

Bill to be entitled An Act for the benefit of the heirs of Thomas W. Piles.

Very respectfully,
JOHN DICK,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which were read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, viz :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 4, 1852. }

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

Sir.—The House has indefinitely postponed the Senate resolution, authorizing the Treasurer of this State to make a special deposit.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,
Clerk House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A House bill to be entitled An act to change the name of James Alerson Aultman,

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Blackburn, was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An act to change the name of Catharine Smith to Catharine Rowern,

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Blackburn, was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An Act amendatory of an act, approved on the 27th day of December, 1848, and an act approved on the 23d day of December, 1850, in relation to the re-establishment of the records of the county of Jackson,

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

A resolution in regard to the establishment of a Land office at Tampa, in the county of Hillsborough, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled An Act to change the names of Charlotte, Nancy, Mesentha, Westly and Lockly Peterson, to that of Moore,

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Blackburn, was laid on the table.

House resolution asking Congress to grant a quarter section of land to the county of Levy, to establish a county site thereon,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Jane C. Osteen, of Alachua county, to that of Jane C. Chesser,

Was read first time, and on motion, the rule was waived, and the bill read a second time by its title, and on motion of Mr. Blackburn, laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Llewellyn John Walker, to that of John Llewellyn Walker,

Was read a first time, and rule waived, read a second time by its title, and on motion, was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An act for the benefit of the heirs of Thomas W. Piles,

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

Mr. Blackburn moved a reconsideration of the vote had yesterday on the passage of a bill to be entitled An act to change the name of Terrance Levy to Terrance Wimberly, and for other purposes ;

Which motion was carried. The bill came up on its second reading, and was, on motion of Mr. Baldwin, laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Finley, Mr. Smith was excused from attendance until Wednesday morning next, at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Senate adjourned till Monday, 12 o'clock, M.

MONDAY, December 6, 1852.

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

A quorum being present, the proceedings of Saturday were read and approved.

Mr. Blackburn gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act to prevent persons from Peddling, unless they be citizens of the United States and of this State.

Mr. Moseley, according to previous notice, introduced the following bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled An Act to remove and permanently fix the seat of Government of the State of Florida ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

Mr. Johnson gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act to change and modify the penal statute in reference to gaming.

Mr. Forsyth, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act entitled an act granting to the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company, land granted or hereafter to be granted to the State by the General Government, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a Railroad from Pensacola to Montgomery.

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

On motion of Mr. Wynn, the rule was waived, and he allowed, without previous notice, to introduce the following bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend the taxation laws relative to land and negroes ;

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

Mr. Brown moved that the Committee on Elections be instructed to enquire into the expediency of simplifying the present election laws, and report by bill or otherwise ;

Which motion was carried.

Mr. Wynn gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act to simplify the proceedings in Justices' Courts.

Mr. Brown, according to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled An Act requiring Judges of Probate to give bond ;

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

Mr. Blackburn moved that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the propriety of consolidating the Internal Improvement and Seminary Fund of the State with the Common School Fund, and of applying the whole to the support of Common Schools ;

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Provence introduced a petition from Neil Ferguson, and some sixty others, citizens of Marion County, asking the General Assembly to subscribe for one thousand copies of the Tropical Farmer, an agricultural paper published at Ocala.

Which petition was respectfully received, and on motion referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Blackburn offered the following Preamble and Resolution :

Whereas, during the present year, His Excellency, the Governor, in the exercise of a discretion confided to him by law, deemed it expedient, necessary and proper to call into the military service of the State a portion of the militia thereof, under the command of B. Hopkins and others, for the purpose of restraining and keeping in their proper boundaries the remnant of the Seminole Indians, as well also for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of our fellow-citizens of East and South Florida, against the predatory incursions of said Indians ; *And, whereas*, it is right and proper that the officers and men thus called into service should be paid by the State, for the time they were in actual service ; *And, whereas*, it is absolutely necessary that this General Assembly should be fully advised of all the facts in connection with the employing the said troops as aforesaid, and also with a full statement of the number of rations, forage and transportation furnished and paid for on account of said troops, prior to the passage of any act for the payment of the same : Be it, therefore,

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to answer, at as early a day as practicable, if not incompatible with the public service, the following queries, to wit :

1. How many troops have been in the military service of the State since the adjournment of the last General Assembly, and how long have they served ?
2. What description of troops were they ? How many mounted, and how many foot ?
3. At what time were they called into service, and by whom mustered in ?
4. What was the necessity for their employment ?

5. What number of commissioned and non-commissioned officers were in said service ?

6. What was the grade of the several officers ?

7. What rule should, in your opinion, govern the action of the Legislature in making provision for the payment of the several officers ?

8. Should they be paid according to rank, or according to the number of men under the command of each officer and in actual service ?

9. How many rations have been issued to said troops, and what amount of forage and transportation have been furnished and the cost of these items ?

10. Did the said troops capture any Indians while employed as aforesaid ? If yea, how many, and what description of Indians ?

11. What disposition was made of them ? If they were turned over to Gen. Blake, what price did said Blake pay for them ?

12. If Blake paid for the capture of any Indians, what amount did he pay, and has the money been paid into the Treasury—if not, in whose hands is it, and to whom does it justly belong—and, lastly, does your Excellency deem it necessary to make any additional appropriation for the defence of said frontier. If yea, how much ?

Which was read and adopted.

Ordered, That a copy of the same be transmitted to his Excellency, the Governor of this State.

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

The "Committee on Engrossed Bills" report as correctly engrossed,

A "Resolution in regard to the establishment of a Land Office at Tampa ;"

Also, "An Act amendatory of an act approved on the twenty-seventh day of December, A. D., 1848 ;"

And An Act approved on the twenty-third day of December, A. D., 1850, in relation to the re-establishment of the Records of the County of Jackson.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. FINLEY,
Chairman.

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

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the application of Lucius A. Hardee to establish a ferry across the Suwannee and Withlacoochee rivers, having had the same under consideration, respectfully report :

1st. That they find the allegation contained in said application—"that the Bridge Company have given notice that they will not be responsible for accidents which may occur in crossing their bridge"—to be true.

2d. That they have satisfactory evidence that the said bridge is dilapidated and unsafe.

Therefore, your committee recommend the repeal of An Act, approved March 15th, 1844, entitled "an act to authorize Platt and others to build a bridge across Suwannee river," and that L. A. Hardee be permitted to establish a ferry pursuant to his application.

DAVID PROVENCE,
Chairman.

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 4, 1852. }

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

Sir,—The House has appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs. Hopkins, Magbee, White, Polhill and Dell, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, to examine the office of Register of State Lands and report thereon.

Respectfully,
JOHN DICK,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Baldwin, a similar committee was appointed on the part of the Senate, viz :

Messrs. Johnson, Snell, Hawes, Buddington and Stewart.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House Resolution asking Congress to grant a quarter section of land to the County of Levy, to establish a county site thereon.

Was read a third time and adopted.

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

House bill to be entitled An Act for the benefit of the heirs of Thomas W. Piles,

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

Resolution in regard to the establishment of a Land Office at Tampa,

Was read a third time and adopted.

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

A bill to be entitled An Act amendatory of an act, approved on the 27th day of December, A. D., 1848, and an act approved on the 23d day of December, A. D., 1850, in relation to the re-establishment of the records of the county of Jackson,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were as follows, viz :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Bud-

dington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Hawes, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Provence, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—17.

NAYS—None.

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 to amend the taxation laws relative to land and negroes,

Was read a first time, and on motion, the rule was waived, the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act entitled an act granting to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company land granted, or hereafter to be granted, to the State by the General Government, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from Pensacola to Montgomery,

Was read a first time, and on motion, the rule was waived, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled An Act to remove and permanently fix the Seat of Government of the State of Florida,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act requiring Judges of Probate to give bond,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to authorize Platt and others to build a bridge across Suwannee river,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Lucius A. Hardee to establish ferries across the Suwannee and Withlacoochee rivers,

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

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

TUESDAY, December 7, 1852.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

The Senator from Calhoun and Washington was excused until Monday week.

Mr. Blackburn, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be