

So the bill passed—title as stated.

*Ordered*, To be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to change and modify the penal statutes in reference to gaming,

Came up with the amendments made by the House of Representatives,

When the Senate refused to concur in the amendments.

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

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

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

An Act supplementary to an act entitled an act to regulate the business of banking.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG, Chairman pro tem.  
Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Which bill was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Kilcrease, the rule was waived, and he permitted to change his vote on a bill to be entitled An Act to amend the several acts concerning Licences to retail Spirituous Liquors.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1853.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the Senate appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Forsyth, Snell and Long, to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, in preparing a bill to defray the expenses of the present General Assembly.

Mr. Snell made the following report :

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Governor's message and the accompanying letter of General Luther Blake, respecting the Seminole Indians, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave unanimously to report :

That the subject is one of vital importance to the inhabitants of Florida, demanding the special consideration of the present legislature, and immediate action thereon. Your Committee deem it unnecessary to recapitulate the reasons that have influenced them in the conclusions here reported. They recommend a law to be passed authorizing the Governor to raise a volunteer force of at least two regiments of mounted men, to be placed on the frontier settlements,

giving preference to companies raised on the frontiers, and that he be authorized to tender them to the President of the United States to be used against the Indians, if the General Government should deem it expedient to remove said Indians by force, and if within sixty days from the passage of said law, the Governor has not satisfactory evidence that the President intends to remove them by force, he is to be authorized to send said troops into the nation and to prosecute the removal of said Indians. Your Committee would have reported a bill, but knowing that a bill embracing the provisions recommended by the Committee, is now under consideration in the other branch of the legislature, they deem it unnecessary to report a bill to the Senate, while one containing their views were pending in the other house.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. V. SNELL,  
Chairman.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 4, 1853. }

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

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

Bill to be entitled An Act amendatory of the election laws of this State ;

Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the distribution of the laws of this State ;

Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of William W. Leggett, George W. Andrews and Ashley Braswell.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK.

Clerk House Representatives.

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

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

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
January 5, 1853. }

To the HON. R. J. FLOYD,

*President of the Senate :*

Sir—I make the following nominations, viz :

H. F. Ingraham, Chester P. Knapp, Manuel Palmes, Wm. B. Davis and John Campbell, for Port Wardens for the port of Pensacola, in the county of Escambia.

William J. Sansom and James H. Parker, for Auctioneers for Calhoun county.

Also John G. Smith, Auctioneer for Gadsden county.

Respectfully,

THOS. BROWN.

And the nominations therein contained were advised and consented to.

Mr. Provence from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report :

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred, a bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the town of Palatka, have had the same under consideration and beg to report :

That while they perceive no serious objections to the said bill they cannot cheerfully recommend its passage. Some years ago the General Assembly passed a general statute, under which, towns, &c., could become incorporated. This statute had two objects in view. One was to provide facile means, by which towns, &c., could take corporate organizations. The second object was, to free our General Assembly from the consideration of *small corporations* and special legislation, and your committee see no reason why the people of Palatka did not avail themselves of the said general statute ; nor can they see any reason, why any application was made to the Legislature for a direct exercise of its power.

DAVID PROVENCE,

Chairman.

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

Mr. Baldwin made the following report :

The Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, appointed to confer upon the subject of difference between the two Houses in relation to a bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning, beg leave to report :

That they have duly considered the subject, and have agreed to recommend to the two Houses the amendment herewith reported.— This amendment changes the features of the original bill, and the amendments adopted by the House so far only as relates to the Seminary to be established east of the Suwannee river. It requires the Seminary east of the Suwannee to be located at Ocala, provide the lots and buildings erected for a Seminary in that town are conveyed to such Board of Education as may be appointed for that purpose, and provision is made for the appointment of such board. This is recommended because of the eligibility of the point at which it is proposed to locate the Seminary and of the facilities for that purpose already existing. Every probability exists that the Seminary will soon be organized and in successful operation, if the amendment is adopted. Considerations of sound policy suggest the propriety of the adoption of the amendment proposed by the Committee.

The amendment by the House in reference to the Seminary west of the Suwannee is left untouched, and is recommended to be adopted by the Senate.

The Committee recommend that the first section of the original bill be stricken out, and that the preamble and sections one, two and three, herewith reported, be adopted.

Amend section two, added by the House, so as to make it section four.

JOHN P. BALDWIN, Chairman  
Com. of Conference on the part of the Senate,  
N. A. LONG, Chairman Com. of  
Conference on the part of the House.

