

Said bill was lost.

Bill to be entitled, An act concerning the swamp and overflowed lands granted by Congress to this State :

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time, by its title, and on motion laid on the table, and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of John R. Jones ;  
Was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 1, 1851.

*Honorable President of the Senate :*

SIR—The House have concurred in Senate amendments to House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of William D. Branch and John H. Madison.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

*Speaker House of Representatives.*

Which was, on motion, read.

On motion of Mr. Mosely, the Senate adjourned until half-past ten o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

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THURSDAY, January 2, 1851

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr. Brown of Columbia, moved to take from the table and place among the orders of the day,

House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the final removal of the Indians now remaining in Florida, beyond the limits of this State ;

Which motion was carried.

Mr. Avery, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the incorporation of Insurance Associations ;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion laid on the table, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Brown of Columbia introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to change the name of Sarah Frances Waters ;

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

Mr. Maxwell gave notice, that he would at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for fixing the compensation of

Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors for Assessing and Collecting taxes for County purposes.

Mr. Brown of Hillsborough, pursuant to previous notice, the rule waived for that purpose, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to permit George W. Andres to practice Medicine in the County of Hernando;

Which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading tomorrow.

Mr. Avery moved (the rule waived,) that a bill to be entitled, An act concerning the swamp and overflowed lands granted by Congress to this State, be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day;

Which motion was carried.

Mr. Mosley presented the petition of sundry citizens of Madison, relative to a division of said County;

Which was read, and on his motion referred to a select Committee of three, to consist of Messrs. Brown of Columbia, Forward, and Crawford.

Mr. Crawford presented the petition of the locating Commissioners for Wakulla County,

Which was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Brown of Columbia, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Duval County, relative to the formation of a new county;

Which was read, and on his motion referred to a select Committee of three, said Committee to consist of Messrs. Brown of Columbia, Forward, and Mosley.

Mr. Buddington, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Duval County, relative to the formation of a new County to be called Union County;

Which was read, and on motion referred to select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Brown of Columbia, Forward, and Mosley

On motion, Messrs. Buddington and Perry were added to said Committee.

Mr. Avery offered the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Whereas, nearly the whole of the five hundred thousand acres of land granted to this State, for purpose of Internal Improvement, by the act of March 3d, 1845, and all of the eight sections granted for the purpose of fixing the seat of government, by the same act, have long since been selected at the expense of this State and reported to the proper department at Washington for approval:

And whereas, none of the Seat of Government lands, and only about forty-five thousand acres of the Internal Improvement lands, have as yet been approved:

And whereas, this delay operates greatly to the prejudice of this State, by preventing her either from selling those lands or protecting them from trespassers, by whom many of said lands are being rapidly robbed of their timber and otherwise reduced in value:

And whereas, it is important that those sections should be at once approved, so that the State may exercise the powers of ownership over them, or rejected, so that she may select other good lands in this State, before the opportunity to do so shall be lost by the sales of the United States. Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That our Senators and Representative in Congress be, and they are hereby, earnestly requested to continue without ceasing to urge the Secretary of the Interior to action, either of approval or rejection, upon the applications made by this State for the lands granted to her by the act of 3d March, 1845.

*Resolved,* That the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to forward a copy of this Preamble and Resolution to our Senators and Representative in Congress and to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Which were read, and passed.

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

Mr. Baldwin introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That the Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue his warrant on the Treasury in favor of the Treasurer of the Counties of Monroe and Escambia for the amount to be ascertained by said Comptroller of ten per cent upon all taxes paid into the Treasury from said Counties of Monroe and Escambia, on sales made at Auction, since the first day of January 1846, which said ten per cent shall be applied for the support of Common Schools in said Counties.

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Finley, from the Committee on Amendments and Revision of the Constitution, made the following report:

The Committee on Amendments and Revision of the Constitution, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to amend the first clause of the tenth article of the Constitution of this State, so as to authorize the appropriation of the proceeds of all lands heretofore granted, or which may be hereafter granted by the United States to this State, for a Seminary or Seminaries of Learning, to the use of Common Schools, have had the same under consideration, and as Chairman of said Committee, I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate without amendment, and to recommend its passage.

J. J. FINLEY, *Chairman.*

Which was received, and said bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, beg leave to report as correct  
ly engrossed :

A bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Wm. D. Moseley, and  
for other purposes.

JNO. P. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

Which was received, and said bill ordered to be placed among  
the orders of the day.

Mr. Forward, from the Committee on Corporations, made the fol-  
lowing report :

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration  
an act to amend an act incorporating the city of St. Augustine, ap-  
proved 4th February, 1833, and instruct me to report the same back  
with sundry amendments, and further report that the proper notice  
has been given, in a newspaper, of application for amendments to  
said act.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman.*

Which was received, and said bill ordered to be placed among  
the orders of the day.

Mr. Forward, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the  
following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills report, as correctly enrolled, the  
following bills, viz :

An act in addition to the acts now in force in relation to crimes  
and misdemeanors ;

An act enlarging the powers of County Commissioners ; and

An act to require purchasers of State lands to make payment  
therefor to the Treasurer of this State.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman.*

Which was received.

Mr. Perry, from the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, made  
the following report :

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred  
a bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act relating to the duties of  
Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors, and for other purposes, approved  
January 9, 1849, have had the same under consideration, and beg  
leave to report the same with the following amendments, and ask to  
be discharged from the further consideration.

M. S. PERRY, *Chairman.*

Insert after the 4th section, the following :

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That from and after the passage  
of this act, so much of the third section of the act to which this is  
an amendment as provides that property which is brought into the  
State after the first day of May, and before the first day in October,  
in every calendar year, shall be assessed and pay one half the year-  
ly tax for that current year, be and the same is hereby repealed, and  
that all such property shall be exempt from taxation till the regular  
annual period for assessing and taxing other property.

Strike out the word "five" in the fifth section, and insert "six."

Which was received, and said bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

The veto of his Excellency, the Governor, on an act to alter and amend the act entitled an act to Incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company;

Was taken up, and on motion postponed until to-morrow for further consideration.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act relating to the duties of Tax Assessor and Tax Collector, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by the Chairman of the Committee on Taxation and Revenue adopted, and said bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act entitled an act to Incorporate the City of St. Augustine, approved 4th Feb. 1833;

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by the Chairman of the Committee on Corporations adopted, and said amendments ordered to be engrossed, and said bill as amended ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of William D. Moseley, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time; on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—18.

Nays—None.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend the first clause of the tenth article of the Constitution of this State, so as to authorize the appropriation of the proceeds of all lands heretofore granted, or which may be hereafter granted, by the United States to this State for a Seminary or Seminaries of Learning, to the use of Common Schools;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the final removal of the Indians now remaining in Florida, beyond the limits of the State;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Taylor moved to make said bill the special order of the day for Tuesday next;

Which was carried.

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend the second clause of the con-

stitution of this State so as to allow the proceeds of the five hundred thousand acres of land, donated to the State of Florida, by the United States for Internal Improvements, to be appropriated to the use of Common Schools;

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to the Committee on amendments and revision of the Constitution.

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of John R. Jones;

Was read the third time; on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Finley, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley—8.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Buddington, Crawford, Forward, Perry, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—9.

Said bill was lost.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to appropriate one thousand dollars to improve the navigation of Holmes Creek in Washington County;

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Bill to be entitled, An act concerning the Swamp and Overflowed Lands granted by Congress to this State;

Was, on motion of Mr. Baldwin, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Columbia, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow, A. M.

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FRIDAY, January 3, 1851.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Avery, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning, ask leave to

#### REPORT:

This bill was introduced for the purpose of carrying out the intent of Congress as manifested in the act of March 3d, 1845, by which act there were given to the State "two entire Townships of land in addition to the two Townships already reserved, for the use of two Seminaries of Learning, one to be located East and the other West of the Suwannee."

By the last annual report of the Register, it appears that the fund