

January. In which, the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

*Speaker House of Representatives.*

Which on motion was read, and said resolution ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

House resolution relative to the payment by the Treasurer of the State to the Rev. George White the sum of eighteen dollars for certain books;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times by its title, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Taylor—16.

Nays—None.

Said resolution passed.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of William E. Kilcrease, R. L. Edmonds, Joseph Austin and Thos. D. Wilson;

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

House resolution relative the Election of United States Senator;

Was read.

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend said resolution as follows viz: strike out the words "Thursday 9th inst." and insert in lieu thereof the words "Monday, 13th inst." After the word "Senate" add "Judges of the Supreme Court and Judges of the Circuit Courts, Comptroller and Treasurer, and Clerk of the Supreme Court."

Which was carried.

House bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Ocala Plank Road Company;

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

On motion of Mr. Moseley, the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

FRIDAY, January 10, 1851.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Kellogg officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Smith gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to invest, at 7 per

cent interest, a portion of the principal of the School and Seminary Fund now in the Treasury of this State.

Mr. Brown of Columbia gave notice that he would, on a future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act making an appropriation for clearing out the river St. Mary's.

Mr. McMillan moved that the rule waived, and that he be allowed to introduce a bill without previous notice;

Which was carried, and he introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to regulate Camp-Hunting in the Counties of Escambia and Santa Rosa;

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

Mr. Brown of Hillsborough moved that Mr. Brown of Columbia have leave of absence until Monday next;

Which was carried.

Mr. Finley moved that the rule be waived, and he be allowed to introduce a bill without previous notice;

Which was carried, and he introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the more effectual administration of Justice in the courts of this State;

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

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 amend an act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on sundry lands approved January 12, 1849, ask leave to report to the Senate, as a substitute for said bill, a bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State lands, approved December 27th, 1848.

The Committee also report back to the Senate the bill to be entitled, An act to make uniform the mode of selling State Lands, and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

O. M. AVERY, *Chairman.*

Which was received, and said substitute, together with said bills, 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 correctly engrossed,

A Bill to be entitled, An act giving to the Judges of Probate of Escambia and Hamilton Counties the powers of Justice of the Peace in certain cases; also,

Engrossed Resolution relative to adjournment *sine die*.

JOHN P. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

Which was received, and said bill and resolution 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, An act to amend the seventeenth clause of the fifth article of the constitution of the State.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman.*

Which was received.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Ledwith, beg leave to report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and believing as they do, that the said Ledwith should be relieved, your Committee has instructed me to return the bill back without amendment, and to recommend its passage.

D. J. SMITH, *Chairman.*

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Proposition and Grievances, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Lawrence Farrell, beg leave to report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and has instructed me to report the bill back without amendment, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

D. J. SMITH, *Chairman.*

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

Mr Taylor, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following Report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Dade County, asking the passage of an act making provision for opening a road from Miami, in Dade County, to Indian River, in St. Lucie County, having considered the same, beg leave to

#### REPORT:

That they believe great advantages would result to the State at large by constructing the road prayed for. It would open a communication with that interesting part of our State, and bring into notice the fact, not now generally known, that an important article of commerce is the natural product of the soil of Dade County.—Your Committee deem it a proper subject of legislation to encourage all enterprises having for their object the development of the

resources of the State. Too much ignorance in reference to the capabilities of our soil and the importance of our products, has prevailed in other States, and it is time we should remove, if possible, the obstructions existing to a more general knowledge of our resources. (Your Committee suggest, as the best plan which can be adopted, that an appropriation of one thousand dollars be made out of the first moneys realized from the Internal Improvement Lands, to be expended in the construction of such road, under the direction of the County Commissioners of the Counties of Dade and St. Lucie.

They ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

f WM. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

Which was received.

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

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the resolutions for the relief of Henry C. Wilson, of Columbia County, have had the same under consideration, and believing the case a meritorious one, recommend the relief asked for, and that your Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

WM. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

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

Mr. Moseley, moved that the rule be waived, and he be allowed to introduce a bill;

Which was carried, and he introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to provide the mode of contesting the Election of Governor;

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

Mr. Brown, of Columbia, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Madison County praying for the creation of a new County to be formed by dividing Madison County, have had the same under consideration and find in this, as in other applications of a similar nature, that the creation of new Counties from the Counties as now formed, will lead to confusion and require a re-organization of many of the old Counties. Your Committee believe that the re-organization of the Counties throughout the State will be necessary, before a new apportionment of the Representation in the General Assembly, therefore your Committee would respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

R. BROWN, *Chairman,*  
JNO. L. CRAWFORD,  
W. A. FORWARD.

Which was received.

Mr. Brown of Columbia, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Duval County, praying the creation of a new county from parts of Duval, Columbia and Alachua counties, and also a petition from sundry other citizens of the said county of Duval, praying the creation of a new County from portions of Nassau, Duval, Columbia, and Alachua Counties, ask leave to

**REPORT:**

That, having given the subject that consideration which its importance demanded at their hands, have come to the conclusion, from the evidence before them, that it would be impolitic to create any new Counties at this time. By reference to the map it will be seen that nearly or quite all of the Counties east of Jefferson County are entirely too large, and will have to be re-organized at no distant day. The creation of new Counties now would only be a source of confusion for the time to those already formed, and should the new Counties select their County Sites and build their Court Houses, might, upon a general re-organization, find themselves very disadvantageously situated.

