

Section 2 *Be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws conflicting with this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Said bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to promote Agriculture in this State,

Was read a second time, when Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment :

“ Provided one half of the sum thus appropriated shall be applied exclusively to the cultivation of tropical fruits and productions.”

Which was adopted.

It was moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, whereupon, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Snell, and were as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Gillis, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Stewart—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Johnson, Long and Wynn—7.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of J. A. Pillans,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to facilitate the collection of debts due by any banking corporation,

Was read a second time, and on motion, laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An Act to invest a portion of the Internal Improvement fund in certain plank roads therein mentioned,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the town of Marianna,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to Committee on Corporations.

House bill to be entitled An Act making appropriation for the compilation and publication of Thompson's collection of the British Statutes of force in this State,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Victoria Baty to that of Victoria Bellows, and for other purposes,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act relating to the assessment of taxes in the county of Jackson,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to define more particularly the county lines of Calhoun county,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act regulating quarantine in this State,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to change and modify the penal statutes in reference to gaming,

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

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, December 22, 1852.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Zealey officiated as Chaplain. A quorum being present, the journal of yesterday's proceedings was read, amended and approved.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, the rule was waived and he permitted to introduce the following bill without previous notice :

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the recording of the marks and brands of cattle shipped from the State of Florida, approved 6th January, 1849,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Wynn, the rule was waived and he permitted to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Dr. J. W. Bozeman, Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the rule was waived and he permitted to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled An Act to fix definitely the fees of Judge of Probate for the County of Columbia in a certain case therein specified,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Snell presented the following petition of E. J. Knight, A. J. Alexander and forty other citizens of Hernando County, for relief of William Crawford,

Which was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Snell, Smith and Gonzalez.

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

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to prevent negroes from being taken out of the State, from the present Indian country, without notice, approve of the same, except one provision of the fourth section, which they think should be amended by striking out of the fifth, sixth and seventh lines, the words “ and of the exhibition of such negro or negroes, in compliance with the requirements of this Act.”

This amendment would seem necessary because of the difficulty of ascertaining the proper proportion of this particular item of expense which ought to be borne by the owner of each slave claimed.

Respectfully,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

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

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to legitimate Augustus W. Whitmere, Elizabeth Whitmere, Joseph C. Whitmere and Margaret Whitmere, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of the same, without amendment.

The Committee have been satisfied from proof before them, that this Act meets with the approbation of the Father and Mother of said illegitimates, and that the same will be beneficial to them.— While the committee would be loath to recommend a measure calculated to encourage immorality, yet they are willing to enable parents who have offended against its laws, to make the only honorable attonement to the unfortunate offspring which remains in their power.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to amend the patrol laws of this State, having considered the same, have instructed the undersigned to report the bill back without amendment, and to recommend its passage.

In the present deranged condition of our military organization, there is often no Captain in office to appoint patrol, and the bill confers this power upon the Justice of the Peace of each district. A well organized patrol is deemed of great importance, and this bill allows each county to pay for this service, if the Commissioners choose to do so, as an additional means of ensuring certain and efficient patrol service.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for partition of

estates, approved 14th March, 1844, having considered the same, recommend that said bill do not pass.

The law intended to be amended does not seem to the committee to require any amendment, and moreover the proposed alteration involves an impossibility, namely, in this : that in cases where the residence of a non-resident defendant is unknown, that publication to offer for sale be made in some newspaper of the State or City in which such non-resident resides. The committee recommend that said bill do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

The Judiciary Committee who were instructed to take into consideration the expediency and justice of making some provision at the next session of the General Assembly for funding or paying the scrip of the late Territory of Florida, which still remains outstanding and unpaid, and to report thereon "by bill or otherwise ;"

Having had the subject under consideration, have instructed the undersigned to report the accompanying bill and to recommend its passage, as both expedient and just.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin, from the Committee on School and Colleges, made the following report :

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act granting chartered privileges to the Trustees of the "East Florida Seminary," beg leave to report :

That they have had said bill under consideration and have instructed the undersigned to report the same back to the Senate with the following amendments : strike out the words "of the Legislature" and all after the word "Florida" in the enacting clause, and insert after the word "Florida," the words "in General Assembly convened."

