

FRIDAY, December 13, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Forward moved that the Journals be amended so as they may read as follows:

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to amend the Constitution of the State of Florida, disqualifying members of the Legislature from election to office by the Legislature of which they are members;

Which was carried.

Mr. Smith moved that the Committee on Elections be requested to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to amend and simplify the election law of this State;

Which was carried.

Mr. Smith gives notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to allow Alexander R. Godwin to assume the management of his own estate.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Baldwin introduced the following bills, viz:

Bill to be entitled, An act in relation to naturalized citizens voting in this State.

Bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the several acts now in force, relating to the mode of appointment and duty of Auctioneers; also,

Bill to be entitled, An act to establish the rates of Wharfage, Dockage and Storage in the city of Key West and the county of Monroe;

Which were severally read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Maxwell gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to change the time when the Grand Juries shall examine the books and accounts of the County Treasurer;

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Dec. 11th, 1850.

His Excellency, Thomas Brown, Governor of Florida:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit for the approval of your Excellency, a bill to be entitled, An act to change the name of Francis St. Johns, also,

A bill to be entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth McCaskill.

Passed by the two Houses of the General Assembly and signed by the presiding officers thereof.

Respectfully,

NEILL McPHERSON, *Sec'y. Senate.*

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, December 13, 1850.

The Honorable R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate:

Sir:—I have approved and signed, An act to change the name of Francis St. Johns; also,

An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth McCaskill.

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

THOMAS BROWN.

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 to amend the 11th clause of the 5th article of the Constitution of this State; and also to amend an act amendatory of the 12th clause of the 5th article of the Constitution of this State, and adopted by the 3d and 4th General Assemblies, so as to give the election of the Judges to the people.

JNO. P. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 13, 1850.

Honorable President of the Senate:

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

A bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Harman G. Harlan;

A bill to be entitled, An act for the benefit of James Ponder;

A bill to be entitled, An act to change the name of Benton County to that of Hernando County, and

A bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the relief of George W. Andres.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Which was read.

Said bills are ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was transmitted to the Attorney General of the State:

SENATE CHAMBER, 12th Dec., 1850.

Hon. D. P. Hogue, Attorney General:

Sir: A bill to be entitled, "An act to authorize Henry Hewitt to establish a ferry across the Choctawhatchy river, at a place called Hewitt's bluff, or Bear-head bluff," was read the third time. On motion, said bill was referred to the Attorney General, for his legal opinion as to whether said bill is not an act of incorporation, and whether the passage of said bill comes within the perview of the

General Assembly, without the notice required to be given in acts of incorporation, with a request that he report forthwith.

NEILL McPHERSON, *Sec'y Senate.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to amend the 11th clause of the 5th article of the Constitution of this State: and also to amend an act amendatory of the 12th clause of the 5th article of the Constitution of this State, and adopted by the third and fourth General Assemblies, so as to give the election of the Judges to the people:

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 Hillsborough, 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 an act providing for the purchase, on the part of the State, of lands for sale for taxes;

Was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Bill to be entitled, An act altering the mode and manner of redemption of lands purchased by the State for taxes;

Was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

Bill to be entitled, An act in relation to Injunctions:

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

Bill to be entitled, An act providing new modes of investing the School Fund, prescribing the time at which the first distribution of the interest of the School Fund shall be made, and also for increasing said Fund from the State Treasury;

Was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Avery, the Senate went into Committee of the whole on said bill;

After some time spent in consideration of said bill, the Committee rose, and by their Chairman, Mr. Johnson, reported said bill back to the Senate with sundry amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Mary A. Hardee and David Platt,

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to change the name of Maria L. West;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to change the name of Robert Waterson of Levy County, to that of Robert W. Randell,

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to more fully define the rates of, and duty of pilots for the Port of Cedar Keys.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to establish a Circuit Court in Levy County;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to declare LaFayette and Four-Mile Creeks navigable Streams;

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

Bill to be entitled. An act to alter and amend proceedings in Chancery in certain cases;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Harman G. Harlan;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the relief of Geo. W. Andres,

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to change the name of Benton County to that of Hernando,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times, 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, Stewart and Taylor

—16.

Nays—Mr. President and Mr. Smith—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 benefit of James Ponder,

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

Bill to be entitled, An act providing new modes of investing the School Fund, prescribing the time at which the first distribution of the interest of the School Fund shall be made, and also for increasing said Fund from the State Treasury,

Was made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, December 13, 1850.

The Honorable R. J. Floyd, President of the Senate:

Sir: I herewith transmit to the Senate, for the consideration of the General Assembly, the memorial of the "Board of Trustees of the Madison Literary Institute," addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives, and enclosed to me by the Secretary of the Board, with the request that I will lay it before the Legislature, with such remarks as I may think proper to accompany it.

Knowing, gentlemen, that the subject of schools has engaged your serious attention at the present session, I am sure it will not be necessary for me to attempt any argument to secure your favorable consideration of the meritorious objects the memorialists have in view.

I am, very respectfully, &c.,

THO. BROWN.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 13, 1850.

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir: The House have concurred in the Senate amendment to the Preamble and Resolutions relative to Musquito Bar.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker Ho. Reps.

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

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

SATURDAY, December 14, 1850.

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.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Baldwin introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to define specifically the duties of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County;

Which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Maxwell moved to take from the table, and place among the orders of the day, a bill to be entitled, An act to locate and make permanent the County site of Walton County;

Which was carried.

Mr. Finley gave notice that he would, at some early day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to abolish the office of T