Your Committee believe that before the next apportionment of representation by the General Assembly, this general re-organization should take place, and they therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted, and that your Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

**ROBERT BROWN,**  
*Chairman Select Committee.*  
**M. S. PERRY,**  
**W. A. FORWARD,**  
**OZIAS BUDDINGTON,**  
**W. P. MOSELEY.**

Which was received.

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

The Select Committee, charged with instructions to examine the State Armory, have discharged that duty, and respectfully submit the following

**REPORT:**

That a careful inspection of the public arms and equipments of the State, has satisfied the Committee, that the Quarter Master General, in whose custody they are, has in the most faithful and satisfactory manner performed his duty.

The Committee have also, as instructed, had under consideration the subject of the erection of a Public Armory, and have come to the conclusion, that it would be inexpedient and inadvisable at this time.

When the Legislature, shall under the provisions of the constitution, permanently locate the Seat of Government, it will then be the proper time, to provide some durable and suitable structure for the preservation of the Public Arms.

For the present, the Committee consider the building used for an Armory, as commodious and safe, and recommend that the public arms be kept where they now are, until other and further provision is made for their safe keeping.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. J. SMITH,  
*Chairman Select Committee.*  
J. J. FINLEY,  
A. G. JOHNSON.

Which was received.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 9, 1851.

*Hon. President of the Senate:*

Sir:—The House has concurred in the amendment to resolution relative to the election of U. S. Senator, Judges and State Officers.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,  
*Speaker House Representatives.*

Which was received.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 9, 1851.

*Honorable President of the Senate:*

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

Bill to be entitled, An act amendatory to acts now in force in reference to Militia and Patrol Duties and Crimes and Misdemeanors;

Bill to be entitled, An act to re-establish the Records of St. Lucie County;

Preamble and resolution urging upon Congress the payment for losses sustained by the citizens of Florida in the late hostilities of the Seminole Indians, and asking the appointment of a Commissioner to take the testimony relative thereto;

Senate bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of William D. Moseley, and for other purposes; without amendment.

Senate bill to be entitled, An act to change the time when Grand Juries shall examine the accounts of the County Treasurer;

With the title amended by striking out the words "Grand Juries" and inserting the words "County Commissioners," in lieu thereof.

In which amendment the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully,  
H. ARCHER,  
*Speaker House of Representatives.*

Which was read, and the said House bills together with said preamble and resolution, ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

The amendment to said Senate bill was concurred in, and said Senate bills ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, leave of absence was granted Mr. Maxwell during to-day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a bill to be entitled, An act for the incorporation of Plank Road Companies, Mr. Brown of Columbia in the Chair.

After some time spent in consideration of said bill, the Committee rose, and by its Chairman, reported said bill back to the Senate, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which was concurred in, and on motion of Mr. Avery, said bill was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Bill to be 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 Rail Road from Pensacola to Montgomery;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Avery, laid on the table, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act entitled an act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on sundry lands, approved January 12, 1849;

Was taken up, and on motion, the substitute proposed by the Chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges was adopted.

Which substitute, on motion of Mr. Avery, was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act to make uniform the mode of selling the State Lands;

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title, and on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Brown of Columbia, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Taylor—13.

Nays—None.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

Engrossed Resolution relation to adjournment of the General Assembly *sine die*;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Smith moved to make said Resolution the special order of the day for Tuesday next;

On which motion, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Smith and Moseley, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Avery, Crawford, Finley, McMillan, Smith—5.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Forward, Johnson, Moseley, Perry, Taylor—9.

Said motion was lost.

On the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Taylor—14.

Nays—None.

Said Resolution passed.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act giving to the Judges of Probate of Escambia and Hamilton Counties, the powers of Justices of the Peace in certain cases;

Was read the third time. On the question of its passage the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith—12.

Nays—Mr. President, and Mr. Forward—2.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Ledwith;

Was read the second time, and ordered to third reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Lawrence Ferrel,

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

Resolution for the relief of Henry C. Wilson;

Was read the second time, and informally passed over.

House preamble and resolution urging upon Congress the losses sustained by the citizens of Florida, at the late hostilities of the Seminole Indians, and asking the appointment of a Commissioner to take testimony relative thereto;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times and passed.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to re-establish the records of St. Lucie County;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act amendatory to acts in reference to Militia and Patrol duty and Crimes and Misdemeanors;  
Was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Moseley, the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock, to-morrow, A. M.

SATURDAY, January 11, 1851.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Maxwell moved that the rule be waived, and he be allowed to introduce a bill;

Which was carried, and he introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to regulate offices of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts for this State, and for other purposes;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, 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 making an appropriation for clearing out the river St. Mary's;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Maxwell moved that the rule be waived, and he be permitted to introduce a bill;

Which was carried, and he introduced a bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Nathaniel P. Bemis;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act providing for the investment of a portion of the Seminary and Common School Fund;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Finley, moved that the rule be waived, and he be permitted to introduce a bill;

Which was carried, and he introduced a bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Doctors Franklin Hart and J. G. Roce;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Brown, of Hillsborough, from the Committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following Report: