, report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me, as their chairman, to report the same without amendment, and recommend the passage of the same.

THOMAS M. WHITE, Chairman.

Mr. Sanderson, from a Select Committee, presented the following report :

The undersigned, a majority of the members of a Select Committee to whom was referred a "bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act to amend the several acts to raise a Revenue for this State, approved July 24th, 1845, and December 27, 1845, approved January 8th, 1848," are in favor of the passage of the bill referred to them, if the same can be done without prejudice to the necessary Revenue of the State. A bill for the accomplishment of the same object, was some ten days since introduced by one of the undersigned members of this Committee, and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, with a view of eliciting from that Committee a full statement of the financial condition of the State. The undersigned believe that the taxes may be reduced the 20 per cent. added at the last session of the General Assembly, according to the evidence at present before them, but are opposed to any legislation upon the Revenue, until the several bills upon that subject, now in the hands of the Committee having charge of the same, shall report upon them. One of the bills thus referred, proposes an entire change in the mode of raising a State Revenue. The bill alluded to "prescribes an equal and uniform mode of Taxation," based upon the ad valorem principle. Should this bill become the law of the State, all the Revenue laws heretofore passed and now in force, will of necessity be repealed. The undersigned are in favor of the passage of the bill last above referred to; believing that it embraces the *true constitutional* mode of Taxation. Every citizen should contribute to the support of the State Government, in consideration of the protection he receives from that Government, of his property, in proportion to the *actual value* of his said property. This, in the opinion of the undersigned, constitutes the true basis of all *property* taxes.

In relation to the amendment proposed to the bill by the Honorable member of this Committee, who has reported the same to the Senate, the undersigned dissent from the recommendation of the introducer of the amendment. They do this in consideration of many of the reasons above assigned for delay in legislating upon the bill referred to the Select Committee. Again, the undersigned are opposed to the amendment, because they believe that a capitation tax is as just and equal a mode of contribution to State Government as any that can be devised. The citizens of this State have entered into a State Government for mutual political advantages, and protection of their civil rights, to wit: person, property, &c. &c. This has been a voluntary compact, entered into for mutual benefits.—The tax imposed for the successful carrying into effect the State Government thus originated, is in the nature of a voluntary contribution made for that purpose, and should be made equal in exact proportion to the protection and benefit each individual citizen shall receive from the body politic. The person of each citizen is alike protected, being themselves equal—enjoying equal privileges, exercising an equal voice, and wielding an equal power in the Govern-

ment. The undersigned, therefore, cannot conceive of any good reason why each individual should not contribute equally to the support of that Government from which each is made the recipient of the same consideration, the same personal protection and benefits. Again—For the additional benefits received from the Government in the enjoyment and protection of property, the property itself should contribute in proportion to its actual value, as a return for the protection it receives from the government. Thus both the persons constituting the body corporate of the State, and the property around which the protection and shield of State Government is thrown, will alike contribute to the expenses incident to a proper management and administration of the Government thus, and for this purpose created. This mode of taxation, or in other words, of receiving the proportionate contribution, is the one contemplated by the Constitution, and the undersigned hope it may receive the consideration and sanction of the General Assembly.

J. P. SANDERSON,
O. M. AVERY.

Mr. Forward, from a Select Committee, presented the following report :

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of R. R. Reid, Esq., and 103 others, praying for the establishment of a new county to be called the county of Hilaka, beg leave to report a bill for that purpose, and ask to be discharged.

WILLIAM A. FORWARD, Chairman.

I have not had an opportunity to examine the above petition and bill, and therefore cannot join in the report.

LOUIS ALDRICH.

The bill therein reported to be entitled, An act to organize the county of Hilaka,

Was, on motion of Mr. Forward, read the first time by its title and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Floyd, from a Select Committee, reported back the bill to be entitled, An act to remove the county site of Walton county, and recommended its passage.

The following message from the House was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 29, 1848.

Honorable President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House has passed Senate bill to be entitled, An act to permanently locate the county site of Washington county, and for other purposes therein contained, with the enclosed amendment.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House Representatives.

The Senate concurred in the amendments of the House. Ordered that said bill be enrolled.

The following was also read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 29, 1848.

Hon. President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House insists upon its amendment to Senate bill entitled, An act relating to capital punishments.

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

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Tweed, Burritt, Avery, and Forward was appointed to confer with a similar committee on the part of the House relative to said bill.

The following communication was transmitted to his Excellency the Governor :

SENATE CHAMBER, December 30, 1848.

To his Excellency W. D. MOSELEY, Governor, &c. :

SIR :—I have the honor herewith to transmit, for the approval of your Excellency, " Resolutions remonstrating against the removal of the military munitions, ordnance stores, and small arms from the garrison in the city of St. Augustine, and asking for further protection to the Eastern frontier of the peninsula of Florida," passed by both Houses of the General Assembly, and signed by the presiding officers thereof.