Insert "Be it further enacted, that" at the beginning of sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Your Committee also recommend the following as an additional section :

"Sec. 9. *Be it further enacted,* That the Seminary to be established under the provisions of this act shall be located at Micanopy, in Alachua county."

Your Committee cannot permit this occasion to pass without expressing their gratification at the desire thus manifested to establish

a Seminary of Learning in our State. Too much commendation cannot be given to the projectors of this School, and your Committee trust that this praiseworthy effort may meet with every encouragement that they desire for it.

JOHN P. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also, the following :

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act to provide for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report :

That the location of the Seminary of Learning to be established east of the Suwannee, at Ocala, is highly desirable, as well on account of the position of that town with reference to the other portions of East Florida, as of the other advantages which it possesses. Your Committee are informed that Ocala is one of the most healthy towns in the country, and [combines all the comforts and advantages that could be desired by parents and pupils. Buildings have already been erected by the munificence and public spirit of the inhabitants, which your Committee understand were intended to be used and appropriated to the purposes intended by the act to which the bill under consideration is designed as an amendment. Too much credit cannot be given to the people who have thus contributed to the cause of education, and who have thus early manifested a desire to promote an object which we should all hold in the highest esteem. The rapid improvement of the county in which Ocala is situated gives an assurance that in a short time it will become one of the most populous and important in the State. And if, at this early day, the inhabitants have succeeded by their praiseworthy efforts in establishing a high school of a character to deserve encouragement we have every reason to believe that, with the assistance which may be rendered them from the Seminary Fund, they will succeed in making the institution a creditable one to the State.

Your Committee will not comment on the importance of the object in view. It will readily suggest itself to the most careless observer.

Your Committee earnestly recommend the passage of the bill.

JOHN P. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report as correctly engrossed, An Act to amend the law granting pre-emption rights to settlers on State lands,

An Act for the relief of James Brown and William Gainer, Sr.,
And, also, as correctly re-engrossed,
An Act authorizing County subscriptions for works of internal improvement.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. FINLEY,

Chairman.

Which was received, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Wynn, from the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, made the following report :

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to equalize Taxation in this State, ask leave to make the following report :

That with regard to the first section of said bill, exempting from taxation Public Inspectors and Weighers, Pilots, Physicians and Lawyers, they beg leave to call your attention to the maxim quoted from that eminent writer on Political Economy. Adam Smith, by our Comptroller, in his able report, (and to which sage maxim we presume not to demur,) "that the subjects [citizens] of every State ought to contribute towards the support of the government, as nearly as possible according to their respective abilities ;" and considering that the ability of a citizen to contribute to the support of the government is best evidenced from the amount of income he may receive, from whatever sources, the exemption required in said first section does not meet our approbation.

In connection with the foregoing subject, the Committee would call your attention to the erroneous opinion which prevails, that planters pay less tax on their incomes than merchants, and those for whom an exemption is proposed in the bill under our consideration. In illustration we will take the case of a planter engaged in the production of our great staple, and whose income is three thousand five hundred dollars, and contrast it with a similar income or incomes now paying a tax of twenty-two cents per hundred dollars.

Thirty-five hundred dollars, allowing thirty-five dollars per bale for cotton, (and that is a large average), is equal to one-hundred bales ; by allowing four bales to the hand employed in its production, it will be shown that it requires twenty-five hands to produce the hundred bales, or \$3,500 income. But upon a plantation working twenty-five operatives, there are at least fifteen worthless negroes—raising the number to forty, the tax upon whom is twenty-two dollars. Two hundred and fifty acres second quality land is requisite for the production of one hundred bales of cotton, and two hundred acres is required to make corn and other provisions for the plantation, and at least two hundred and fifty should be reserved for fences and other timbers, &c., making an aggregate of seven hundred acres, the tax upon which, at eight and a quarter mills per acre, is \$5 77. Add twenty-two dollars negro tax, and we see that the farmer pays \$27 77 on his income of \$3,500, whilst the tax imposed

on a like amount of income of public inspectors, weighers, &c., is only \$7 70, leaving a balance against the planter to the amount of \$20 07.

The prices of agricultural productions being the basis of the value of real estate—said prices being subject to such material changes, induces the Committee to believe that the *ad valorem* taxation on lands would be productive of a revenue too uncertain and fluctuating to be relied on for the support of the government, and they conceive that the same objection pertains to an *ad valorem* tax on slave property, which derives its value from the same source.

The fourth section of the bill under our consideration, providing for the taxation upon all machinery used in this State for the manufacture of articles for market, your Committee recommend to favorable notice.

Your Committee are of opinion that the present law imposes suitable taxation upon the subjects mentioned in the fifth and sixth sections of the bill. Respectfully submitted.

WM. B. WYNN,
Chairman.

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Blackburn, the rule was waived and he permitted to introduce, without previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to provide for the removal of the Indians now remaining in Florida beyond the limits of the State, approved January 20th, 1851;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Snell the rule was waived, and he made the following report from the Select Committee to whom was referred the claim of James M. Bates:

The Select Committee to whom was referred the claim of James M. Bates of Hernando County against the United States for services, together with the resolution and preamble thereon, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report:

That they believe the account to be just and true, and that the same is still unpaid, therefore they recommend the passage of said resolution. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. V. SNELL, Chairman,

Which was received and the resolutions placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
December, 22d, 1852. }

The Hon. R. J. FLOYD, President Senate:

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to the General Assembly, copies of Preambles and Resolutions of the States of New Jersey and Connecticut on the subject of the "Compromise Measures," transmitted to me by the Governors of the respective States.

Also a joint resolution of the State of Indiana, on the subject of the Slave trade, and Colonization on the Coast of Africa.

Your most obedient servant,
THOMAS BROWN.

Which together with the accompanying documents was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined and find correctly enrolled:

An Act to amend the act in relation to Executors and Administrators;

Also An Act supplemental to an act entitled an act giving the election of Judges of Probate to the people.

M. A. LONG,
Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was received.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House Resolution to adjourn *sine die* on the 23d instant,
Was read a third time.

Mr. Baldwin moved, that said resolution be indefinitely postponed; Upon which, the yeas and nays were called for, by Messrs. Brown and Finley, and were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Kilcrease, Long, Snell and Wynn—8.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Gillis, Johnson, Moseley, Provence, Smith and Stewart—10.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Long moved that said resolution be laid on the table,

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Wynn, and were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Gillis, Long and Moseley—6.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Provence, Smith, Snell and Stewart—12.

So said motion was lost.

On the question of the passage of the resolution, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Wynn, and were as follows:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Buddington, Johnson, Moseley, Smith and Stewart—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Kilcrease, Long, Provence, Snell and Wynn—12.

So said resolution was lost.

The petition of Daniel A. Burleson came up from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, and upon the concurrence in the report, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Moseley, and were as follows:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Stewart—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Provence and Wynn—4.

So the report was concurred in.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend the law granting pre-emption rights to settlers on State lands,

Was read a third time, and on the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—17.

NAYS—0.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

An Act to empower John Johnson, of Gadsden county, to manage his own estate,

Was read a third time, and on the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Provence, Smith, Snell and Wynn—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Moseley and Stewart—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion of Mr. Snell, the rule was waived and he permitted to move the reconsideration of the vote taken on yesterday, on a bill to be entitled An Act to promote Agriculture in this State ;

Which motion was carried.

Whereupon said bill was read by its title a third time, and Mr. Floyd moved that it be indefinitely postponed.

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Finley, and were as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Brown, Forsyth, Gillis, Snell and Stewart—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith and Wynn—12.

So said motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, said bill was made the special order of the day for Friday next.

The Senate then adjourned until 3 o'clock.

THREE O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. A quorum being present the orders of the day were resumed.

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing county subscriptions for works of Internal Improvement,

Was read a third time, and on the question of its passage the vote was as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Smith, Stewart and Wynn—15.

NAYS—Mr. Snell—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of James Brown and William Ganier,

Was read a third time, and on the question of its passage the vote was as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley and Wynn—10.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Smith, Snell and Stewart—6.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Escambia Rail Road Company,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—17.

