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MONDAY, November 22, 1852,

Which being the day fixed by the Constitution of this State for the meeting of the General Assembly, at 12 o'clock, M., Charles W. Downing, formerly Secretary of the Senate, called the Senate to order, and proceeded to call the roll by Districts, when the following Senators appeared and took their seats, viz :

<i>From the Second District</i>	—	JOSEPH FORSYTH.
“ “ <i>Third</i>	“	ANGUS GILLIS.
“ “ <i>Sixth</i>	“	ROBERT J. FLOYD.
“ “ <i>Seventh</i>	“	WILLIAM E. KILCREASE.
“ “ <i>Eighth</i>	“	MEDICUS A. LONG.
“ “ <i>Tenth</i>	“	ELIAS E. BLACKBURN.
“ “ <i>Eleventh</i>	“	WILLIAM P. MOSELEY.
“ “ <i>Twelfth</i>	“	ALLEN G. JOHNSON.
“ “ <i>Thirteenth</i>	“	ROBERT BROWN.
“ “ <i>Fifteenth</i>	“	DAVID PROVENCE.
“ “ <i>Sixteenth</i>	“	GEORGE STEWART.
“ “ <i>Eighteenth</i>	“	HAMLIN V. SNELL.

On motion, Mr. Blackburn assumed the Chair.

The Senators from the 2d, 3d, 7th, 8th, 10th, 15th and 18th Districts, were duly sworn by C. W. Downing, Notary Public in and for Leon County.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the election of a President.

Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Floyd. Mr. Floyd was unanimously elected.

On motion, Messrs. Johnson, Brown and Long were appointed a committee to conduct the President elect to the Chair.

The President, in an eloquent address, expressed his sense of gratitude for the great honor conferred upon him.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Chief Secretary.

Mr. Kilcrease nominated William H. Mitchell, of Gadsden County.

The vote was as follows :

For Mitchell—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Forsyth, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence and Snell—10.

Blank—Messrs. Gillis and Stewart—2.

The President declared Mr. Mitchell duly elected Secretary of the Senate.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the election of an Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Long nominated J. T. Kilgore. Mr. Kilgore was duly elected Assistant Secretary.

The Senate proceeded to the election of an Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk.

Mr. Kilcrease nominated John G. Smith, of Gadsden County.— Mr. Smith was duly elected Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Messenger.

Mr. Provence nominated J. B. Cason. Mr. Cason was duly elected Messenger.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Snell nominated Michael Wall. Mr. Wall was duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Resolved, That the rules of the last session of the Senate be adopted as the rules of the present Senate, until other rules be adopted.

Messrs. W. H. Mitchell, Chief Secretary, John G. Smith, Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, and Michael Wall, Sergeant-at-Arms, were duly sworn by C. W. Downing, a Notary Public.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock, M.

TUESDAY, November 23d, 1852.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. A quorum being present, the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House was now organized, and ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Blackburn moved that a committee be appointed to act with a similar committee from the House, to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the General Assembly is now organized and ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to address them.

Which motion was carried, and Messrs, Blackburn, Long and Forsyth, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Kilgore, Assistant Secretary, and Mr. Cason, Messenger, were severally sworn by Hon. John P. Baldwin, a Notary Public.

The Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

Mr. Baldwin moved that a committee of five be appointed to draft and report rules for the government of the present session of the Senate.

Which motion was carried; and Messrs. Baldwin, Stewart, Long, Blackburn and Brown, were appointed said committee.

Messrs. Wynn, Hawes and Smith, presented their certificates of election, and were severally sworn by Hon. L. A. Thompson, a Justice of the Supreme Court.

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, and read.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, CAPITOL, }
Tallahassee, November 22, 1852. }

Gentlemen of the Senate

and House of Representatives :

It is a source of no less pleasure than gratitude to a beneficent Providence to greet you again, assembled for the discharge of your high constitutional duties under circumstances so prosperous. Peace and plenty pervade our land, and though we have not altogether escaped the chastening rod of the Almighty, our condition as a People affords abundant evidence of His liberal and forbearing hand. I beg leave to unite with you in fervent supplications that His wisdom may guide us in all our efforts to advance the interests and happiness of the People of this Commonwealth.

Under the existing system of biennial legislative sessions a largely increased responsibility is devolved upon you, and your meetings concern much more deeply than before, the prosperity of our beloved State. In this age of progress two years of inaction or of error upon the vital subject of Internal Improvement may well involve a loss which cannot be recalled. The Constitution of this State declares that "A liberal system of Internal Improvements, being essential to the development of the resources of the country, shall be encouraged by the Government of this State, and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly, as soon as practicable, to ascertain by law proper objects of improvement, in relation to roads, canals, and navigable streams, and to provide for a suitable application of such funds as may be appropriated for such improvements."

How little this provision of the Constitution has been practically regarded, your recent journeys from your respective homes in every part of the State, must have painfully reminded you. It is a melancholy reflection, that while the spirit of improvement is pervading every other State—opening new sources of wealth and comfort and stimulating human industry in all its varied departments