Respectfully,
C. W. DOWNING, Secretary Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to be entitled, An act to facilitate the construction of a Rail Road from some point on the St. Mary's river, or waters adjacent thereto, and to authorize and regulate partnerships for that purpose.
Was read the second time.

Mr. Burritt moved to amend by inserting the words " not exceeding fifty miles distant from said river," after the words " adjacent thereto," wherever said words occur.

Which motion prevailed, and said bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that they had been appointed to wait upon and request the Senate to return to the House the bill to be entitled, An act to empower William Newsom, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, which had been returned to the Senate as lost in the House.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Tweed, Sanderson, and White was appointed to return said bill to the House, which committee reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

House bill to be entitled, An act to empower George P. Keyes, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate,

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to locate permanently the county site of Calhoun county, and for other purposes,

Was, on motion of Mr. D. J. Smith, read the second time by its title, and ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

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

Was read the second time.

Mr. Floyd moved that said bill be indefinitely postponed ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Floyd, Ghent, Moseley, D. J. Smith and J. M. Smith—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Costin, Crawford, Lorimer, Sanderson, Tweed and White—9.

Said motion was lost.

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

After some time spent therein the Committee rose, and by their Chairman reported the bill back to the Senate without amendment, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion, said bill was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Floyd, Avery and Sanderson.

Mr. Forward, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, presented the following Report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report as correctly engrossed the following, to wit :

An act relating to Manufacturing Companies.

An act to provide for seals for the Circuit Courts of this State.

An act to amend an act approved January 4, 1847, giving a lien to Steamboatmen and others navigating the Bay and river of Apalachicola.

Amendments to House bill, to be entitled, An act to provide for the establishment of Common Schools in this State.

An act amendatory of the several acts relating to Jurors and State Witnesses.

Resolution authorizing his Excellency the Governor to employ a fit person to copy the laws, &c.

An act to authorize the construction of Magnetic Telegraph, and providing for the protection of the same.

An act relative to the examination of the office of Register of Public Lands.

An act for the purpose of levying a tax in Jackson county.

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

W. A. FORWARD, Chairman.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Crawford, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith, Tweed and White—12.

Nays—Messrs. Avery and Ghent—2.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act for the purpose of levying a tax in Jackson county,

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, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed and White—15.

Nays—None.

Said bill passed.

On motion of Mr. White, the title was amended by adding after the word "county," the words "for the purpose of building a Court House in said county."

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the construction of the Magnetic Telegraph, and providing for the protection of the same,

Was, on motion of Mr. Avery, read the 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, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith and White—16.

Nay—Mr. Forward—1.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the several acts relating to Jurors and State Witnesses,

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, Crawford, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith and White—15.

Nays—Messrs. Floyd and Tweed—2.

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

Engrossed resolution authorizing his Excellency the Governor to employ a fit person to copy the laws, &c.,

Was read third time and passed.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the establishment of Common Schools of this State,

Was, on motion of Mr. Avery, read the third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Ghent, Moseley, Sanderson D. J. Smith, Tweed, White—13.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, J. M. Smith—5.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act, approved January 4, 1847, giving a lien to steamboat men and others navigating the bay and river of Apalachicola,

Was, on motion of Mr. Floyd, read the 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, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, J. M. Smith, White—15.

Nays—Messrs. D. J. Smith and Tweed—2.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to provide seals for the Circuit Courts of this State, 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, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, White—17.

Nays—None.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act relating to Manufacturing Companies, was read the third time, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Burritt, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed, White—11.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Costin, Floyd, Ghent, Moseley, J. M. Smith—6.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act to amend the several acts to raise a Revenue for this State, approved 8th January, 1848, was read the second time.

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

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That so much of the revenue laws of this State as impose a capitation or poll tax, be and the same is hereby repealed.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, Moseley, J. M. Smith—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Burritt, Crawford, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed and White—11.

Said motion was lost. On motion of Mr. Burritt, Ordered that said bill be laid upon the table.

Bill to be entitled, An act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors

and Tax Collectors, and for other purposes, was, on motion of Mr. Forward, postponed until Monday next.

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend the Revenue Law of this State as regards hawkers, pedlars and itinerant traders, was, on motion of Mr. Sanderson, referred to the select committee having charge of said subject.

House bill to be entitled, An act regulating Weights and Measures:

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill, Mr. Lorimer in the chair. After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

Mr. D. J. Smith moved that said bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Moseley, Ordered that 75 copies of said bill be printed.

The following message from his Excellency the Governor was read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, Dec. 29, 1848. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of the statement of the Southern Life Insurance and Trust Company, by Robt. Lyon, Esq., Cashier thereof.

