

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.

Mr. Maxwell presented the petition of Benjamin Byrd, relative to the dividing line of Leon and Wakulla Counties;

Which was read, and referred to the Select Committee having charge of the Southern boundary of Leon County.

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 to be entitled an act for the relief of Nathaniel P. Marion, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find, on examination of the papers referred to, that Josiah T. Baisden, Sheriff of Hamilton County, sold for Taxes in 1846 a quarter section of land at auction, and also that Nathaniel P. Marion became the purchaser at twenty-five dollars. It also appears that the Sheriff sold by mistake a different quarter section from the one intended to be sold. Your Committee are satisfied that the above specified sum of twenty-five dollars has been paid into the State Treasury, and that the said Nathaniel P. Marion is an innocent purchaser, and is therefore fully entitled to relief. For this purpose, they report back the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

M. C. BROWN,

Chairman Committee on Claims and Accounts.

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

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 for the relief of Gadsden County, ask leave to Report:

The Committee recommend the passage of the bill, with the following additional section.

Sec. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the said loan shall be so invested as to have the interest payable on the 20th July, 1851, and annually thereafter.

O. M. AVERY, *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 a report relative to a bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act entitled an act to exempt Homesteads from Execution, Attachment, and Distress, approved March 11th, 1845;

Which was, on motion, with said bill, laid on the table.

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

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was re-

ferred a bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of George W. Andrews; and also a bill for the relief of Harman G. Harlan; and also, a bill for the relief of Kinchen P. Ellis, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration; and after mature examination, your Committee recommend that the said bills do not pass.

D. J. SMITH, *Chairman.*

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

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 to be entitled, An act to define specifically the duties of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, ask leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration, and believing that the object sought for Monroe should be obtained for all the Counties in the State, herewith present a substitute for said bill, and recommend its passage.

O. M. AVERY,

Chairman Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Which was received, and said bill, together with said substitute, 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 Bryant Sheffield, of Hamilton County, praying a charter for a Toll-bridge on the Suwannee River, at the White Spring, ask leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and taking that subject in connection with the opinion of the Attorney General received a few days since, and following out what they believe to be strictly duty, have instructed me, as their Chairman, to report unfavorable to the prayer of the petitioner.

W. R. TAYLOR,

Chairman Committee on Internal Improvements.

Which was received.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, beg leave to report as correctly Engrossed, the following bills, viz:

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

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act providing for the purchase, on the part of the State of lands offered for sale for taxes, approved January 11, 1849;

A bill to be entitled, An act in relation to Injunctions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. P. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

Which was received, and said bills 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:

An act to amend an act amendatory of the several acts now in force in relation to the Assessment and Collection of the Revenue, approved January 13th, 1849;

Also, An act for the relief of William D. Branch and John H. Madison.

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 13, 1850.

Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House have directed the bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Leon and Gadsden Plank Road Company, to be transmitted to the Senate, it being represented that the Senate are now in possession of evidence relative to the due publication of notice requisite for the Constitutional enactment of said bill, said bill having been previously returned by the Senate to this house for want of a certificate of such notice.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Plank Road Company:

Was taken up.

On motion the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on said bill, Mr. Baldwin in in the Chair.

After some time spent in consideration of said bill, the Committee rose, and by the Chairman, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again,

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills, beg leave to report as correctly Enrolled:

An act to establish the fees of Notaries Public in certain cases in the County of Monroe.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman.*

Which was received.

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 Schools and Colleges.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Gadsden County;

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

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

Was read the third time.

Mr. Smith moved the indefinite postponement of said bill;

On which question the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Forward and Johnson, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Crawford, Finley, Forward, Maxwell, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart and Taylor—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Buddington, Johnson and McMillan—8.

Said bill was indefinitely postponed.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Kinchen P. Ellis,

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to alter and amend Proceedings in Chancery in certain cases,

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brown of Columbia, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, Taylor—7.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Buddington, Crawford, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart—9.

So said bill was lost.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act in relation to Injunctions.

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, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—16.

Nays—None.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act providing for the purchase, on the part of the State, of Lands offered for sale for Taxes, approved January 11th, 1849;

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

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

Nay—Mr. Austin—1

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

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

THURSDAY, December 19, 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.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Brown of Columbia, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the Administrators of Henry V. Ellis, deceased, to sell real estate;

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

Mr. Forward introduced the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That on Monday next, the 23d inst., at 12 o'clock, M., the two Houses proceed to the election of a United States Senator, for the State of Florida, to supply the vacancy which will occur on the 4th March next, in consequence of the expiration of the term of the Hon. D. L. Yulee.

Mr. Baldwin moved the indefinite postponement of said resolution.

Upon this motion, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Forward, and were: