

time by its title, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—16.

Nays—Mr. President—1.

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 repeal an Act in relation to Fraudulent Loans of Chattels;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the Benefit of James Gough;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Tuesday next.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Hopkins introduced, without previous notice, a Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Samuel B. Thompson to establish a Ferry across the South Fork of Black Creek;

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second and third times by its title, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion the Senate adjourned until Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 9, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present;

Mr. Long informed the Senate of the indisposition of its President, Mr. Snell.

On motion, Mr. Tracy was elected President *pro tem*.

On motion of Mr. Filor, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The following communication was transmitted to his Excellency the Governor:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 9, 1855. }

HIS EXCELLENCY JAMES E. BROOME,

Governor of the State of Florida:

SIR:—We have the honor to inform your Excellency that at a

Joint Meeting of the General Assembly, held on the 5th inst., for the purpose of electing a Comptroller of Public Accounts, a State Engineer and Geologist, a Treasurer, and Clerk of the Supreme Court;

Mr. Theodore W. Brevard was declared duly elected Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Florida;

Mr. Francis L. Dancy was declared duly elected State Engineer and Geologist;

Mr. Charles H. Austin was declared duly elected Treasurer of the State of Florida;

Mr. John P. K. Savage was declared duly elected Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

G. D. LIVINGSTON,

Secretary of the Senate.

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

The following Bills and Resolution, which had passed both Houses of the General Assembly, and had been enrolled and signed by the presiding officers thereof, were transmitted for approval to the Governor, viz:

An Act in relation to the electing of County Commissioners in Gadsden County;

An Act to empower the County Commissioners of Wakulla County to levy a Tax for the purpose of building a Court House in said County;

An Act explanatory of the several acts in relation to the Migration of Negroes and Free Persons of Color into Key West;

An act to prevent fraudulent voting;

An Act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases;

An Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Court of Calhoun County;

An Act to Improve the Navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola;

Resolution relative to the Improvement of St. Johns Bar, and the Preservation of the Site of the St. Johns Light House.

The following Bills and Resolutions, which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to be entitled An Act amendatory of an act amendatory of the several acts now in force in this State, in relation to Trading with Negroes;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Samuel B. Thompson to establish a Ferry across the South Fork of Black Creek;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the re-establishment of the Records of St. Lucie County;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Charles Irvin Vincan and for other purposes;

House Bill to be entitled an Act relative to Depositions taken under Commission;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize W. M. C. Neel to establish a Ferry across the Chattahoochee River;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Absalom W. Smith to establish a Ferry across the Suwannee River;

House Bill to be entitled an Act amendatory of the Act to provide for the payment of Coroners' Juries, approved January 24th, 1851;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to change the name of Oliver Price to that of Oliver Delk, and for other purposes;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to legitimize and change the name of certain persons therein named;

Resolution in relation to the introduction of Bills; and

House Resolution fixing a day of adjournment and for other purposes, with enclosed amendment.

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 concerning the powers and jurisdiction of the Courts of Chancery of the State of Florida, have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage in the form it now is, the same being agreed to by its author.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG, Chairman.

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 the Attachment Laws in force in this State, have considered the same, and unanimously instruct the undersigned to recommend that the same do not pass. The proposed amendment consists in allowing attachments to issue against a person's property, in the total absence of fraud, whenever the debtor proposes to remove *bona fide* from one County in this State to another. The Committee, not to express their sentiments in stronger language, regard the amendment as harsh and altogether unnecessary to the ends of justice.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG, Chairman.

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 provide for the payment of physicians who are summoned to attend Coroners' Juries, having considered the same, instruct the undersigned to report that they recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG, Chairman.

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 repeal an Act in relation to fraudulent loans of chattels, have considered the same, and have instructed the undersigned to report as follows:

Upon examination of the Bill, it appears to be a literal copy of an existing statute, with the alteration of one word—the word *two* is substituted for the word *five*. The Act of 1832, at page 217 of Thompson's Digest, of which the Bill referred is a literal copy, with the exception above specified, is regarded by a majority of the Committee as of little or no value, and they do not think the change proposed in the re-enactment as materially improving the same. The majority of the Committee think that a Bill to repeal the Act would deserve more favor than the proposed amendment, and therefore instruct the undersigned to recommend its rejection. But if the Senate should pass the Bill, its title should be amended by striking out the word *repeal*, and inserting the word *amend* in lieu thereof.

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 to extend political equality to Ignatio Phalez and others, have considered the same with more than ordinary interest and care, and with an earnest desire to find sufficient reasons to recommend its passage. But as the only object of the Bill is to confer upon certain persons therein named "all the *political* equality and *rights* of other free American citizens," the Committee are of opinion that the power of the Legislature is incompetent to effect that object. The Constitution of the State can alone confer political rights, and if the persons named in this Bill, being "born of White and Indian blood," are excluded by the Constitution from political equality, it is quite obvious that nothing short of an amendment of the Constitution could include or enfranchise them. The Committee are inclined to the opinion, were it proper to express one in the premises, that the persons named in this bill are already entitled to political equality, notwithstanding their Indian blood, under the provisions of the Constitution, as decided by a high Judicial tribunal of Louisiana in a similar case, it being probable that the framers of the Constitution only aimed to exclude the African race from political rights. Moreover, the Committee are by no means certain that if the persons named in this bill, or their ancestors, were "inhabitants" of this Territory at the date of the treaty of cession of Florida by Spain to the United States, that they are not by that treaty entitled to political equality, independent of the Constitution. But both of these questions being strict-

ly judicial in their character, may not be determined by the Legislature, because *all* "the judicial power of this State" is vested in the Courts mentioned in the Constitution.

The Committee, therefore, while they sincerely hope that persons of so much moral and social worth and respectability as those named in this bill are represented to be, may be speedily admitted to the actual enjoyment of that political equality for which they are so well qualified, by proper and legitimate means, they are constrained to declare it as their opinion that the Legislature are incompetent to accomplish that object.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

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

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

A Bill to be entitled an Act relative to the claim of David P. Hogue for services rendered the State; and

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of James Gough.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR, Chairman.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 9, 1855. }

Honorable President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has passed Senate Bill to be entitled an Act granting certain Lands to the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company, with the following amendment, viz:

Strike out Section 6.

The House has refused to concur in Senate amendment to a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State Lands, approved December 31, 1852.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 8, 1855. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has passed the following Bills and Resolutions, viz:

A bill to be entitled An act incorporating the Florida and Macon Railway Company;

A bill to be entitled An act to prevent non-residents of this State from hunting or killing any deer or other game within the limits of this State, and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled An act to prevent persons from attempting to entice or steal negroes;

A bill to be entitled An act to prevent the employment of negroes as Pilots on the waters of the St. Johns River;

A bill to be entitled An act to amend An act entitled An act to amend the Patrol Laws of this State;

Resolution asking that the New Orleans and Key West mail steamers be required to touch at St. Andrews;

Resolution for the relief of L. C. Demilly;

Senate bill to be entitled An act for the relief of James M. Landrum, Solicitor of the Western Circuit of Florida;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company;

A bill to be entitled An act to amend the 4th clause of the 3d chapter of the 4th division of the laws, in relation to Crimes and Misdemeanors;

A bill to be entitled An act to establish a regular rate of Commissions for all persons acting as Agents for masters of ships or vessels at the Port of Key West;

A bill to be entitled An act to prevent persons encamping, from leaving fire at their camps; and

Resolution to pay Agents for selecting Swamp Lands.

The House has ordered the printing of 75 copies of a bill to be entitled An act to amend An act to incorporate the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read and the Senate Bills ordered to be enrolled, and the House Bills and Senate Bills with amendments placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A Bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a Bank in the city of Tallahassee;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act defining the duties of Witnesses in the several Courts of this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Duncan, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

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 for the regulation of Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay and Harbor of Pensacola, passed the House December 22, 1854;

Was laid on the table.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to adopt an equal and uniform mode of Taxation in this State;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the same be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Criglar and Long, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Nicholson, Provence and Tracy—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Long, Smith and Wynn—8.

So the Bill was not indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Hopkins moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken out;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Criglar and Filor, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Nicholson, Provence and Tracy—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long, Smith and Wynn—8.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Hopkins moved to strike out the Capitation Tax from the First Section;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Gillis, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Long, Provence and Wynn—8.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Eppes moved to insert "twenty cents" instead of "fifty cents";

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Hopkins and Gillis, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Nicholson, Provence and Tracy—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Long, Smith and Wynn—8.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Long moved to amend the Second Section by striking out "three hundred and fifty dollars" and inserting "one hundred and fifty dollars";

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Long and Provence, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long and Wynn—7.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—9.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Hopkins moved to strike out the third section of said Bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Provence and Long, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Long and Wynn—7.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eppes moved to strike out in the 6th line of Section 2, "That all the vessels, boats and seines of fishermen, sail vessels, lighters and barges;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Long and Gillis, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long, Provence and Wynn—9.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Kilcrease moved to strike out "all money loaned" in the 2d Section, and insert "all monies due;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Cone, and were:

Yeas—Mr. Kilcrease—1.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—15.

So the motion to amend was lost.

Mr. Eppes moved a re-consideration of the vote striking out the third section;

Which was agreed to, and Mr. Eppes moved to strike out in Section 3 all to the word "Lawyers," so that the section should read, "That no license or tax shall be imposed upon Tavern or Inn-keepers;"

Upon which amendment the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Gillis and Eppes, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Eppes, Gillis, Nicholson, Provence and Tracy—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Smith and Wynn—8.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Long moved to amend the 7th Section by striking out the word "eighth," and inserting the word "sixth" in lieu thereof;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Smith, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Hawes, Kilcrease, Long and Wynn—4.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—12.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Eppes moved to amend the fifth section so as to read, "That no tax shall be assessed or collected which is not authorized by this act;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Smith and Eppes, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Kilcrease, Long and Nicholson—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—10.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the 4th Section be stricken out;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Provence moved to strike out the second section;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Long and Kilcrease, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long and Wynn—7.

So the second section was stricken out.

Mr. Hopkins moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken out;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Long and Criglar, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long and Wynn—7.

So the motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the enacting clause of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. Kilcrease, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a Bill entitled an Act to prevent the deduction of two pounds of Cotton per bale, have had the same under consideration, and instruct the undersigned, as their Chairman, to recommend the title of said bill to read thus:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent any deduction on Cotton bales.

And in 1st Section, on 5th line at 7th word, "any deduction on the actual weight of Cotton bales," the balance of the Section be stricken out.

With these amendments we recommend the passage of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. KILCREASE, Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for taking the Census of 1855 in this State;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Hopkins moved to strike out the words "one person," and insert in lieu thereof "Tax Collector."

Which amendment was lost.

On motion of Mr. Cone, the rule was waived, and the bill read a third time by its title.

Upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Tracy and Wynn—15.

Nays—None.

So said Bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Kilcrease permitted to introduce, without previous notice, a Bill to be entitled an Act to alter and amend the Militia Laws of this State;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Wynn permitted to introduce, without previous notice, a Bill to be entitled an Act relative to taking depositions under Commission;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to locate the Seminary of Learning to be established West of the Suwannee River in this State;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act for the preservation of Bridges;

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

A Bill to be entitled an Act concerning the power and jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery;

Came up, and on motion of Mr. Hopkins was indefinitely postponed.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Attachment Laws now in force in this State;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Criglar, Duncan, Kilcrease and Smith—4.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Tracy and Wynn—12.

So the bill was lost.

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

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of William Raulerson and Ransom Foster ;

Was read the second time.

On motion the rule was waived, and the bill read the third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Duncan, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease and Provence—7.

Nays—Messrs. Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Long, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—9.

So the bill was lost.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of Physicians who are summoned to attend Coroner's Juries ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Criglar, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Filor and Gillis—4.

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 repeal an act in relation to fraudulent Loans of Chattels ;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act to extend Political Equality to Ignatio Phalez and others ;

Came up, and was, on motion of Mr. Long, laid on the table.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled an Act relative to the claim of David P. Hogue for services rendered the State ;

Came up, and was, on motion, laid on the table.

House Resolution relative to copying the Laws of the present session ;

Came up, when, on motion of Mr. Eppes, the Senate receded from their amendment to said Resolution.

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

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Hopkins offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the

State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the Treasurer of this State be authorized to pay to, and the Comptroller to audit the accounts of Henry J. Stewart, contestee, and William J. J. Duncan, contestor, in the case of the Contested Election in the County of Hamilton, the same Mileage and per Diem as is allowed now by law to members of the General Assembly—from the day on which the General Assembly convened, up to the day this body declared the election irregular and returned both parties back to the people.

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

Engrossed Bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of James Gough ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Filor, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—Messrs. Eppes and Gillis—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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

On motion of Mr. Kilcrease, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met—a quorum present.

The following Bills which had passed the Senate were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz :

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of James Gough ;

House Bill to be entitled an Act for taking the Census of 1855 in this State ;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of Physicians who are summoned to attend Coroners' Juries ; and

House Bill to be entitled an Act defining the duties of Witnesses, with enclosed amendment.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent persons encamping from leaving fires at their camp ;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend the 4th clause of the 3rd chapter of the 4th division of the Laws in relation to Crimes and Misdemeanors ;

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

House Resolution asking that the New Orleans and Key West Mail Steamer be required to touch at St. Andrews ;

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

House Resolution for the relief of L. C. Demilly;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend the Patrol Laws of this State;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act to establish a regular rate of Commissions for all persons acting as agents for Masters of Ships or Vessels at the Port of Key West;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion of Mr. Filor, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent the employment of Negroes as Pilots on the waters of St. Johns River;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent persons from attempting to entice or steal Negroes;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent non-residents of this State from hunting or killing any Deer or other game within the limits of this State, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled an Act granting certain Lands to the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company, with House amendments thereto;

Came up in order.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the Senate refused to concur in the House amendments.

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

House Resolution to pay Agents for selecting Swamp Lands;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, and read the second time.

Mr. Provence offered the following amendment to come in at the end of the resolution:

Provided, That said Agents shall be paid out of the Swamp Land Fund.

Which amendment was agreed to.

The rule was then waived, and the Resolution read the third time and passed.

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act Incorporating the Florida and Macon Railway Company;

Was read the first time by its title, and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent any deduction on Cotton bales;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Duncan, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Provence and Tracy—10.

Nays—Messrs. Eppes, Nicholson and Smith—3.

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 an Act in relation to taking Depositions under Commission;

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

A Bill to be entitled an Act to alter and amend the Militia Laws of this State;

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 9, 1855. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has refused to concur in Senate amendments to Resolution fixing a day of adjournment, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Hopkins the Senate receded from its amendments.

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

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, January 9, 1855. }

Hon. H. V. SNELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I respectfully nominate Samuel W. Burnett as Auctioneer in and for the County of Alachua.

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and the nomination therein made advised and concurred in.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, January 6, 1855. }

HON. H. V. SNELL,

President of the Senate :

SIR :—I respectfully present the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly :

For the County of Volusia :

For Auctioneer—Douglas Dummett.
For Judge of Probate—H. H. Williams.
For Clerk of Circuit Court—Virgil Dupont.
For County Commissioners—John D. Sheldon, H. E. Osteen, Robert Chandler, J. C. Houstoun.
For Sheriff—John Craig.
For Justices of the Peace—Ora Carpenter, John Bethel.

For the County of Monroe :

Auctioneers—Alexander Patterson, G. L. Bowne, George W. Cary, Wm. A. Pitcher, B. H. Kerr.
Commissioners of Pilotage for Key West—Cornelius Curtis, John Curry, Sr., Frederick Filer, Felix Senac, A. Patterson.

For the County of Hamilton :

Auctioneer—Solomon Rouse.

For the County of St. Johns :

Auctioneer—Matthew R. Andrew.

For the County of Gadsden :

Auctioneer—Thomas D. Wilson.

For the County of Marion :

Auctioneers—George Helvenston, Allen J. Cassady.

For the County of Walton :

Auctioneer—Daniel G. Gunn.

For the County of Escambia :

Auctioneer—George W. Hutton.

For the County of Hillsborough :

Port Wardens for Tampa—William Cooley, William Ashley, William D. Freeman.

Auctioneers—James D. Green, William L. Campbell.

For the County of Columbia :

Auctioneer—William O. Jeffries.

For Wakulla County :

Auctioneer—A. B. Noyes.

Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and the nominations therein contained were advised and concurred in.

Also the following ;

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, January 9, 1855. }

HON. H. V. SNELL,

President of the Senate :

SIR :—I have approved and signed the following Acts and Resolution :

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to permanently fix the Election Precincts of Columbia County, and to repeal certain Acts therein named, approved January 8, 1853 ;

An Act to authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across Escambia Bay ;

An Act to empower Charles H. Longworth, of Gadsden County, to manage his own estate ;

An Act to prevent white persons from gaming with negroes and other persons of color ;

An Act to amend an Act in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Key West ;

An Act to authorize the drainage of the Alachu Savannah ;

A Resolution respecting the establishment of a Mail Route from Tallahassee, via Sopchoppy, to White Bluff or Pickettsville, on the Apalachicola Bay ;

An Act to authorize Thomas H. Willis to assume the management of his own estate.

Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME

Which was read.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 9, 1855. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

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

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the Regulation of Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay and Harbor of Pensacola ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Hiram Benner, Daniel Davis and John H. Geiger to construct a Wharf in the city of Key West ;

Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Celestino Gonzalez to establish a Wharf in the city of Pensacola ;

Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Gregory Yneistra and F. B. Bobe to establish a Wharf in the city of Pensacola ;

Senate Bill to be entitled an Act granting aid to the County of Puntam to build a Court House and Jail ; and

Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to extend the limitation of Merchants' Accounts in this State.

The House has indefinitely postponed Senate Bill to be entitled an Act concerning Interest.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, the Senate Bills ordered to be enrolled, and House Bills placed among the order of the day.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Hiram Benner, Daniel Davis and John H. Geiger to construct a Wharf at the city of Key West;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, and read the second time by its title.

Mr. Filor moved that said Bill be indefinitely postponed; Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Provençe and Long, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Smith and Tracy—9.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Nicholson, Provençe and Wynn—4.

So the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

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

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Tracy, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a Bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad Company, ask leave to report the Bill back to the Senate without amendment.

E. D. TRACY,

Chairman *pro tem*.

Which was read, and the Bill placed among the orders of the day. Mr. Hopkins, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred a Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the Pilotage of the Bar of the River St. Johns, have had the same under consideration and

REPORT:

That although the present law regulating Pilotage on the aforesaid Bar, may require some slight amendments or alteration, yet the great diversity of opinion existing as to the proper mode of effecting the same, has induced your Committee to set forth the fact that there is a petition before your honorable body from Duval County, which is in conflict with the provisions of the bill, the terms of which in no respect correspond with the views set forth in said petition. Further, that the bill itself is unaccompanied by petition or memorial. On these accounts your Committee are unwilling to recommend its pas-

sage, but on the contrary deem it preferable to give a fair opportunity to the Merchants and Ship-owners of the St. Johns further to examine the subject; and should they deem a repeal of the present Pilot law essential or important modifications required therein, to express their opinion, and forward to the adjourned session such amendments as they shall deem proper and just, so as to enable the Legislature to act understandingly upon the question, and therefore have agreed the Bill shall not be acted on, but lay over as unfinished business to be taken up by the adjourned session.

ED. HOPKINS.

Which was read, and the Bill and report placed among the papers for the adjourned Session, on the 4th Monday in November next.

A Bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad Company;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson, Provençe, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Mr. Wynn asked leave to record his vote upon the passage of House Bill to be entitled an Act to encourage and provide for a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State;

Which was granted, and Mr. Wynn voted Nay.

House Bill to be entitled an Act for the regulation of the Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay and Harbor of Pensacola;

Was read the first time, rule waived and read the second time by its title, when Mr. Nicholson offered the following amendment:

Provided, That no coasting vessel drawing eight feet or less than eight feet water, plying on the Gulf between Pensacola, Mobile, New Orleans, and the mouth of the River Rio Grande, shall be subject to pay Pilotage unless the master of such vessel shall require the services of a Pilot;

Which amendment was adopted.

On motion, the rule was waived, the Bill as amended read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.