

The Committee on Enrolled Bills report as correctly enrolled, the following bills, to wit:

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;

An act entitled an act for securing liens to Mechanics, Overseers and others, approved December 29, 1845;

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;

An act for the relief of the heirs of J. Underwood:

An act to amend an act entitled an act for the protection of Fisheries on the coast of Florida, approved December 17, 1845;

An act for the relief of Nathaniel P. Marion;

An act in relation to the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida;

An act altering the mode and manner of redemption of lands purchased by the State for taxes; also,

An act providing for the purchase, on the part of the State, of lands for sale for taxes, approved January 11, 1849.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman*.

Which was received.

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

SATURDAY, December 28, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Avery gave notice that he would, at a future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act providing for the incorporation of societies known as Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of societies known as Sons of Temperance.

Mr. Maxwell moved to take from the table and place among the orders of the day, a bill to be entitled, An act to re-organize the Judiciary System, and to establish Five Judicial Circuits;

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

Mr. Brown of Hillsborough, gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to license George W. Andrews to practice Medicine in the County of Hernando.

Mr. Johnson introduced the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Whereas, the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, did

by Act of Feb'y 9th, 1838, "guarantee to the officers and privates of the militia of the Territory who may at any time since the commencement of the present Indian difficulties have been legally called into service by the Governor, or any other officers of the Territorial Militia, and who remain unpaid, or which may hereafter be called into service for the defence of the frontier of Florida, the pay which is now allowed by the United States," to the same description of troops. And whereas, by act of the 2d March, 1839, a law was passed "authorizing the Governor to accept twelve companies of volunteers, to be stationed and ordered, wherever in the Territory he may think expedient and proper, so as to ensure the defence of the frontier; and as soon as said force is organized, or such part of said corps as may be first ready for service, the Governor shall request the commanding officer of the United States Army in Florida to receive and muster said corps into the service of the United States, and if such commanding officer refuse to accept the service of the said twelve companies or any part of them, then the Governor shall have the said companies mustered into the service of the Territory," "to receive the same pay, rations and forage as the United States now allow to the same character of troops." And whereas, a number of companies at various periods were received into the service, and offered to the authorities of the United States as required of the Governor, and that the United States accepted the offer of their service. And by order emanating from the Maj. General Commanding in Chief, directed to the commanding officer in Florida, it was required that "in mustering this force into the service you will instruct the mustering officer to include in the muster, the militia now in the service of the Territory from the dates they entered it, and to muster out of service such of them as may wish to retire." And whereas, in mustering the militia of the Territory there were men who had served and performed faithfully all the duties, and had undergone all the hardships, of an arduous and active campaign, who were refused by the mustering officer to be mustered into the service of the United States, thereby losing all their previous service and all evidence of service, such as is required for the payment of a soldier, by not being placed upon the muster rolls from the time they entered the service until they were refused. And whereas, the authorities of Florida did by the acts above recited, employ for the defence of the frontier the said soldiers, and at the same time did guarantee their payment. Therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened, That the Comptroller of Public Accounts be, and he is hereby, required to audit the claims of said soldiers, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Governor, that the same may be forthwith presented by the Governor, who is authorized and requested to prosecute said claims before the proper Departments of the United States Government at Washington, or place them in the hands of our Delegation in Congress to

prosecute before that body, and that as soon as the money for said claims is received, to place it in the Treasury of the State for the liquidation of said claims.

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

Mr. Avery, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled, An act requiring to be paid into the School Fund money derived from the sale of slaves under the act of November 22, 1849, ask leave to report the same back without amendment, and recommend its passage.

O. M. AVERY, *Chairman.*

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

Mr. Brown of Hillsborough, from the Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of J. L. Wyman, made the following report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and after a careful examination of the subject, request me, as their Chairman, to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

Which is respectfully submitted.

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.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 27, 1850.

Honorable President of the Senate:

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Apalachicola and Middle Florida Plank Road Company; and

Bill to be entitled, An act relating to the School Funds; also,

Resolution relative to furnishing a County Seal for Hernando County.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Which was read, 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 28, 1850.

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 locate and make permanent the County Site of Walton;

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

An act to alter and amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company;

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

Respectfully,
N. McPHERSON,
Secretary of the Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

House bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act entitled an act explanatory of the several acts in relation to the migration of free negroes of color into this State, approved January 13, 1849;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Forward, Perry—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Smith—11.

Said bill was lost.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend the seventeenth clause of the fifth article of the Constitution of this State;

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

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 in relation to Roads in Escambia County.

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act entitled an act fixing the salary of the Governor of this State, and to authorize the appointment of a Governor's Secretary and Clerk for the Executive Department, and for other purposes, approved by the Governor, July 25th, 1845; also,

A bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Angel Lopez;

Which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. P. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled: An act for the relief of Angel Lopez;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hills-

borough, Buddington, Crawford, Forward, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith—12.

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 in relation to roads in Escambia County;

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—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith—13.

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 for the relief of W. D. Moseley, and for other purposes;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to tax slaves brought into this State for hire;

Was taken up. On motion the Senate, resolved itself into Committee of the whole on said bill, Mr. Moseley in the Chair. After some time spent in consideration of said bill, the Committee rose and the Chairman thereof reported said bill back to the Senate as amended;

Which report was concurred in, and said bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Joseph Sierra to build a wharf in the city of Pensacola;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith—13.

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 providing for the increase of the School Fund from the State Treasury;

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

House resolution relative to furnishing a County seal for Hernando County;

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 more particularly to define the duties of Weighers of Cotton in this State;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Crawford, Forward, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley, Perry—10.

Nays—Messrs. Buddington, Smith—2.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of J. L. Wyman;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to re-organize the Judicial System, and to establish Five Judicial Circuits;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act requiring to be paid into the School Fund money derived from the sale of Slaves, under the act of November 22, 1829;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act entitled an act fixing the salary of Governor's Secretary and Clerk for the Executive Department, and for other purposes, approved by the Governor July 25, 1845;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Maxwell, McMillan, Smith—9.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Forward, Johnson, Moseley, Perry—5.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

The following messages were received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, December 28th, 1850.

The Honorable R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I have approved and signed,

An act to locate and make permanent the County-site of Walton County;

Also, an act to empower Alexander R. Godwin, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate.

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

THO. BROWN.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, December 28, 1850.

To the Honorable R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to change the name of Maria L. West;

An act for the relief of Mary A. Hardee and David Platt;

An act to establish the rates of Wharfage, Dockage, and Storage in the City of Key West, County of Monroe.

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

THOMAS BROWN.

Which on motion were read.

On motion of Mr. Moseley, the Senate adjourned till half-past 10 o'clock, Monday next, A. M.

MONDAY, December 30, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Avery gave notice that he would, at a future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act giving to Judges of Probate the powers of Justices of the peace, and extending their jurisdiction to amounts of one hundred dollars.

Mr. Johnson, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act fixing the compensation of Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors for Collecting and Assessing taxes for County purposes;

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

Mr. Baldwin moved to take from the table and place among the orders of the day;

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to exempt homesteads from execution, attachment and distress, approved March 11, 1845;

Which motion was carried, 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 for the relief of J. L. Wyman.

A bill to be entitled, An act to tax slaves brought into this State for hire.