

and the Honorable President of the Senate for a copy of their remarks on the presentation of said LaFayette to the Senate, and to ask of them permission to spread the same upon the Journals of the Senate;

Which motion was carried.

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

TUESDAY, December 17th, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Avery, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act giving to the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company the right to extend their Road into the State of Florida with chartered privileges;

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

Mr. Forward gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to amend the acts now in force providing for the issuing of Garnishments;

Also, An act to amend the several acts now in force in relation to pleadings in civil suits;

Also, An act to amend the act incorporating the Presbyterian Congregation of the city of St. Augustine;

And also, An act reducing the term of service of Road Commissioners and Road Overseers.

Mr. Baldwin presented the petition of Angel Lopez;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The President presented the following communication from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
December 17, 1850. }

The Honorable R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate, &c.:

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit to the Senate, for the consideration of the General Assembly, the accompanying communication from D. S. Walker, Esq., on the subject of the defective organization of that Office, which appears so obvious that I consider it useless for me to make any comments in regard to it.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient, &c.,

THOMAS BROWN.

Office of the Register of Public Lands for the State of Florida, }
 Tallahassee, December 14, 1850. }

To His Excellency THOMAS BROWN,

Governor of the State of Florida:

SIR:—I am induced by a sense of official duty to call your attention to what I consider a radical defect in the organization of this office. The Register, by the present system, is also the Receiver of all moneys arising from the sales of State Lands. This combination constitutes an anomaly in the fiscal system of our State. The Register is the only receiving officer in the State upon whom there is no check. If a collector of taxes shall fail to account for moneys collected, his defalcation will be immediately made known by reference to the books of the Tax Assessor required by law to be filed in the office of the Comptroller, and also in the office of the Judge of Probates. If the Treasurer shall fail to account for moneys received, this will be made manifest by his duplicate receipts on file in the Comptroller's office. But if the Register shall sell a tract of land, and fail to mark it as entered, and charge himself with the proceeds, there will be no evidence in any office of this State to fix his liability. It often occurs that a number of persons happen together in the Register's office, each one pressing at the same time the immediate transaction of his own particular business. Suppose that, from the hurry created by such a circumstance, the Register should sell a tract of land, get the money for it, and omit to make the proper entries, how is the State to be informed of the fact? A Committee might be appointed to examine the Register's books, but they would not show either that the tract had been sold, or paid for. The purchaser, it is true, would have the Register's deed, but the books would not show that fact; and the committee could not be informed of it, unless they should accidentally get the information from the purchaser, which they could hardly do, as the purchaser himself would not know that the proper entries had not been made, and besides would probably reside at a point very remote from the place of investigation. It is true that, in a series of years, the same land might be sold to another individual, and then there might arise a contest between the first purchaser and the second, and it might be thus made to appear that the Register who made the first sale did so without accounting for the proceeds, but in the mean time the officer who made the sale, and all his securities, may have become dead or insolvent.

If the State may lose money in this way by the mere mistake or omission of the Register, how much more may she lose, should this officer be unfortunately seduced by the temptations of his position, and prove recreant to his trust? The large bond of fifty thousand dollars, which he is required to give, is but a very poor security against frauds, when the State is entirely dependent on himself for the evidence of those frauds. If he means to commit a fraud, he will, of course, not furnish evidence for his own conviction.

It thus appears that, if the Register, either through omission or design, should fail to make the proper entries, and charge himself with the proceeds of a sale, the State would be without a remedy. Surely this ought not to be so. It is due to the security of these funds that some remedy should be devised, and it is also due to the Register that he should have some means of vindicating himself against the charge of corruption, if he should accidentally and unintentionally omit to charge himself properly. If he should unfortunately make such an omission, and it should, in some way, come to light at a future period, how would he be able to defend himself against the charge of embezzlement? His defence would be impossible, because no one but himself would have any knowledge of the transaction. An honest officer, seeking faithfully to discharge his duties, ought not to be subjected, by his position, to suspicions of this sort.

All men are liable to mistakes, and should the Register make a mistake the State ought, if possible, to give him an opportunity of showing, if he can, that it is an unintentional omission and not a wilful error.

