

THURSDAY, January 23, 1851.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present, the reading of the proceedings of yesterday was on motion dispensed with.

Mr. Maxwell moved that the nominations sent to the Senate by his Excellency the Governor on a previous day for Leon and Wakulla Counties and which had been laid on the table, be taken therefrom, and said nominations were on his motion confirmed.

Mr. Avery offered the following Resolution ;

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That from and after the first day of November, 1851, no bank notes shall be taken by the Treasurer of this State, for taxes or lands, for the redemption of which in gold or silver on demand provision is not made within the limits of this State.

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time.

Mr. Johnson moved, to amend said resolution as follows, viz: strike out the word "taxes" on which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Avery and Johnson, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Crawford, Finley, Johnson, Stewart, Taylor—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Buddington, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Smith—8.

Said motion was lost.

Said resolution was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Finley, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Smith—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brown of Columbia, Crawford, Johnson, Stewart, Taylor—5.

Said resolution passed.

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

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

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill for the benefit of certain scrip holders of the late Territory of Florida, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and after mature examination, are of the opinion that it would be unjust to pass the present bill, without making provision for the payment of all the holders of Territorial scrip. The Committee are not willing to make a distinction between the honest creditors of the late Territory.—

They therefore recommend that the bill be not passed, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of same.

M. C. BROWN, *Chairman.*

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

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, made the following Report:

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred a bill entitled, An act to fix the compensation of Tax Assessors and Collectors, have had the same under consideration, and return the bill back to the Senate, with a substitute for the first section. They recommend the passage of the bill.

GEO. STEWART, *Chairman.*

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

Mr. Smith moved that Isaac Welch be allowed four dollars per diem, during the present session of the General Assembly, for his services as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Which was carried.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 22, 1851.

Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House have concurred in the amendments to the following bills, viz:

Bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate a bank in the city of Tallahassee;

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend the law in relation to the establishment of lost papers;

Bill to be entitled, An act regulating the times and places of holding the Circuit Courts in the Western Circuit; and

Bill to be entitled, An act repealing sections first and second, and amending section third of an act in relation to trading with slaves, approved January 11, 1834.

The House refuse to concur in the amendment to bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act fixing the time of meeting of the General Assembly of Florida.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Avery, the Senate adhered to the amendment to said bill.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 22, 1851.

Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir:—the following Senate bills have passed the House without amendment, viz:

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend the law authorizing the organization of the Companies :

Bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the more effectual administration of justice in the Courts of this State ;

Bill to be entitled, An act granting to the Florida and Alabama 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 ;

Bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the collecton of taxes and high-way dues against free persons of color.

The following Senate bills have been lost in the House, viz :

Bill to be entitled, An act making an appropriation of money from the Internal Improvement Fund to remove Shoals and other obstructions in the Suwannee and other rivers ; and

Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Nathaniel P. Bemis.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House Representatives.

Which was read, and said bills ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 22, 1851.

Honorable President of the Senate :

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

Resolution relative to the Distribution of the Laws and Journals of the present session ;

Resolution relative to copying the Laws of the present session ;

Bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company, and for other purposes ;

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act organizing the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Which was read.

The following communication was transmitted to his Excellency the Governor :

SENATE CHAMBER, January 22, 1851.

His Excellency THOMAS BROWN,
Governor of Florida :

SIR :—I have the honor to communicate to you that the following appointments have been confirmed in the Senate, viz :

For the County of Santa Rosa—Joseph M. Bower, Emanuel Foreham, Auctioneers.

For the County of Jackson—John D. Lundy, Wm. A. Whitfield, Edward Shackelford, James M. Brown, Wm. Bower, Henry Pope, Robert S. Dickson, James J. Pittman. Auctioneers.

For the County of Franklin—Robert Myers, James J. Griffin, Samuel W. Hutchinson, P. W. Cullen, Auctioneers;

Edward McCully, Nathan Baker, Daniel McDonald, Westcott Harris, Joseph Ridler, Anson Hancock, Benjamin Ellison, Port Wardens, Apalachicola;

Robert Myers, M. P. Ellis, Thos. L. Mitchell, B. F. Nourse, John Coupe, Commissioners of Pilotage, Apalachicola.

For the County of Madison—Ira Swift, David R. Townsend, Thomas R. Barnett, Auctioneers.

For the County of Nassau—Waynes Swearingen, Francis D. Pons, Auctioneers.

For the County of Duval—R. B. Gibbes, Benj. Wilson, Thomas W. Jones, J. H. McRory, Jr., Benj. Frisby, Charles De Waal, Matthew Knight, Thomas Bowden, Auctioneers.

For the County of St. Johns—George Center, Francis P. Ferriera, Joseph A. Strischka, Auctioneers.

For the County of Levy—William Wilson, Auctioneer; Joseph Oglesby, Thos. S. Winn, Thomas Day, Port Wardens at Cedar Keys.

For the County of Hillsborough—Micajah C. Brown, A. C. Robinson, William Cooley, Joseph Moore, Wm. F. Lockwood, James McKay, William H. Wyatt, Auctioneers;

Micajah C. Brown, A. C. Robinson, William Cooley, Port Wardens at Tampa Bay.

For the County of Hernando—James A. Dozett, Auctioneer.

For the County of Monroe—Joseph B. Browne, Henry Lindsay, E. A. Falkner, Charles Tift, William Curry, William Saunders, Jno. W. Porter, Charles M. Wells, P. J. Fontane, Crawford Thompson, James Filor, Wm. H. Wall, W. H. Von Pfister, William Pinckney, Hiram Bonnet, Asa F. Tift, Joseph A. Thouron, Jos. C. Whalton, John P. Baldwin, Auctioneers;

Samuel Harvey, Edward Dexter, Alex'r. Browne, Henry Williams, Port Wardens, Key West;

Frederick Filor, Christian Boyer, W. H. Von Pfister, L. Boughtman, Commissioners of Pilotage, Key West.

For Putnam County—Jesse A. Brush, Auctioneer.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

NEILL McPHERSON,

Secretary of the Senate.

House bill to be entitled, An act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida;

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

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment, viz:

Strike out the words "of the Clerk" in the first line of the third section, which was adopted.

Mr. Maxwell offered the following as section 3, viz:

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the whole number of the re-

ports of the decisions of the Supreme Court, shall hereafter, be placed by the Attorney General in the office of the Secretary of State, for the use of the State, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and required upon the certificate of the Secretary that the reports have been received in his office, to issue a warrant on the Treasury in favor of the Reporter, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, as a full compensation for his share of said reports;

Which was adopted.

And said bill read a third time as amended, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, Stewart, Taylor—10.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Brown of Columbia, Crawford, McMillan, Moseley—5.

House resolutions relative to the distribution of the Laws and Journals of the present session;

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

On motion of Mr. Avery, the rule was waived and said resolution read the second and third times and passed.

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

Resolution relative to copying the Laws of the present session;

Was read the first time.

Mr. Avery moved to strike out the name of Hugh Corley;

Which was lost.

On motion, the rule was waived and said resolution 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 Incorporate the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Company, and for other purposes;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the fifth General Assembly, and for other purposes;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Stewart, Taylor—15.

Nay—Mr. Smith—1.

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 the Scrip-holders of the late Territory of Florida;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Moseley moved the indefinite postponement of said bill;
Which motion was carried.

House bill to be entitled, An act to fix the compensation of Tax Assessors and Collectors, was taken up.

Mr. Stewart offered the following as a substitute to said bill:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That the several Tax Assessors and Collectors of this State shall receive from the State for assessing, collecting, and paying over the State taxes, the following compensation, to wit: Upon the first one hundred dollars actually so collected and paid over, twenty-five per cent; upon all sums over one hundred and under five hundred dollars, ten per centum upon the excess over one hundred dollars; upon all sums over five hundred and under one thousand dollars, eight per centum upon the excess over five hundred dollars; upon all sums over one thousand and under two thousand dollars, six per cent. upon the excess over one thousand dollars; upon all sums over two thousand and under three thousand dollars, five per cent. upon the excess over two thousand dollars; upon all sums over three thousand and under four thousand dollars, four per cent. upon the excess over three thousand dollars; upon all sums over four thousand and under five thousand dollars, three per centum upon the excess over four thousand dollars; upon all sums over five thousand dollars, two per centum upon the excess over five thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That for assessing and collecting taxes for County purposes, there shall be allowed to the Tax Assessors and Collectors of the different Counties, the following compensation, to wit: On all sums amounting to one hundred dollars, and under, 20 per cent., on all sums over one hundred dollars and under five hundred, eight per cent. on the excess over one hundred, on all sums over five hundred and under one thousand, six per cent. on the excess over five hundred, on all sums over one thousand and under two thousand, four per cent. on the excess over one thousand, on all sums over two thousand and under three thousand, three per cent. on the excess over two thousand, on all sums over three thousand, two per cent. on such excess.

