

waived, and the resolution read a second and third times, and the resolution passed.

Mr. Gonzalez, from the Committee on Claims, made the following report :

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom the petition of William Watson, of Jefferson County, was referred, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report :

That upon examination, they find the facts as stated in said petition true, and recommend that an act be passed refunding said petitioner the three several instalments paid by him to the Register of Lands for the State, with interest upon said instalments from the time they were respectively paid. But your committee, upon a careful consideration thereof, feel compelled to report against that portion of said petition, which prays that the difference between fifty cents and one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for the land mentioned therein shall be refunded to said petitioner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL Z. GONZALEZ, Chairman.

Mr. Blackburn moved to re-commit the petition. Upon which motion, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Blackburn and Brown, and were as follows, viz :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Finley, Forsyth, Hawes, Moseley, Stewart and Wynn—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Brown, Buddington, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Provence, Smith and Snell—9.

So the motion was lost.

On motion, the petition was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Blackburn, Finley and Moseley.

On motion, the rules were waived, to allow Mr. Brown to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the Chairman of each of the Standing Committees of the Senate with a copy of Thompson's Digest, and of the acts of the General Assembly passed subsequently.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Stewart, from the Joint Committee appointed to fix the rate of compensation to be paid for the printing of the General Assembly during its present session, made the following report :

The Joint Committee of the Senate and House, appointed to fix the rate of compensation to be paid for the printing of the General Assembly during its present session, ask leave to report :

That they have contracted with Mr. Clisby for the printing of the Senate, and Mr. Dyke for the printing of the House, upon the following terms, viz :

For furnishing 500 copies of the Journals at \$2 per page, counting one copy; for daily slips of proceedings, and all other miscellaneous printing, such as Reports of the Senate and House, bills, slips, &c., $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cent for 100 words, counting 75 copies.

Which is respectfully submitted. GEORGE STEWART,
Chairman of Senate Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An Act to separate the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector in the County of Nassau, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A resolution in regard to the Seminary and Internal Improvement Fund, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

There being no further business before the Senate,
On motion of Mr. Johnson, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 1, 1852.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Zealey officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the proceedings of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

Mr. Brown gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled An Act concerning the fees of Judges of Probate.

Mr. Wynn gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled An Act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State lands, approved 20th July, 1851.

Mr. Blackburn, according to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to diminish the frequency of Justice's Courts ;
Which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Stewart, according to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled An Act giving to the Judge of Probate of Nassau County the power of Justice of the Peace in certain cases ;

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

Mr. Moseley, according to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled An act to invest the Internal Improvement Fund in certain plank roads therein mentioned ;

Which was read the first time, and on motion, the rule was waived, the bill read a second time by its title, and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wynn gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of the actual settlers on State lands, who have paid or contracted to pay more than the appraised value of said lands.

On motion, Mr. Forsyth was excused from attendance in the Senate to-day, on account of indisposition.

Mr. Baldwin moved that a committee of five be appointed, to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, to examine the office of Comptroller of the State of Florida ;

Which motion was adopted, and the following committee appointed, viz :

Messrs. Moseley, Provence, Blackburn, Wynn and Buddington.

Mr. Finley, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following Report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred a bill entitled "An act to separate the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector in the County of Nassau," and also a "Resolution in regard to the Seminary and Internal Improvement Fund," have examined the same, and report them correctly engrossed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. FINLEY,

Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

An Engrossed Resolution in regard to the Seminary and Internal Improvement Fund ;

Was read a third time, and passed.

An engrossed bill entitled An act to separate the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector in the County of Nassau ;

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

YEAS.—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Gillis, Gonzalez, Hawes, Johnson, Moseley, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—14.

NAYS.—0.

Said bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An act to prevent owners of Teams from sending more than one negro with each team, without a permit to such extra teamster ;

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

A bill to be entitled An act to repeal a certain Act therein named, and for other purposes ;

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

A bill to be entitled An act to change and modify the system of Licensing retailers of spirituous liquors, and to give the power to the legal voters in each Magistrate's District in the several Counties in this State ;

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

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 2, 1852.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Zealey officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Messrs. Forsyth and Blackburn were excused from attending in the Senate for to-day.

Mr. Long moved that the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to enquire into the propriety of authorizing the Board of Internal Improvements to negotiate a loan of money, upon a pledge of the public lands of Florida, known as the Internal Improvement Lands, in order to anticipate the sales of said lands, by raising a fund with which to commence a system of Internal Improvements in this State, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Long moved that the Committee on Finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of investing the Internal Improvement, the Common School and the Seminary Funds of this State now held in cash, in stocks or in notes, or bonds in the capital stock of a State Bank, hereafter to be chartered, and that said committee report as soon as practicable.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following amendment, viz :

To strike out the word "Finance," and insert "Corporations ;" Which amendment was accepted, and the reference made accordingly.

Mr. Hawes gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the payment of all claims against the State of volunteers who served under Gen. Hopkins and others, and for losses sustained in the defence of the frontier settlements against the Indians.

On motion of Mr. Long,

The rules were waived, and he was allowed to introduce, without previous notice, the following bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled An Act to equalize taxation in this State ; Which was received, and placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Provence gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act to invest a portion of the Internal Improvement Fund in certain plank roads therein to be mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Finley,

The rules were waived, and he was allowed to introduce, without previous notice, a bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Terrance Levy to Terrance Wimberly, and for other purposes ;

Which was received, and placed among the Orders of the Day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :