

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

entitled An Act to prevent certain persons from peddling in this State ;

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

Mr. Gillis, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the election of a county site in the county of Walton ;

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

Mr. Hawes, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled An Act supplementary to an act giving the election of Judges of Probate to the people ;

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

Mr. Forsyth gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act in relation to obstructions on the public highways and navigable streams, approved on the 10th February, 1832.

Mr. Forsyth gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to rafted lumber adrift, approved February 10, 1834.

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

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, FLORIDA, }
December 6, 1852. }

To the Hon. R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate, &c.:

Sir,—I hereby nominate Mr. Robert Heir, of the county of Leon, as cotton weigher for the city of Tallahassee, in the room of Mr. L. C. Demilly, resigned.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your most obedient, &c.

THOMAS BROWN.

Which was read, and on motion, was laid on the table.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report :

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled An act to invest the Internal Improvement Fund in certain plank roads therein mentioned," have given it due consideration, and ask leave to make the following report :

Plank roads as a chief dependence of internal improvement will not afford facilities equal to the wants of the commercial and agricultural interests of the State—the immense distance to be traversed by the proposed routes renders it impracticable, and if completed, large portions of the road would *rot out*, instead of being worn out, without substantial benefit or remuneration for the investment. Your committee do not deem this a "liberal system of internal improvement," such as is contemplated by the Constitution, and unanimously recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN C. JOHNSON, Chairman.

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

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

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled An Act to change and modify the system licensing retailers of spirituous liquors, and to give the power to the legal voters in each Magistrate's District in the several counties of the State," have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the result of their deliberations :

Your Committee are aware that there is much diversity of opinion in many parts of the country, as to the evils of retailing spirituous liquors—some believing that its sale and use ought to be totally prohibited by law, as dangerous to good morals, health and even the life of the citizens ; while others, equally patriotic and enlightened, look with distrust on all such restraints upon the liberty of the citizen, as savoring too much of the nature of sumptuary laws, enacted and enforced in despotic governments. Waiving the discussion of these questions, your Committee are inclined to believe that the bill under consideration is not justly obnoxious to any valid objection.—Indeed, there would seem to be a peculiar propriety in allowing every neighborhood to judge for itself of the good or evil of retailing spirits, and of adopting or rejecting the policy of the bill, at pleasure.

The bill, as referred to the Committee, appearing to have been hastily drafted, needed several minor and verbal amendments ; consequently your Committee herewith report a bill so re-drafted and amended, in lieu of the original bill, of which they recommend the passage. Respectfully submitted.

M. A. LONG,

Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled An Act to diminish the frequency of Justices' Courts," having had the same under consideration, report that they are unable to perceive any necessity for the change in the existing laws proposed by said bill, and therefore recommend its rejection.

M. A. LONG,

Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act amendatory to acts in reference to militia and patrol duties, and crimes and misdemeanors, approved January 23, 1851," have had the same under consideration. Your Committee think the existing laws on the subject wholesome, and cannot recommend the repeal provided for in the bill under consideration, and respectfully recommend that the same do not pass.

M. A. LONG,

Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled An Act to prevent owners of teams from sending more

than one negro driver with a single team," beg leave to report :

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage with the following amendment—that is to say : in the sixth line of the second section strike out the words "such extra negro," and insert the words "such negro or negroes," so as to require a pass or permit to be given to all slaves entrusted abroad with teams.

M. A. LONG,

Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 6, 1852.

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

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

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county of Holmes ;

A bill to be entitled An Act to establish election precincts in the county of Putnam ;

A bill to be entitled An Act to regulate and fix the rates of dockage and wharfage at the town of Palatka ;

(Resolution in relation to a mail route from Madison Court House to Clay Landing, in Levy County ;

Resolution authorizing the Comptroller to employ a clerk, when necessary, during the present session of the General Assembly ;

Resolution asking a change of the mail route between Tampa and Fort Mellon, and to establish a mail route between the town of Tampa and old Tampa Bay, and for other purposes.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House Representatives.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

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

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

Was read a second time, and the Senate went into Committee of the Whole upon said bill.

After some time spent thereon, the Committee rose, and through their chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again ;

Which was agreed to.

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

Was read a second time, and on motion, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole upon said bill.

After some time spent thereon, the Committee rose and through their chairman, reported the bill back to the Senate, with the following amendments, viz :

Blank in section 2, first line, after the word "that" insert "five";

Blank in the 3d section, fifth line, after the words "upon which" insert "eighty."

Upon concurring in the report, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Moseley, and were,

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Brown Buddington, Hawes, Johnson, Moseley, Provence, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez and Long—7.

So the report was concurred in, and the bill 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 second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow,

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal a certain act therein named; and for other purposes,

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Baldwin to indefinitely postpone,

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Blackburn and Baldwin, and were as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Hawes, Johnson, Long, Provence, Snell and Stewart—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Blackburn, Moseley and Wynn—3.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled An Act to diminish the frequency of Justice's Courts,

Was read a second time and on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled An Act to prevent owners of teams from sending more than one negro with each team, without a permit to such extra teamster,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment, viz :

In the sixth line, 2d section, strike out the words "extra negro" and insert in lieu thereof, the words, "such negro or negroes. ;

Which amendment was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to change and modify the system of Licensing Retailers of spirituous liquors, and to give the power to the

legal voters in each magistrate's district in the several counties in this State,

Was read a second time.

And on motion of Mr. Long, the substitute offered by the Committee on the Judiciary was adopted in lieu of the original bill.

Mr. Snell offered the following amendment, viz :

That in all districts where no election had been held, there shall be nothing in this law to prevent licenses being issued by the Clerk as is now provided by law;

Which amendment was adopted.

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to prevent certain persons from peddling in this State,

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 giving the election of Judges of Probate to the people,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the election of a County site in the County of Walton,

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

House Preamble and Resolutions asking a change of the mail route between Tampa and Fort Mellon, and to establish a mail route between the town of Tampa and old Tampa Bay,

Was read the first time, and on motion, the rule was waived, and the resolution read a second time by its title, when the following amendment was offered by Mr. Baldwin, viz :

Strike out in the 29th line, after the words "Congress be," the word "requested," and insert in lieu the word "Instructed."

Strike out in the thirtieth line, after the word "Representative," the word "Instructed," and insert in lieu thereof the word "requested ;"

Which amendments were agreed to, the rule waived, and the resolutions passed.

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

House resolution authorizing the Comptroller to employ a Clerk when necessary during the present session of the General Assembly, was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Holmes, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to regulate and fix the rates of dockage and wharfage at Palatka, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to establish election precincts in

the County of Putnam, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House Resolution in relation to a mail route from Madison Court-House to Clay Landing, in Levy County ;

Was read a first time, and on motion, the rule was waived and the resolution read a second time, when Mr. Snell offered the following amendment, to wit :

After the word route in the 18th line be struck out, and all the words in the 19th line to the words Clay Landing ;

Which amendment was agreed to,

And the resolution ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

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

WEDNESDAY, December 8, 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.

Mr. Snell gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of John B. Allen.

Mr. Snell, from the Committee on Agriculture, handed in the following report from the chairman of said committee, viz :

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred a petition signed by Neil Ferguson and sixty-three others, praying that the State subscribe for 1,000 copies of the "Tropical Farmer," an agricultural periodical published in Ocala, Marion County, Florida, beg leave to report :

That they given the said petition a respectful and mature consideration, and deeply regret that the provision in Article No. VIII in the Constitution of the State of Florida, which declares that "No other or greater amount of tax or revenue shall at any time be levied, than may be required for the necessary expenses of the Government," refuses them the privilege of recommending that their petition may be granted. Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WYNN,

Chairman Committee on Agriculture.

Which was read, and on motion, ordered to be spread upon the Journals.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills ask leave to report as correctly engrossed,

An Act to repeal an act to authorize Platt and others to build a bridge across Suwannee river ;

An Act to authorize Lucius A. Hardee to establish ferries across the Suwannee and Withlacoochee rivers ;

An Act to change and modify the system of licensing retailers of