Very respectfully,

W. D. MOSELEY.

On motion of Mr. Forward, said message and accompanying documents were laid upon the table.

Bill to be entitled, An act relating to Crimes and Misdemeanors, and requiring a Prosecutor in certain cases, was read the second time.

Mr. D. J. Smith moved to strike out all after the enacting clause; which motion was lost.

Mr. Tweed moved to strike out the words, "except in those cases hereinafter exempted from the operation of this act," in the 1st section; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Tweed moved to strike out the 6th section; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Sanderson moved to strike out the words, "or grand juries," in the 3d line of the 1st section; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Tweed moved to strike out all but the 8th section.

Mr. Floyd moved that said bill be indefinitely postponed; which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Moseley, the rule was waived, and he allowed to give notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the several acts of force in this State in relation to trading with slaves.

Bill to be entitled, An act to remove the county site of Walton county, was read the second time, the rule waived, read the third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Burritt, Costin,

Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, J. M. Smith and White—13.

Nay—Mr. Tweed—1.

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

House Preamble and Resolutions asking Congress to establish a mail line therein named, were read the first time, the rule waived; read a second and third time, and passed.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House Resolution for the relief of W. J. Faircloth, was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, the rule was waived, and he allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the election of a Register of Public Lands of the of State Florida, by the qualified voters within the same; which was, on motion, read the first time by its title, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

House Preamble and Resolution relative to the establishment of certain mail routes therein mentioned, was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and passed. Ordered to be certified to the House.

House Preamble and Resolution, asking Congress to pass a law authorizing the payment of the claim of Rev. John Tucker, for Col. Garrison's Battalion of Florida Volunteers, was read the first time by its title, the rule waived, read the second and third time by its title, and passed. 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:

The Senate resumed, in committee of the whole, the consideration of 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 without amendment, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Occupying Claimants, was, on motion of Mr. Aldrich, unanimously recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House resolution relative to the adjournment of the General Assembly *sine die* on the 23d instant, was read the second time;

Mr. Sanderson moved that it be laid upon the table, on which the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Forward and Floyd, were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Burritt, Crawford, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith and Tweed—10.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Floyd, Forward, J. M. Smith and White—7.

Said motion prevailed.

House bill to be entitled, An act compensating Lewis H. Miller

for taking the census of Holmes County in 1848, was read the second time, and ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Forward moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday next, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Floyd moved to adjourn until Monday next, 12 o'clock, A. M. On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. D. J. Smith and White, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Costin, Floyd—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Burritt, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, Tweed, White—14.

Said motion was lost.

Mr. Floyd moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, 11½ o'clock, A. M.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. D. J. Smith and Floyd, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, Tweed—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, J. M. Smith, White—12.

Said motion was lost.

Mr. Floyd moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, 11½ o'clock. On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Costin, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Burritt, Costin, Floyd, J. M. Smith, Tweed—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Crawford, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, White—10.

Said motion was lost.

Mr. Burritt moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, 11 o'clock, A. M., on which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Moseley and Brown, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Costin, J. M. Smith, Tweed—8.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, White—9.

Said motion was lost.

Mr. D. J. Smith moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Floyd moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday 10½ o'clock, A. M.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Crawford and White, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Avery, Brown, Burritt, Floyd, Forward, Sanderson, J. M. Smith, Tweed—11.

Nays—Messrs. Costin, Crawford, Lorimer, Moseley, D. J. Smith, White—6.

The Senate adjourned until Monday 10½ o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, January 1, 1849.

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.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Moseley introduced a bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the several acts in force in this State in relation to trading with slaves ; which was read the first time, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Ghent introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to declare Yellow River, in Walton county, a navigable stream ; which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Avery, Brown, Costin, Crawford, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Lorimer, Moseley, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Tweed and White—15.

Nays—None.

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

Mr. Forward moved that the Comptroller be requested to furnish the Senate with an estimate of the expenses of this State for the next two years, distinguishing the amount required for each year. Also an estimate of the probable amount of Revenue to be received during the same period under the existing laws ; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Aldrich, from the Committee on Enrolled bills, presented the following Report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to Report as correctly enrolled, a bill to be entitled, An act to permanently locate the county site of Washington county, and for other purposes therein contained.

LOUIS ALDRICH, Chairman.

Mr. Aldrich, from a Select Committee, presented the following Report :

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road and Canal Company, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report as a substitute for said bill, a bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company, and recommend that said substitute be passed by the Senate.

LOUIS ALDRICH, Chairman.

The bill therein reported was, on motion, read the first time by its title, laid upon the table, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

The House returned Senate bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the contingent expenses of the Supreme and Circuit Court of this State, and of the Executive offices, as passed by the House without amendment.

Ordered to be enrolled.