NAYS—0.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Pensacola and Georgia Rail Road,

Came up, and on motion, was made the special order of the day for Friday next.

Mr. Johnson moved, that the rule be waived and the following message received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 22nd, 1852. }

Honorable President of the Senate :

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

Bill to be entitled An Act to organize the county of Sumpter.

Bill to be entitled An Act to require the Register of public lands of this State, to procure and keep a seal of office.

Bill to be entitled An Act for the establishment of free bridges in the county of Escambia.

Also, without amendment :

Senate bill to be entitled An Act to prevent certain persons from peddling in this State.

Senate bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of John B. Allen.

Very Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was received, and the House bills placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled An Act to regulate Quarantine in this State

Was read a second time ;

Mr. Baldwin offered the following amendments, which were adopted :

Section 1. *Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That the Mayor and Alderman of every city or town in this State upon or adjacent to any bay, river or harbor, where there is a port of entry, or in the absence of any such incorporated city or town, the Justices of the Peace of every Justice's district adjacent to such port of entry and including the location of any incorporated town, or depot or place of loading, shall be and are hereby constituted a Board of Health in said incorporated city or town or in such Justice's district.

Sec. 2 *Be it further enacted,* That the Mayor of such incorporated city or town or during his absence or other disqualification, such person as the Board of Aldermen may elect, shall be President of such Board of Health in such incorporated city or town ; and that such person shall be President of the Board of Health in any such Justice's districts as may be elected by such Justice of the Peace for such districts respectively.

Amend the 4th and 7th sections by inserting be it further enacted.

And the bill ordered to be engrossed.

House bill to be entitled An Act to define more particularly the county lines of Calhoun county,

Was read a second time, and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of J. A. Pillans,

Was read a second time, and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

The following Resolution was read a second time, rule waived, read a third time and passed :

Resolution urging upon Congress to order the sale of lands reserved from sale by an act of Congress of the U. S., approved, April 22, 1826, situated and bordering upon the waters of the Pensacola Navy Bay, and more especially the public lands contiguous to the Navy Yard ; upon which a large number of citizens connected with, and employed in the public works, are now residing ; and whereas, in the opinion of this Assembly, the said reservation ex-

braces a larger quantity of land than is necessary or desirable for the use of said Navy Yard. And whereas, a large population resident about said Yard, and located upon said reserve, with a view of convenience to their employment, and who have no other place to make their residence, but upon said land, by the permission of the Commanding Officer, and subject at all times to be removed from their homes, which is a condition incompatible with the freedom of an American citizen, as well as subjecting them to the loss of the value of the improvements which they are necessarily compelled to make, to afford them temporary accommodation—they are desirous that the said lands should be made subject to sale, that they may acquire the independence and comforts of home for themselves and families, therefore,

Be it Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our Senators and Representative in Congress be requested to procure the passage of a law setting aside said reservation, except to such extent as may be necessary and proper for the use of said Yard and public works ; and to this end, that the appointment of a Commissioner or Commissioners be authorized, whose duty it shall be to examine said reservation, and to designate what portion thereof might without detriment to said Yard and public works, and with most convenience to the people thereabouts, be rendered subject to sale or location. The said law to be so framed in such manner, and with such provisions as said Senators and Representative may deem best to accomplish the purpose desired.

Be it Resolved further, That a copy hereof be transmitted by the Secretary of State as early as possible, to our said Senators and Representative in Congress.

House bill to be entitled An Act making appropriations for the compilation of Thompson's Collection of the British Statutes of force in this State,

Was read a second time, and the Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Finley in the Chair ; after some time spent therein, the committee rose and through their Chairman, reported the bill back to the Senate as amended, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion,

The Senate took a recess until seven o'clock.

7 O'CLOCK.

A bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Victoria Baty to that of Victoria Bellows, and for other purposes,

Was read a second time and, on motion, was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An act to change and modify the penal statutes in reference to gaming,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act relating to the assessment of taxes in the county of Jackson,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the recording of the marks and brands of cattle shipped from the State of Florida, approved January, 1849.