Which was adopted, and said substitute read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times; on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Budington, Finley, Johnson, Moseley, Stewart, Taylor—7.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Crawford, McMillan—5.

Said substitute to said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1851.

Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House have passed without amendment:
Senate bill to be entitled, An act providing for the increase of the School Fund out of the State Treasury: and
Senate resolutions relative to the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning.

Respectfully,
H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Which was read, and said bill and resolution ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, January 22, 1851.

The Honorable R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I respectfully make the following nominations to the General Assembly for confirmation, viz:

F. de la Rúa, Alexander McVoy, Joseph Quiggles, John Campbell, B. F. Magee, J. G. Michaeloffski, D. Davidson, George W. Berkeley, Wm. B. Davis, C. P. Knapp, George G. Pathson, Daniel Saint, Auctioneers—Hanson Kelly, John Campbell, H. F. Ingraham, John Wimble, William B. Davis, Port Wardens—for Escambia County.

Arthur Lewis, Auctioneer for Jackson County.
Walter Young, John A. Kelly, Auctioneers Calhoun County.
Owen Pittman, Thomas D. Wilson, Auctioneers Gadsden County.
William Ponchier, Auctioneer Hamilton County.
George W. Hutchins, Auctioneer Leon County.
Wm. L. Campbell, Auctioneer Hillsborough County.
Charles A. Nash, Charles L. Demilly, Cotton Weighers for the city of Tallahassee.

Also, Daniel J. Smith, Auctioneer for Washington County.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THO. BROWN.

Which was read, and said nominations confirmed.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, January 23, 1851.

To the Honorable R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate:

Sir:—I have approved and signed the following acts, viz:

An act to provide for the Incorporation of Benevolent or other Charitable Societies;

An act giving to the Judges of Probate of Escambia and Hamilton Counties, the powers of Justices of the peace in certain cases;

(An act in relation to roads in Escambia County ;

An act to extend the provisions of the first section of an act giving a lien to Steam Boat Men and others navigating the Bay and River of Apalachicola, approved January 4, 1847, and also of an act to amend an act approved January 4, 1847, giving a lien to Steam Boat Men and others navigating the Bay and River of Apalachicola, approved January 11, 1849, over the County of Hillsborough ;

An act for the relief of A. E. Geiger ;

An act to provide for the incorporation of Insurance Associations ; also,

A resolution respecting lands selected for the State.

Which I have caused to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

THO. BROWN.

Which was read.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, January 22, 1851.

The Honorable R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I have approved and signed the following acts, viz :

An act in relation to the term of office, and the duties of Tax Collectors.

(An act to change the southern boundary of Leon County.

An act authorizing Judges of Probate to set apart Dower.

An act to amend an act entitled, An act to exempt Homesteads from Execution, Attachment and Distress, approved March 11, 1845.

Also, a resolution relative to Auction tax in the Counties of Monroe and Escambia ;

(An act to authorize Geo. W. Andrews to practice Medicine in the County of Hernando.

Which I have caused to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

THO. BROWN.

Which was read.

The following communication was transmitted to his Excellency the Governor :

SENATE CHAMBER, January 23, 1851.

His Excellency THOMAS BROWN,

Governor of Florida :

Sir:—I have the honor herewith to transmit for the approval of your Excellency, the following bills, viz :

(An act to regulate Camp Hunting in the Counties [of Escambia and Santa Rosa ;

An act to tax slave brought into this State for hire :

An act to enable Executors, Administrators and Guardians to sell the real estate of infants ;

An act to incorporate the Apalachicola Mutual Insurance Company;

An act for the relief of J. L. Wyman;

An act to provide for the investment of a portion of the Seminary and Common School Fund;

Preamble and resolution for the relief of Henry C. Wilson;

Passed by both Houses of the General Assembly, and signed by the respective officers thereof.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

NEIL McPHERSON,

Secretary of the Senate.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, January 23, 1851.

His Excellency, THOMAS BROWN,

Governor of Florida:

SIR: I have the honor to communicate to your Excellency that the following nominations have been confirmed by the Senate, viz:

For the County of Leon—R. H. Berry, John Rowles, John B. Keen—Auctioneers.

For the County of Wakulla George G. Holt and John Denham, William H. Brodie, Port Warden, St. Marks.

Very respectfully,

N. McPHERSON,

Secretary of the Senate.

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

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met, quorum present.

Mr. Finley moved a re-consideration of House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to provide for the appointment of Auctioneers, and defining their duties, approved November 21, 1829;

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Brown of Columbia, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley, Smith, Taylor—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Forward, Maxwell, Stewart—6.

Said motion was carried, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Committee from House requested that the Senate would return for re-consideration of the House a bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Nathaniel P. Bemis.

Messrs. Forward, Johnson and Baldwin were appointed a Committee for the purpose of transmitting said bill back to the House.

Said Committee reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1851.

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:—I have the honor to return herewith to the Senate the bill to be entitled, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the fifth General Assembly, and for other purposes, passed by the House with the following amendments, viz:

In the fifth line of the fourth page by striking out \$140 00 and inserting \$150 00;

In the sixth line of the fifth page by striking out \$183 00 and inserting \$244 00;

In the eleventh line of the sixth page by inserting after the figures \$1 40 the following, "and for extra services as Messenger of the House, \$50 00—total, \$51 40."

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House Representatives.

Which was read, and the amendments proposed in said bill were concurred in.

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills report as correctly enrolled,

An act for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning;

An act for the relief of Doctors Franklin Hart and J. T. Rascoe;

Preamble and Resolutions relative to lands granted to this State for Seminaries of Learning;

An act supplemental to an act to regulate Camp Hunting in the Counties of Escambia and Santa Rosa, passed at the present session of the General Assembly;

An act to amend the law authorizing the organization of Fire Companies; and

An act to provide for the more effectual administration of justice in the Courts of this State.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman.*

Which was received.

Committee from the House returned House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of Auctioneers, and define their duties, approved November 21, 1829.

Which was, on motion, placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Hillsborough, the rule was waived, and he allowed to 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 hereby authorized and instructed to issue his Warrant upon the Treasurer of this State, for ten per cent. upon the Auction Tax paid

into this State since the formation of the State Government, (to be appropriated to the Common School Fund,) to the several Counties of this State not already provided for by this General Assembly.

Which 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.

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

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House Bill entitled, An to Incorporate the Florida Atlantic, and Central Rail Road Company and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration and instructed me to report the same back with the following amendments, to wit:

Sec. 19. *Be it further enacted*, That the General Assembly of Florida, may at any time alter, amend or repeal this act, and that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to confer upon said company any right to exercise the powers of a Banking Company, or to issue any description of paper, or evidences of debt intended for circulation.

Sec. 20. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the General Assembly of this State, to tax if they think proper the property owned by said Company, and that said tax shall be assessed and levied only in the same manner, and to the same extent, as similar property owned by private citizens, and no more.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman*.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company, and for other purposes;

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

Mr. Johnson moved to lay said bill on the table;

Which motion was lost.

On the question, "Shall the bill be read a third time to-morrow?" the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Johnson and Baldwin, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown of Hillsborough, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Smith, Stewart—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Buddington, Johnson, Taylor—7.

It was therefore ordered that said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1851.

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir: The House have passed without amendment, Senate bill to be entitled, An act to amend the laws now in force in this State in relation to the foreclosure of Mortgages.

Respectively,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House Representatives.

Which was read, and said bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1851.

Hon. President Senate :

Sir:—The House have passed, with the enclosed amendment, Senate bill to be entitled, An act to re-establish the records of Gadsden County; in which amendment the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House Representatives.

Which was read, said amendment concurred in, and said bill ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate went into Committee of the Whole on House bill to be entitled, An act providing for the liquidation of defaulting Banks, Mr. Brown, of Columbia, in the Chair.

After some time, the Committee rose and reported said bill back to the House with all but the enacting clause stricken out;

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Smith moved the indefinite postponement of said bill;

Which was carried.

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

The Joint Committee of both Houses, appointed to examine the office of Treasurer, have, so far as time would permit, attended to said duty, and report:

That from the limited examination made, your Committee are of opinion that the Treasurer has performed the duties of his office with due regard to the interests of the State, and your Committee are satisfied that said officer has, in all respects, performed the duties of his office according to the requirements of law.

Your Committee would venture to recommend that, hereafter, a Committee to examine the public offices of the State be appointed at the commencement of each session of the General Assembly, so that more careful and thorough examinations may be made than can possibly be had in the short time allowed to your Committee; and

your Committee also recommend that said Committee of examination be exempted from other Committee duty for the time being.

O. BUDINGTON, *Ch'n.*

J. J. FINLEY,

M. C. BROWN,

Senate Com.

A. T. BENNETT,

LUKE LOTT,

B. F. ALLEN,

House Com.

Which was received.

Also the following from the same Committee:

The Joint Committee of both Houses, appointed in pursuance of law to examine the office of Comptroller of Public Accounts, have performed that duty and report, that from the limited examination which the Committee have been able to make, they are satisfied that the Comptroller has performed the duties of his office with fidelity, and your Committee further state that he has, in their opinion, discharged his duty strictly according to law.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that hereafter a Committee shall be appointed to examine into the condition of the Public Offices of this State at the commencement of each session of the Legislature, so that more thorough examination may be had, and more satisfactory reports made, and your Committee would also recommend that the members of said committee of examination shall be exempted for the time from other committee duties.

O. BUDINGTON, *Ch'n.*

J. J. FINLEY,

M. C. BROWN,

Senate Com.

A. T. BENNETT,

LUKE LOTT,

B. F. ALLEN,

House Com.

Which was received.

Mr. Maxwell moved that the Senate recede from the Senate amendment to bill to be entitled, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the fifth General Assembly;

Which motion was carried.

Mr. Maxwell moved that the rule be waived and he be allowed to make a report;

Which was carried.

Mr. Maxwell from the Committee on Federal Relations, made the following report:

The Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to prohibit the introduction of slaves in

to this State for sale, have considered the same, and have instructed me to report the bill back without amendment.

A. E. MAXWELL, *Chairman.*

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into this State for sale;

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

Mr. Finley moved that the Senator from Gadsden have leave of absence until to-morrow;

Which (rule waived,) was granted.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 5 minutes past 7 o'clock, this evening.

FIVE MINUTES PAST 7 O'CLOCK.

The Senate again met.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to provide for the appointment of Auctioneers, and defining the duties of the same;

Was taken up.

Mr. Finley moved that the Secretary return said bill to the House;

Which was carried.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1851.

Honorable President Senate:

Sir:—The House have concurred in Senate amendments to bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act organizing the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Which was read.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1841.

Hon. President Senate:

Sir:—The House have passed, without amendment, the following Senate bills, viz:

Bill to be entitled, An act to require the original vouchers, accounts and evidence, upon which Warrants are drawn by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to be filed in his office, and not in that of the Treasurer;

Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Nathaniel P. Bemis,

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House Representatives.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1851.

Honorable President Senate :

Sir:—The House have adopted resolution requiring Judges of Probate to issue Writs of Election in certain cases.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Which were read, said bills ordered to be enrolled, and said 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 provide for the collection of Taxes and highway dues, against free persons of color.

Resolutions relative to the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning.

Also, An act to require the original accounts, vouchers and evidence upon which warrants are drawn by the Comptroller of Public Act counts to be filed in his office, and not in that of the Treasurer.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman.*

Which was received.

The following communication was transmitted to his Excellency, the Governor :

SENATE CHAMBER, January 23, 1851.

His Excellency THOMAS BROWN,

Governor of Florida :

Sir:—I have the honor herewith to transmit for the approval of your Excellency, the following acts, viz :

An act to provide for the more effectual administration of justice in the Courts of this State;

An act to amend the law authorizing the organization of Fire Companies;

An act to provide for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning;

An act supplemental to an act entitled an act to regulate Camp Hunting in the Counties of Escambia and Santa Rosa;

An act for the relief of Drs. Franklin Hart and J. T. Rascoe;

Preamble and resolutions relative to lands granted to this State for Seminaries of Learning.

Passed by both Houses of the General Assembly, and signed by the respective officers thereof.

Respectfully,

N. McPHERSON,

Secretary of the Senate.

Resolution requiring Judge of Probate to issue writs of election in certain cases;

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.

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

FRIDAY, January 24, 1851.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present, on motion the reading of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

Mr. Avery 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 explanatory of an act entitled an act to provide for the increase of the School Fund from the State Treasury, passed at the present session of the General Assembly ;

Which 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—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—15.

Nays—None.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

Mr. Finley moved a re-consideration of House bill to be entitled, An act providing for the liquidation of defaulting Banks.

On this motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Finley and Smith, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Smith—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Forward, Johnson, Stewart, Taylor—7.

Said motion was carried.

Mr. Finley moved that all the sections of said bill be re-instated ;

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Finley and Baldwin, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Smith—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Forward, Johnson, Stewart, Taylor—7.

Said motion prevailed, and said bill was read the first time.

Mr. Finley moved that the rule be waived, and that said bill be read the second and third times to-day ;