To give ample security to these funds, certainty, accuracy and precision to the operations of the office, and at the same time the means of vindication to the character of the officer, I very respectfully, but also very earnestly, suggest to your Excellency the propriety of adopting a system similar to that which has, perhaps from the beginning of the Government, prevailed in regard to the sales of the public lands of the United States.

I suggest the propriety of making our State Treasurer the Receiver ex officio of all moneys arising from the sale of State lands.

The process of entering lands under the plan I have the honor to suggest, would be this—

Any person desiring to purchase State lands, would be required to make a written application for the tract wanted to the Register, whose duty it would be to append to said application a certificate, stating the number of acres in the tract and the price thereof per acre, the particular fund to which said tract belongs, and that said tract is vacant and subject to be entered by the applicant.

The applicant would present said application and certificate to the Treasurer, whose duty it would be to receive from the applicant the cash payment in full, or the cash payment in part and bonds for the balance, as now allowed by law, and give a receipt therefor to the purchaser and file a duplicate of said receipt with the original application and certificate in the office of the Register, whose duty it would be carefully to preserve the same and thereupon to enter the land in the name of the applicant, and if the applicant has paid the whole purchase money to give him a deed; but if the applicant has paid only a part of the purchase money and given bonds for the balance as now allowed by law, then the Register would withhold

a deed until the applicant shall bring a receipt from the Treasurer, stating that the last instalment has been paid.

The Treasurer would keep in his books a separate account of the moneys received and disbursed on account of the Seminary Fund, as he does by the existing law, and a separate account of the moneys received and disbursed on account of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The practical operation of requiring the purchaser to make payment to the Treasurer instead of the Register, would be that the Treasurer would never receive a dollar from the sale of any State lands without putting his receipt for the same on file in the Register's office; and the Register would never sell an acre of said lands without having the Treasurer's receipt to show the payment therefor.— Thus, either office would be a complete check upon the other, and if in either any error should occur, whether by mistake or design, the means of its immediate correction would always be found in the other.

No additional trouble would, by this plan, be given to the applicant. The Register and Treasurer would, for their own convenience, keep in their offices blank applications, receipts and certificates, such as are now kept in the United States' land offices, which they could fill up in an instant, and despatch business quite as rapidly as it is now done.

The additional expense would be trifling. It is already, by the law now in force, the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Register all moneys arising from the sale of School lands, and I can see no reason why he should not also receive the moneys arising from the sales of the other public lands, and this at first without having the funds to pass previously through the hands of the Register. I presume it would be necessary for the Treasurer, either in person or by deputy, to attend with the Register the auction sales in the different counties, and the expense of his attendance would be the only necessary additional expense of the proposed change. The mere labor of receiving and receipting for the money does not amount to a great deal, and besides is an appropriate duty of the Treasurer's office and one, doubtless, which that officer would cheerfully perform without additional compensation.

I beg that your Excellency will consider of this matter, and if the proposed change strikes you as desirable, then that your Excellency will recommend its adoption to the Legislature.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your ob't serv't.,

D. S. WALKER, *Register, &c.*

Which was read, and on motion 150 copies of said communication, and accompanying documents ordered to be printed.

The President presented the following communication from D. S. Walker, Register of State Lands:

OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF PUBLIC LANDS,
Tallahassee, December 17th, 1850.

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

SIR:—I find that in the report, I had the honor to make to the Senate on the 9th inst., concerning Seminary Lands, I omitted the sales for 1847.

It appears from the report of my predecessor for that year, there were sold of Seminary Lands 11805 36-100 acres, producing \$32,825-24, and averaging \$2,78 per acre.

I beg leave to offer the above as a supplemental to my report of the 9th instant.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
D. S. WALKER,
Register of Public Lands.

Which was read.

Mr. Moseley from the Committee on elections made the following report.

The Committee on Elections, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act in relation to naturalized citizens voting in this State, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and instructed me, as their Chairman, to report the bill back without amendment, and recommend its passage.

W. P. MOSELEY, *Chairman.*

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

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

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to alter and amend proceedings in Chancery in certain cases, having considered the same, ask to

REPORT:

That the objects of said bill are to remove difficulties in Chancery practice, which are often troublesome and lead to unnecessary delay. They recommend the following in reference thereto:

Strike out section 2, and insert as a substitute this:

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted,* That whenever any final decree shall be obtained in Equity, execution shall issue thereon, as well against the goods and chattels, lands, and tenements generally of the defendant, as against the mortgaged property, in the same manner as if the foreclosure had been obtained under a petition at common law provided by the statutory regulations of this State; and the mortgaged property shall be endorsed on the execution, and it shall be the duty of the Sheriff first to sell that, or so much thereof as may be within the jurisdiction of the Court, and af-

terwards, if the execution be not satisfied, to levy upon and sell any other property of defendant he may find sufficient for the purpose.

The Committee recommend the passage of the bill as thus amended.

A. E. MAXWELL, *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 correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled, An act to empower Alexander R. Godwin, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

A bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of the heirs of J. Underwood;

A 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.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. B. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, December 17, 1850.

His Excellency, Thomas Brown, Governor of Florida:

SIR:—I have the honor herewith to transmit for the approval of your Excellency, the following bills entitled, respectively—

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act Incorporating the City of Pensacola, approved March 2d, 1839;

Bill to be entitled, An act to change the name of Roxana Jones to Roxana Wheeler;

Bill to be entitled, An act to Legitimate John Robert Geiger;

Bill to be entitled, An act to authorize William Henry Van Horn, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with;

Bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act to improve the Navigation of the Suwannee River.

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

Respectfully,

NEILL McPHERSON,

Secretary Senate.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, made the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, to whom was referred "so much of the Governor's message and documents ac-

companying the same, as relate to the boundary line between this State and the State of Georgia," respectfully ask leave to

REPORT:

That they find that in pursuance of instructions given by a joint resolution of the General Assembly, passed January 4th, 1849, the Attorney General was "authorized and required to file a bill in the Supreme Court of the United States to confirm and quiet the boundary line between the State of Florida and the State of Georgia," and that, "His Excellency, the Governor, was authorized to employ such associate counsel," "by and with the advice and council of the Attorney General, as may be deemed necessary." The Committee therefore deem it proper to place in the hands of the Governor the means to prosecute the same to a final settlement, and herewith present a bill, the passage of which the Committee unanimously recommend.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROB. BROWN,

Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.
Which was received.

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

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill entitled, An act to amend an act providing for the purchase, on behalf of the State, of land offered for sale for taxes, ask leave to report:

That they do recommend the passage of the bill with the following, as an additional section:

Section 2. *Be it further enacted,* That lands bought in for the State, in accordance with the provisions of the act to which this is an amendment, and not redeemed within the time prescribed, shall be considered as belonging to the Common School Fund; and all sales of said lands thereafter made, shall be made by the Register, subject to all the rules, regulations and restrictions which are now or may hereafter be imposed upon the sale of Seminary lands.

O. M. AVERY,

Chairman of Committee on Schools and Colleges.
Which was received, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

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

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize William H. Chase and Albert G. Gay to cut a canal connecting the waters of the Perdido river and the Grand lagoon, have had the same under consideration, and ask

REPORT:

That they do not consider said act as one which the Constitution

forbids the General Assembly to act upon without previous published notice. It is not an "act of incorporation," nor do its provisions make it one in reality, while its name imports otherwise. The Committee, therefore, do not think it obnoxious to the views of the Attorney General, in relation to acts granting exclusive privileges; and inasmuch as the work contemplated will prove of great benefit to the public, and the Constitution and policy of the State require the encouragement of such improvements, I am instructed to report in favor of the passage of the bill.

A. E. MAXWELL, *Chairman.*

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

Mr. Maxwell also made the following report:
The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act in relation to Injunctions, have instructed me to

REPORT:

That they have considered the same, and find that its purpose is to lessen the stringency of the law as it now stands, which imposes ten per cent. damages in all cases of Injunctions whether obtained in the belief of merits or merely for delay. The present bill requires only such damages as the party may have actually sustained, provided, however, that ten per cent. shall be assessed if delay was the object. This relieves from what might sometimes be a great hardship, and also guards against unnecessary trifling and consequent injustice.

The committee recommend the following amendment to section viz: After the word "delay" at the end thereof add the words "Provided, however, that Executors and Administrators, Guardians and Trustees shall only be required to give bond, conditioned for the payment of ten per cent. damages, in case it shall appear that the injunction was obtained for delay."

This amendment is intended to prevent the persons named from being deterred from the discharge of duty, when they believe the case to be one of merit, and necessary for the protection of the estate they have in charge. With this amendment, the Committee recommend the passage of the bill.

A. E. MAXWELL, *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, beg leave to report as correct the following bills, to wit:

An act to amend an act entitled an act to re-establish the records of the County of Jackson, and for other purposes;

An act to punish Cheats and false pretences;

An act for the relief of Geore M. Hamilton;

An act prescribing the duty of the Register of Public Lands, Sheriffs and Solicitors in relation to the recovery of estates escheating or reverting to the School Fund, on account of a defect of heirs or next of kin, and for other purposes;

An act in relation to Pilotage for the Port of Key West; and

An act for the relief of Levi F. Miller, Sheriff of Washington County.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman.*

Which was received.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 17, 1850.

Honorable President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House have concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the punishment of such persons as unlawfully issue, pass, or circulate Change Bills or Notes under the denomination of One Dollar.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Which was read.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 17, 1850.

Honorable President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend an act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors, and for other purposes;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Jacob Bryan;

An act for the relief of William Thigpin.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives;

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 17, 1850. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House have passed Senate bill to be entitled, "An act to establish the fees of Notaries Public, in certain cases in the Counties of Monroe and Wakulla," with the following amendment, viz:

In the first section, strike out the word "counties" in the fifth line, and insert "county," and in the sixth line strike out the words "and Wakulla."

In the last line of the second section, strike out the word "counties" and insert "county."

In the title, strike out the word "counties" and insert "county," and strike out the words "and Wakulla."

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

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER, *

Speaker House of Representatives.

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

The following communication, was received from his Excellency the Governor;

SENATE CHAMBER, December 17, 1850.

The Honorable R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate :

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

An act "to amend the act incorporating the city of Pensacola, approved March 2nd, 1839."

An act "to change the name of Roxanna Jones to Roxanna Wheeler."

An act "to legitimate John Robert Geiger."

An act "to authorize, William Henry Van Horn a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with."

An act "to repeal an act to improve the navigation of the Suwannee River,"

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

THOMAS BROWN.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act entitled, an act incorporating towns,

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

Yeas—Messrs. Crawford, Moseley, Smith—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Finley, Forward, Johnson, McMillan, Taylor—12.

Said bill was lost.

House bill to be entitled, An act to unite the duties of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector in the County of Levy,

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, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—17.

Nays—None.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to regulate the Pilotage of the Bar of the River St. Johns;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—17.

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 in relation to naturalized citizens voting in this State;

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

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

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of the heirs of Jacob Bryan;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of William Thigpen;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Collectors, and for other purposes;

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

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 as amended, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

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

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

Bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida;

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled. An act to empower Alexander K. Godwin, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Perry, Smith, Stewart—12.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Forward Moseley, Taylor—6.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize William H. Chase and Albert Golay to cut a canal connecting the waters of the Perdido River and the Grand Lagoon;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart—15.

Nay—Mr. President—1.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of the heirs of J. Underwood,

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.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act providing new modes of investing the School Fund, and also prescribing the time at which the first distribution of the interest of the School Fund shall be made,

Was read the third time; on 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.

Mr. Moseley moved that the rule be waived, and he be allowed to

introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to require purchasers of State Lands to make payment therefor to the Treasurer of this State ;

Which was carried, and said bill read the first time.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 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. Brown of Columbia, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to grant the right of pre-emption to persons who have settled on sixteenth sections in certain cases ;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Mr. Forward gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to enable Executors, Administrators and Guardians to sell the real estate of Infants.

Mr. Forward, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to amend the acts now in force providing for the issuing of Gas-nishments ;

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

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Forward introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to amend the several acts now in force in relation to pleadings in Civil Suits ;

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

Mr. Forward pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act reducing the term of service of Road Commissioners ;

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Finley introduced 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 ;

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