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

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Dr. J. W. Bozeman,
Was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to fix definitely the fees for the Judge of Probate for the county of Columbia in a certain case therein specified,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to legitimate Augustus W. Whitmere, Elizabeth Whitmere, Joseph C. Whitmere and Margaret Whitmere,

Was read a second time, rule waived, read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Wynn—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Blackburn and Stewart—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend the patrol laws in this State,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the funding and payment of the audited Scrip of the late Territory of Florida, and for other purposes,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act granting chartered privileges to "East Florida Seminary,"

Was read a second time and referred to the Attorney General.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

House bill to be entitled An Act to prevent negroes from being taken out of the State from the present Indian country, without notice,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to prevent the trading with Indians in this State,

Was read second time, and the Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Wynn in the Chair, and after some time spent therein, the Committee rose and through their Chairman, reported the bill back to the Senate as amended, and asked leave to be discharged from the further consideration thereof;

Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to provide for the removal of the Indians now remaining in Florida, beyond the limits of the State,

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

The following Resolution in regard the claims of James L. Bates,
Was read a second time, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow:

Whereas, it appears to the members of the Legislature that the claim of James M. Bates, against the United States for services rendered as principal Waggon Master at the post of Fort Gilliland, in Florida, during the year of 1837, for four hundred and fifty-five dollars, are just and true, and that the same is yet due and unpaid,

Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representative be requested to urge the passage of a law to pay the claim of the said James M. Bates for the sum of four hundred and fifty-five dollars.

House bill to be entitled An Act for the establishment of free bridges in the County of Escambia,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to require the Register of Public Lands for this State to procure and keep a seal of office,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to organize the County of Sumpter, the rule waived, read a first and second times by its title and referred to the following select committee: Messrs. Provence, Snell and Buddington.

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act provide for partition of estates, approved 14th of March, 1844,

Was read a second time, and on motion, was laid on the table.

The following Message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 22, 1852. }

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE:

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to in-

incorporate the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central Rail Road Company.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was received and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report :

The Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a bill entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Rail Road Company, have had the same under consideration,

And finding that the bill only provides for the amendment of the charter of said Company, so as to extend the limits within which said road may cross the Chattahoochee or Apalachicola river, at such point as may be recommended by the engineers employed, and as may be agreed on by said Company, your Committee are of the opinion that the objects of the bill are proper and legitimate, and therefore, respectfully recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN G. JOHNSON,

Chairman.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Atlantic and Gulf Central Rail Road Company, and for other purposes,

Came up, the rule was waived, read a first time by its title, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 23, 1852.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. Mr Zealey officiated as Chaplain. The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read, amended and approved.

Mr. Baldwin moved "that the House of Representatives be requested to inform the Senate if in their opinion there s any provision prohibiting the Counties of Monroe and Dade from participating in the benefits arising out of the Internal Improvement fund;"

Which motion was adopted; ordered that an engrossed copy of the same be sent to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Provence, the rule was waived and he permitted to introduce, without previous notice, the following bill :

A bill to be entitled An Act repealing certain existing rules of descents.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Snell offered the following Resolution :

WHEREAS, Congress, having made an appropriation for the building of a light house on Sea Horse Key; whereas the commercial interest of the Country is suffering from the want of said light.

Be it therefore Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested to urge upon the Secretary of the Treasury the speedy erection of said light-house,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Buddington, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report :

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Thomas B. Wynn, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed, with the following amendment: Add the word "ninety" in the second section, after the words "space of," so that the bill will then read, "within the space of ninety days."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

O. BUDDINGTON,

Chairman.

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 22, 1852. }

Honorable President of the Senate :

Sir,—The House have passed the following bills, to wit :

Bill to be entitled An Act concerning pre-emptions on 16th sections and land selected in lieu thereof;

Bill to be entitled An Act to require the Register of State Lands to furnish Clerks of the Circuit Courts, with a list of all lands subject to private entry in the several Counties of this State, where any of said lands lie, and for other purposes ;

Also, without amendment,

Senate Resolution in relation to a mail route from Thomasville, Georgia, to Alligator, Florida.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read and received, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the business of banking, Came up on a second reading.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr.