

Was read a second time, amended, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend the act incorporating the city of Pensacola, approved March 2, 1839,

Was read a second time, and ordered for a third reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Doctor J. W. Bozeman,

Was read a second time, when the amendments proposed by the Committee on Claims were adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House resolution, urging upon Congress the necessity of clearing out the Ocklawaha river,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second and third times and passed.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An Act to build a free bridge across the Ocilla river,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second and third times, And upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Stewart—14.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, To be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution for the relief of Silas Weeks,

Was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled An Act supplementary to an act entitled an act to regulate the business of banking,

Was read a second time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled An Act for contesting the validity of wills in the Circuit Courts of this State,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Moseley moved the Senate adjourn, till Monday evening next, at 5 o'clock.

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Blackburn moved the Senate adjourn till Monday, 12 o'clock,

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Moseley and Johnson, and were :

YEAS—Messrs. Blackburn, Gonzalez, Kilcrease and Provence—5.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Buddington, Forsyth, Gillis, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Wynn—10.

So the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Kilcrease,

The Senate adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 3d, 1853.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. Mr. Asay officiated as chaplain.

A quorum being present, the journal of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, FLORIDA, }
January 1st, 1852. }

To the Hon. R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate, &c.:

Sir—I have approved and signed An Act to change an election precinct in the County of Nassau ; Also,

A resolution in relation to the Claims of James M. Bates, Which I have caused to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

THOS. BROWN.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Wynn, the rule was waived, so as to allow him to introduce without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of John Clark ;

Which bill was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the bill relating to the changing of names of certain persons therein named,

Was taken from the table and referred to a select Committee consisting of Messrs. Blackburn, Finley and Long.

Mr. Snell offered the following resolution,

A Resolution respecting the removal of the Indians.

WHEREAS, it has been ascertained by recent information that the arrangements or agreement between the President of the United States and Billy Bowlegs and other chiefs of the Seminole Indians has been disregarded by the latter, and that the Indians are determined to remain in Florida unless they are removed by force: *And whereas*, the lives and property of the citizens of Florida are insecure and subject daily to the depredations of the merciless and marauding bands of Indians now inhabiting a large portion of our country, contrary to treaty stipulations and to the many and various agreements made and entered into by the said Indians to remove: *And whereas*, the Government of the United States is bound, by every consideration of justice and humanity and obligations of a character not inferior to those of a solemn contract, to remove said Indians, having sold the lands in their immediate neighborhood to the confiding pioneer, under the solemn and repeated assurances that their treacherous and cruel neighbors should be speedily removed to their homes in the West: *And whereas*, the various communications of the Secretary of War, George W. Crawford, to the late Gov. Wm. D. Moseley, and to His Excellency, Gov. Brown, repeatedly assuring them of the determination

of the Government to protect the citizens and to remove the Indians: *And whereas*, the present Secretary of War, C. M. Conrad, in a communication to His Excellency, Thomas Brown, bearing date October 7th, 1850, after a recapitulation of the still determination of the President to remove the Indians, quotes from instructions to the Indian agent at Tampa, saying, "should his efforts, "aided by a sufficient number of troops, to overawe them and "protect the inhabitants in their vicinity prove unsuccessful, other "means will be employed; and when all other modes of effecting "the object have been tried and found ineffectual, force, if necessary, will be resorted to"—supposing the other modes here alluded to must have been those tried by the Special Agent, Gen. Blake, authorized by the Department to offer large pecuniary inducements to emigration; and this failing, and the citizens of Florida having displayed a degree of forbearance and patience unparalleled in History, and feeling assured by the sentiments of humanity for the Indian and justice to themselves, that such a temporizing course is unwise and unjust, and that the time has arrived for the use of such force, and that longer delay, having such a blighting influence upon our prosperity, cannot be longer endured, and if the Government of the United States, disregarding her solemn obligations to remove them, shall refuse or neglect to enforce the Treaty of Payne's Landing, it will become our duty, as a sovereign State, to enforce it, and rely upon the justice of Congress to remunerate us for the expense incurred:

Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representative be requested to urge upon the proper departments the speedy removal of said Indians *by force*, and that the Governor be requested to forward a copy of this preamble and resolution to the President of the United States—to the Secretary of War—the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to the Governor of each of the States, to be laid before their respective Legislatures.

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

Mr. Wynn offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and required to purchase two large Maps of the United States and to cause one to be suitably placed in the Senate Chamber and one in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.

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

Mr. Long from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to establish a board of Dental Surgery for the State of Florida, have considered the same, and unanimously recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. LONG,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred, a bill to be entitled An Act to provide for contesting the validity of wills in the Circuit Courts of this State, have considered the same, and unanimously recommend its passage.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. A. LONG,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act in addition to the several acts concerning licenses to retail spirituous liquors, have considered the same, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,
M. A. LONG,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act supplementary to an act entitled an act to regulate the Business of Banking, have considered the same, and have instructed the undersigned to report that in the opinion of the Committee, the second section ought to be stricken out.

The Committee see no propriety in allowing bankers any more summary or efficient means of collecting debts than all other creditors. With this amendment of the bill, the Committee unanimously recommend its passage, as loudly demanded by the necessities of the country, and as admirably framed to promote the prosperity of the State, while a profitable and safe investment of the public funds are provided for.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. LONG, Chairman,
Judiciary Committee.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 1, 1852.

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

Sir :—The House has passed the following bills, viz :—

Bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the town of Palatka ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act to provide for the payment of Jurors and State Witnesses, approved, January 8th, 1848 ;

Also, without amendment,

Senate bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of James Brown and William Gainer, Jr. ;

Senate bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the employment of a Clerk in the office of the Comptroller of this State ;

The House have concurred in Senate amendments to the following bills, viz :

Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the payment of Captains Sparksman's, Parker's and other Volunteer Companiers ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to require the Register of State Lands to furnish Clerks of the Circuit Courts with a list of all lands subject to private entry in the several Counties of the State where any of said lands lie, and for other purposes.

Very Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the House bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Finley from the Committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed bills have examined and find correctly engrossed :

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, approved January 6, 1847 ;

An Act repealing certain existing rules of descent ;

An Act for the relief of Dr. J. W. Bozeman ;

An Act to amend the laws in force in this State in relation to the relinquishment of Dower by married women ;

And also, An Act to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad across the Peninsula of Florida, under the style of the Florida Railroad Company.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. FINLEY,

Chairman.

Which was read and received and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington and Snell, were appointed a Committee of Conference to act

with a similar Committee on the part of the House, in regard to the bill establishing two Seminaries of learning.

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Dr. J. W. Bozeman, Was read a third time, and on the question of its passage the vote was as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell, and Wynn—13.

NAYS—0.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act repealing certain existing rules of descent, was read a third time,

And upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Buddington, Gonzalez, Johnson, and Provence—4.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Finley, Forsyth, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Wynn—8.

So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, approved Jan. 6, 1847,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Wynn—13.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That it be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the laws in force in this State, in relation to the relinquishment of dower by married women,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was as follows, viz :

YEAS—Messrs. Blackburn, Finley, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley and Wynn—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Forsyth, Provence, Smith and Snell—6.

So the bill passed.

Mr. Long moved to amend the title by substituting the following :

An Act to amend the laws in force in this State in relation to the Dower of married women,

Which amendment was adopted.

Resolution for the relief of Azor Umstead,

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

Resolution requesting the Governor of this State, to cause the State Engineer, to examine and report the cost and practicability of connecting the St. Johns and Indian Rivers by a navigable canal,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Joseph T. Phelps to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river,

Was read a third time and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Wynn—12.

NAYS—Mr. Provence—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
January 3, 1852. }

To the Hon. R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate :

Sir—In transmitting the enclosed copy of a letter which I have just received from General Blake, the *Special Agent* of the United States, in regard to the determination of the Indians on the subject of their *agreement* to emigrate—it becomes my duty to recommend to the Legislature the propriety of clothing the Executive of the State with ample authority to call into service any force of Volunteers that the emergency may require—particularly for the protection of the frontier settlements, and to co-operate in any measures which the authorities of the General Government may determine on for a speedy removal of the Indians from this State.

I have the honor to be,
your most ob't. &c.,
THOMAS BROWN.

Which was read.

Also the following accompanying letter.

[A COPY.]
FORT MYERS, 15TH DECEMBER, 1852.

Excellent Sir :—I regret to inform you that the Seminoles refuse to comply with their agreement to emigrate. They say they intend to stay here. I have reported the facts to the Department, in Washington, and recommended that the country be surveyed into townships at once—the surveyors to be protected by the military of Florida, &c., and that 300 Creek warriors be sent into the swamps, under their own officers and in their own way bringing into the nearest post all they can capture.

Very respectfully, Sir,
LUTHER BLAKE,
Special Agent.

Gov. BROWN, Tallahassee, Florida.

Which was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Snell, Provence and Buddington.

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend the act incorporating the city of Pensacola, approved March 2d, 1839.

Was read a third time and upon the question of its passage, the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Proveuce, Smith, Snell, and Wynn—13.

NAYS—None.

The bill not having received a constitutional majority was lost.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An Act for changing the names of persons residing in this State,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Wynn—13.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed as amended—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An Act making appropriations for the Compilation and publication of Thompson's Collection of the British Statutes now in force in this State,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell, and Wynn—12.

NAYS—0.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Resolution for the relief of Silas Weeks,

Was read a second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of John Clark,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

A bill to be entitled An Act to establish a board of dental surgeons for the State of Florida,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Finley offered the following amendment to the end of the first section :

“And shall hold their meetings at such places and times as they may determine upon.”

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for contesting the validity of wills in the Circuit Courts of this State,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend the several acts concerning Licenses to retail spirituous liquors,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Provence moved to fill the blank with "ten dollars ;"

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Blackburn moved to fill the blank with "two hundred dollars ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wynn moved the indefinite postponement of said bill,

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Blackburn and Finley, and were :

YEAS—Mr. Wynn—1.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith and Snell—12.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Provence moved the bill be made the special order of the day for the 8th day of January ;

Which motion was lost.

Ordered, that the bill be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act to provide for the payment of jurors and State Witnesses, approved January 8, 1848,

Was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to regulate the business of Banking,

Was read a second time, when Mr. Moseley moved that the 2d section be stricken out,

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Blackburn and Moseley, and were :

YEAS—Messrs. Blackburn, Finley, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Snell, and Wynn—7.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Provence and Smith—7.

So the motion was lost.

Ordered, To be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion,

The Senate took a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum being present, proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, the rule was waived, so as to allow him to introduce without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Wm. R. Hayward.

On motion the rule was waived, when Mr. Snell introduce the following Resolution.

Resolution respecting the basis parallel and meridian lines ;

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the Governor be authorized, and he is hereby required, to employ some competent person to mark out the crossing of the basis parallel and meridian lines, by placing a stone with suitable inscriptions thereon for the purpose.

On motion,

A Committee consisting of Messrs. Finley, Gonzalez and Gillis, were appointed to wait upon the House and ask the return of a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of John B. Anderson, said bill having been lost in the Senate on the 31st December ;

The Committee returned and reported the duty assigned them had been performed.

Resolution asking the passage of a law by the Congress of the United States, legalizing the sale of the 16th sections, and for other purposes,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to Incorporate the town of Palatka,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled An Act to Incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad across the Peninsula of Florida, under the style of the Florida Railroad Company,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Smith, and Wynn—12.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered, that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Johnson allowed to make the following report :

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the appointment of a State Engineer, and House bill to be entitled An Act for establishing the office of State Engineer and Geologist, have considered said

bills, and recommend the passage of the House bill, with the following amendments, and ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN G. JOHNSON,
Chairman.

Amend the first section by striking out the word "four" in the twelfth line, and insert "two."

Amend the second section by inserting in the thirteenth line, after the word "also," the words "make a general."

Amend the third section, by striking out in the 8th line "&c.," and insert "and subsistence when actually surveying."

Also, the following as the fourth section :

"Section 4. *Be it further enacted*, That, for the payment of the salaries and other expenses connected with the discharge of the duties of said Engineer, payment therefor may be made out of the Internal Improvement Fund, provided that there shall not be any funds in the Treasury realized from the sale of the swamp land; and whenever there may be realized from such swamp land a sufficient amount to refund such payments, the same amount shall be restored to the Internal Improvement Fund."

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived, so as to allow Mr. Long to introduce, without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act for the incorporation of Plank Road Companies, approved, January 24th, 1851,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

An Act to incorporate the town of Marianna,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Wm. R. Hayward,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 3d, 1853. }

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

Sir—The House have passed the following bills, viz :

Bill to be entitled An Act declaratory of the Laws now existing over that portion of the Peninsula of Florida in the occupancy of the Seminole and other Indians ;

Also, without amendment,

Senate bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the permanent location of the Seat of Government of this State ;

The House have concurred in Senate amendments to the following House bills, viz :

Bill to be entitled An Act to allow Boats to Peddle on the Choc-tawhatchee river ;

The House refuses to concur in Senate amendment to House bill to be entitled An Act to fix a minimum on School and Seminary Lands.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Resolution respecting the basis parallel and meridian lines,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read second and third time and adopted,

Ordered, that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act for the incorporation of Plank Road companies, approved Jan. 24, 1851,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act declaratory of the laws now existing over that portion of the Peninsula of Florida, in the occupancy of the Seminole and other Indians,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, the vote had on the passage of a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of John B. Anderson, was reconsidered,

When the bill came up on a third reading, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Blackburn, Finley, Gonzalez, Long, Snell and Wynn—6.

NAVS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Forsyth, Johnson, Moseley, Provence and Smith—8.

So the bill was lost.

The following communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
January 3, 1853. }

The Hon. R. J. FLOYD, President Senate :

Sir :—I respectfully make the following nominations, viz :

William Cooley, Joseph Moore, and William Ashley, for Port Wardens for the port of Tampa, in the county of Hillsborough.

James McKay, E. T. Kendrick, Antonio Wardershaff, Richard Gorman, S. B. McGuire and William Whittaker, for Auctioneers for the county of Hillsborough.

Oliver Hewett for Auctioneer for the county of Putnam.

Alexander Biles and David T. Wilson for Auctioneers for the county of Gadsden.

Which was read, and the nominations therein contained, were advised and consented to.

On motion of Mr. Finley, the Senator from Escambia was excused after Tuesday next, for the balance of the session.

On motion of Mr. Snell, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 4th, 1853.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Asay officiated as chaplain.

A quorum being present, the journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

Mr. Moseley offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, it has been intimated that Ex-Gov. William D. Moseley did not act properly in not receiving into service, in the year 1849, certain companies commanded by Captains Sparkman and Parker and others, organized for the protection of the frontier against the depredations of the Indians : *And whereas*, at the time said companies were reported as having been organized, information had been received that they would not be received into the service of the United States : *And whereas*, Ex-Gov. Moseley, upon receiving information of the depredations of the Indians, in the year 1849, had ordered several volunteer companies to proceed to the frontier for its protection, because of the want of organization of the militia in the immediate vicinity of the outbreak : *And whereas*, the means of the State were limited and, in the absence of any appropriation for that purpose, provisions were procured for such troops as were ordered out on the personal responsibility of Gov. Moseley : *And whereas*, the said companies, commanded by Captains Sparkman, Parker and others, could not be provisioned for the want of means to procure the necessary supplies : therefore, *Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened*, That the conduct of Ex-Gov. Moseley in respect of said companies commanded by Captains Sparkman, Parker and others, and also his conduct with respect to the Indian outbreak, in 1849, meets with the unqualified approval of the General Assembly, and that no blame can properly and rightfully attach to him by reason of his failure to receive into service, or recognize the said companies commanded by Captains Sparkman, Parker and others.

Which was read, and upon the adoption of which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Provence and Moseley, and were :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell, and Wynn—14.

NAYS—None.

So the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Provence offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, satisfactory information has been given that Gen. Blake, Special Agent, has abandoned the attempt to remove the Indians, and *whereas*, it appears that they do not intend peaceably to emigrate—and *whereas*, their longer continuance in Florida will be attended with serious mischief to the interests of the State,

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representative be requested to use their influence with the General Government in procuring the speedy removal of the Seminoles.

Be it further resolved, That they be requested to use their influence to secure immediately such an appropriation of money as may be necessary for the said undertaking.

Be it further resolved, That they be requested to use their influence to induce the General Government to receive into service, two regiments of Florida mounted volunteers, at Ocala, to be used in the removal of said Indians.

Which was read a first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Gillis offered the following resolution :

Preamble and Resolution relative to Yellow River.

WHEREAS, a great portion of the citizens of Walton and Santa Rosa Counties, are laboring under great disadvantages, and serious injuries have and will result to the interest of the State, as well as the interests of commerce, and the citizens of that portion of the country, for want of obstructions being removed in Yellow River :

Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representative requested to use their utmost endeavors to obtain from the Congress of the United States at its present session, an appropriation of five thousand dollars, to remove the obstructions in the navigation of Yellow River, to commence at the Alabama line, and follow said river down to its entrance in the Bay.

Be it further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, be, and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, to our Senators and Representative in Congress.

Which was read a first time, rule waived, read a second and third time and passed.

Mr. Blackburn from the Committee on the Militia, made the following report :

The Committee on the Militia, to whom was referred the Message of His Excellency, Governor Brown, of the 29th December last, and the report of B. Hopkins of the 15th December, accompanied by the muster-roll of the militia in service on the Indian frontier during a portion of the last year, have had the same under consideration and, after a careful examination, ask leave to report :

That we find no law or authority for the appointment of a Special