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An Act the more effectually to quiet and protect the possession of personal property, and to prevent taking possession by fraud and violence,

Was read a second time, when the amendments made by the Judiciary committee were adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Finley made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report as correctly engrossed :  
An Act to establish a board of dental surgeons for the State of Florida ;

An Act to amend an act entitled an act for the incorporation of plank road companies, approved January 24th, 1851 ;

An Act to repeal the following acts, to wit : an act organizing the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 11th, 1851 ; also, an act to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 24th, 1851.

And, also,

Senate amendments of House bill entitled An Act to amend an act to secure the swamp and overflowed lands lately granted to the State, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. FINLEY, Chairman.

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

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

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

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Johnson, Kilcrease, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Wynn—11.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act to secure the Swamp and Overflowed Lands lately granted to the State and for other purposes,

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

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Johnson, Kilcrease, Moseley, Smith and Wynn—10.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passe das amended—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to alter and amend the 14th and 23d clauses of the third article and the 13th and 16th clauses of the 5th article of the Constitution of this State,

Was read a second time, when Mr. Finley moved to amend the first section, as follows, viz :

“ Amend by striking out of the first section “ first Monday in October, 1856 ” and inserting first Monday in May, 1855, ”

Upon the adoption of which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Finley and Baldwin, and were :

YEAS—Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis and Smith—5.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—10.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Finley offered the following amendment to the second section viz :—

Strike out “ first Monday in October, 1856, ” and insert, in lieu thereof, “ first Monday in May, 1855. ”

Upon the adoption of which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Finley and Smith, and were :

YEAS—Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis and Smith—5.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—10.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Finley moved to amend the third section by striking out “ first Monday in October, 1856, ” and inserting “ first Monday in May, 1855 ; ”

Upon the adoption of which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Finley and Smith, and were :

YEAS—Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis and Smith—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley and Wynn—9.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Finley moved to amend the fourth section of the bill by striking out “ first Monday in October, 1856, ” and inserting “ first Monday in May, 1855 ; ”

Upon the adoption of which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Finley and Smith and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis and Smith—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—9.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Finley offered the following amendment :

Strike out of the 4th section, the following words, to wit : Provided that the term of office of the Attorney General to be elected

under this amendment to the Constitution, shall not commence until the term of office of the officer now elected shall expire.

Upon the adoption of which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Finley and Smith, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis and Smith—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—9.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Blackburn moved to amend said bill in the 9th line of the 3d section : Strike out the word “ three ” and insert “ four, ”

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House resolution asking Congress the grant of a quarter section of land to the County of Sumpter,

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

On motion of Mr. Long, the rule was waived to enable him to make a report.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred, 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, have considered the same, and recommend its passage.

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to change the time of meeting of the General Assembly of this State,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to prevent fire hunting in the County of St. Johns,

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 5, 1853. }

HON. R. J. FLOYD,

*President of the Senate :*

Sir :—The House have concurred in the amendments made by the Joint Committee of Conference on Senate bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the establishment of two seminaries of learning, herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read.

When on motion, the Senate concurred in the report of the joint Select Committee of Conference on the Senate bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the establishment of two seminaries of learning.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 5, 1853. }

*Honorable President of the Senate :*

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

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Dr. James L. Shields ;  
Bill to be entitled An Act appropriating a sum for draining the submerged lands bordering on St. Lucie Sound, in St. Lucie county ;  
Senate bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to pilotage for the port of Key West, with the amendments therein enclosed.

Senate bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the funding and payment of the audited scrip of the late Territory of Florida, and for other purposes,

Was lost in the House.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House of Representatives.

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

Mr. Smith from the Select Committee made the following report: The Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled An Act in relation to the county site of Wakulla county, have had the same under their immediate consideration, together with the petition of sundry persons of said county remonstrating against any action in the premises, and do herewith report :

That though they believe said petition has reference to this bill, yet they find the petitioners somewhat at fault, as it is evident that they view the matter in the light of a location, as altogether a new project, just gotten up, and not as though they knew the last law upon the subject, and the action had therein determined the site to be at or near a place known as Lost Creek. Information of the intended introduction of the present bill was given the citizens of New-Port and Wakulla county, through a letter addressed by the Senator from that county to one of the county commissioners, some days before the passage and reconsideration of the bill in the Senate, that such action might be taken as they thought proper ; but the communication having been mislaid, as appears from information of some of the signers to said petition, it was not generally known until the petition was made up. Hence the disparity in the petition of their having no knowledge of the matter.

The petition sets forth that the " old Court-House hobby has long since been conceded and settled." If the last law, passed in 1849, so settles it, it certainly does not appear to have been settled at the

old location. The bill now before us has for its object, in part, the aiding the commissioners in procuring the ground at the new location, the Grand Jury having made, as a part of their presentment at the last term of the Court, the recommendation that the county commissioners build the new Court-House at the new site.

Therefore, on a review of the whole matter, and with the highest consideration of respect for the signers of the petition, for we are satisfied that while they entertaining one opinion in regard to this bill, and they believing their position correct in the matter, (which it is not our province nor purpose to controvert,) another large portion of the citizens, equally honest, entertain a contrary view.

Wishing to do common justice to all parties concerned, and finding that if the bill should be defeated in its present shape, the county would be placed in an awkward position, inasmuch as the county commissioners would be at a loss which of the two places to fix upon, and as one of the county commissioners and a signer to the petition, has signaled, on a review of the matter in his mind, that he should feel bound to fix upon the point as according to the last law upon the subject, and as, also, it is believed, that a part of the bill authorizing a loan, if it should seem proper to effect it, may meet the wishes of most of the citizens ; and as there seems such a contrariety of opinion, the Committee recommend that the people be again referred to, and for this purpose the following amendment be made to said bill.

All of which is herewith respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. SMITH,  
Chairman.  
OZIAS BUDDINGTON,  
ANGUS GILLIS.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.  
Resolution to authorize the Comptroller to purchase maps of the United States,

Was read a third time and passed,

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

The following report was received from the Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, report as correctly engrossed:  
An Act to incorporate the town of Marianna.

J. J. FINLEY,  
Chairman.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.  
House bill to be entitled An Act to repeal so much of an act to provide for the opening of a road from Miami, in Dade County, to Indian River in St. Lucie County,

Was read a second time and laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to Pilotage for the Port of Key West,

Came up, when on motion, the amendments made by the House of Representatives were concurred in.

House bill to be entitled An Act appropriating a sum for draining the submerged lands bordering on St. Lucie Sound, in St. Lucie County,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Dr. James L. Shields,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the town of Marianna,

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

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

NAYS—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the town of Palatka,

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

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Finley, Forsyth, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley and Snell—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Buddington, Provence and Smith—3.

The bill not having received the Constitutional majority was lost.

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

House bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the distribution of the laws of this State,

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

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley and Smith—11.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Wm. W. Leggett, Geo. W. Andrews and Ashley Braswell,

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

On motion, the rule was waived, to allow Mr. Provence to make a report from the Committee of Conference.

The Committee of the Senate, appointed to confer with a similar Committee of the House, concerning a bill to be entitled "An Act

to regulate and fix the rates of wharfage, storage and weighing of goods at the town of Palatka," have had a meeting with the said House Committee, and beg to report the results of the conference. The Committee of the House adhere to the bill in the form in which it passed the House. The Senate Committee adhere to the bill, as amended in the Senate, and there exists, consequently, a disagreement of opinion which cannot be reconciled.

DAVID PROVENCE,

Chairman of Committee of Conference.

Which was read, and the report concurred in.

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

A bill to provide for the better security of the revenues of this State ;

Which was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Provence, the vote had this morning on a bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the town of Palatka, was reconsidered ;

The bill was then taken up, read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Finley, Forsyth, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Wynn—13.

NAYS—Mr. Buddington—1.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority,

Was passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till 3 o'clock, P: M.

### THREE O'CLOCK.

The Senate met and proceeded to business.

A bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the business of banking, Came up, when the Senate resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr. Moseley in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and through their Chairman, reported the bill back to the Senate with amendments, and asked to be discharged.

Which report was concurred in and the committee discharged.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to the section : Provided that this section shall not be in force until a Banking Association has been in successful operation for twelve months.

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Forsyth offered the following amendment to the first section :

After the word approved, "the date 31st December, 1852,"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Floyd offered the following as the 4th section to said bill :

"Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, no bill or bills of any banking institution shall be receivable for taxes due to this State, and that gold and silver of the United States' coin be the only legal tender for debts due the State of Florida."

Upon the adoption of which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Finley and Johnson, and were :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Forsyth, and Snell—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Blackburn, Finley, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence Smith and Wynn—9.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Baldwin moved the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Provence, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Johnson, Moseley and Provence—6.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Finley, Forsyth, Kilcrease, Long, Smith, Snell and Wynn—8.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Provence moved the adoption of the original 2d section which was stricken out in Committee of the Whole.

Upon the adoption of which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Long and Blackburn, and were as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Forsyth, Johnson, Kilcrease, Provence and Smith—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Blackburn, Finley, Long, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—6.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Blackburn moved the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Forsyth, and were :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Finley, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Provence, Snell and Wynn—9.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Buddington, Forsyth, Kilcrease and Smith—5.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the rule was waived, when Mr. Baldwin introduced a resolution asking Congress for the passage of a law establishing a mail route through the States bordering on the Pacific, across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec ;

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

On motion, the rule was waived, when Mr. Long made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to amend the laws now in force relating to mortgages have considered the same, and recommend its passage, which seems

to have been made necessary by a decision of the late Supreme Court of Florida, by which it was determined that personal property mortgaged becomes subject to seizure and sale for the debts of the mortgagee immediately after the mortgage debt becomes due. This decision, although not deemed a sound exposition of the law, is nevertheless the supreme law of the land, and ought to be changed.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman of 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 to amend an act to provide for the payment of jurors and State witnesses, approved January 8th, 1848," have considered the same and see no objection to its passage.

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

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

Also the following :

The Judiciary Committee, having been instructed to prepare and report a bill to provide for contesting the election of Judges, beg leave to report the annexed bill to be entitled "An act to prescribe the mode of contesting the election of Judges in this State," the passage of which they unanimously recommend.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Committee on the Judiciary.

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

On motion, Mr. Johnson was excused from attendance on the Senate after to-day, for the balance of the session.

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 second time the rule was waived, read third time and upon the question of its passage, the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Long, Moseley and Snell—6.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Johnson, Kilcrease, Provence, Smith and Wynn—8.

So the bill was lost.

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend the laws now in force relating to mortgages,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act for establishing the office of State Engineer and Geologist,

Was read a third time and upon its passage the vote was :  
**YEAS**—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith and Snell—12.

**NAYS**—Mr. Blackburn—1.

So the bill passed as amended—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An Act to prescribe the mode of contesting the election of Judges in this State,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

THURSDAY, January 6, 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 6th, 1853. }

To the Hon. R. J. FLOYD,

*President of the Senate, &c.:*

Sir:—I respectfully return to the Senate "Resolution in relation to the term of office of the Governor elect," adopted by the two Houses of the General Assembly. As these resolutions are a mere declaration of opinion by a co-ordinate department of the Government upon a constitutional question, in which I do not concur, it becomes my duty to return them without my approval.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS BROWN.

Which was read,

When on motion, the resolutions were again put upon their passage, over the veto of the Governor, which was as follows :

**YEAS**—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence, Snell and Wynn—13.

**NAYS**—Messrs. Buddington, Finley and Smith,—3.

So the resolutions were passed.

Ordered, That the same be sent to the House of Representatives with the accompanying veto message.

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

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
 January 5, 1852. }

The Hon. R. J. FLOYD,

*President of the Senate, &c.:*

Sir,—I have approved and signed the following bills, viz :

An Act for the relief of Thomas B. Wynn ;

An Act to amend the law granting pre-emption rights to settlers on State lands ;

An Act to repeal an act entitled an act to require purchasers of State lands to make payment therefor, to the Treasurer of the State, and for other purposes ;

An Act amendatory to an act entitled an act to establish and organize a Mayor's Court for the city of Apalachicola ;

An Act to amend an act entitled an act giving to the Judge of Probate of Escambia and Hamilton Counties, the powers of Justice of the Peace in certain cases ;

An Act to empower John Johnson of Gadsden County, to manage his own estate ;

An Act to fix definitely the fees of Judge of Probate for the County of Columbia, in a certain case therein specified ;

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for recording of the marks and brands of cattle shipped from the State of Florida, approved January 6th, 1849 ;

An Act to prevent the trading with the Indians in this State ;

Also, a resolution in relation to a light-house on Sea Horse Key ;

A resolution asking an appropriation from Congress for erecting a Marine Hospital at Apalachicola ;

Resolution relating to copying the laws of the present session,

And resolution in relation to Capt. Wm. H. Payne's Company. Which I have caused to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

THOMAS BROWN.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
 January 6th, 1853. }

*Hon. President of the Senate :*

Sir:—The House have appointed Messrs. Long, Papy and Finlayson a Committee on the part of the House to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate relative to the disagreement of the two Houses on House bill to be entitled An Act to fix a minimum on School and Seminary Lands.

Very respectfully,

JOHN DICK,  
 Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read.

Also the following message was received :