

A Bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of Doctor William S. Wilson and Doctor Ethelbridge Philips;

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

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an Act now in force in relation to the partition of Estates real and personal;

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

Mr. Cone moved that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Hopkins and Gillis, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Myrick and Tracy—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Nicholson and Smith—10.

So the motion was lost.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the Fifth Section of the Sixth Article of the Constitution of this State;

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

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An Act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Myrick moved to strike out the two last sections of said Bill.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Long and Provence, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Kilcrease and Myrick—10.

Nays—Messrs. Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson and Provence—5.

So the said sections were stricken out.

The Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An Act to create a State Librarian;

Came up on its third reading.

The rule was waived, and on motion of Mr. Hopkins, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the same—Mr. Provence in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Committee rose, and through their Chairman reported the Bill back to the Senate with sundry amendments, and asked to be discharged.

Which report was concurred in.

The Bill, as amended, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled An Act to change the name and establish the County Site of St. Lucie County;

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to change the time of holding Circuit Court of Calhoun County, with House amendment thereto;

Came up in order, and on motion of Mr. Myrick, was laid on the table.

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

FRIDAY, December 29, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present;

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The following Bill, which had passed the Senate, was transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to hold the Courts of Orange County at Mellonville.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Eppes permitted to introduce without previous notice a Bill to be entitled, An Act to repeal an Act entitled An Act to restore the force and operation of the General Laws of this State, in relation to the Migration of Free Persons of Color into this State, approved December 15, 1854;

Which was placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Cone presented the petition of ninety-four citizens of Columbia County, praying for the establishment of a new County;

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Long, said petition was laid upon the table.

Mr. Provence introduced a Resolution in regard to Copying the Laws;

Which was placed among the Orders of the Day.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills and find the same correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled An act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State;

A bill to be entitled An act to create a State Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR, Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bills placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Brinson, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following Report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled An act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have examined said bill carefully, and coming to them as it does with the sanction and approval of the State Board of Internal Improvements, who have necessarily been enabled to bestow more time, labor, and research in maturing the details of the bill than your Committee have been able to do, they are and were disposed for that reason alone to give it a favorable consideration, but in addition thereto, they have been able to find nothing in the bill to object to. That the interests of the State seem to be carefully guarded and the Internal Improvement fund as fully secured against ultimate loss as is possibly consistent with the extension of any aid or assistance to the Internal Improvement of this State. The system of Internal Improvements encouraged by this bill is certainly a vast and liberal one, and one which, if put in complete and successful operation, would place the State far ahead of most of its sister States of the South. And your Committee, therefore, is not enabled to offer any substitute for the bill which would promise fairer to accomplish the grand object so desirable to all, or to suggest any amendments which would at the same time secure the State Fund against ultimate loss and render it available in developing the resources of the State.

We recommend the passage of the bill without amendment.

WILLIAM A. BRINSON, Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Provence, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following Report:

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the Bill referred to them, entitled "An Act to incorporate a Bank in the City of Tallahassee," and respectfully

REPORT:

That they recommend that the following provision be added to Section 2d:

Provided, That the said Banking Corporation shall not be composed of less than twenty persons.

They recommend this provision because the 3d Section of the 13th Article of the Constitution, forbids the creation of any Banking Corporation "composed of a less number than twenty individuals."

The 7th Section, amongst other things, provides for and contemplates a subscription by the Comptroller for one-fifth of the capital stock of said Company, or in other words, one hundred thousand

dollars to be paid from the School Fund of this State. Your Committee are not prepared to recommend such an investment of said fund, or any part of it; especially when it, as a shareholder in said Bank, would be limited to the exercise of only the existing collecting facilities of our laws. Your Committee regard the preservation of the School Fund as a matter of the highest and last importance, and they apprehend its preservation would be jeopardised if invested in any Bank that possessed only tardy and toilsome collecting franchises; therefore, your Committee recommend that everything in said Section touching the School Fund be stricken out, and that the Section be made to read as follows, viz:

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That so soon as the books of subscription to the Capital Stock of said Bank shall have been closed, it shall be the duty of the aforesaid Commissioners to give public notice thereof in one of the newspapers printed in the city of Tallahassee, in which notice they shall designate the day upon which the second instalment upon said Capital will become payable; and the said Commissioners shall, at the same time and in the same manner, appoint a day, at least twenty days from the date of such notice, on which the Stockholders of said Bank are to meet in Tallahassee, for the purpose of electing thirteen Directors for the purpose of managing the business of said Bank; and it shall moreover be the duty of said Commissioners to take the necessary measures for procuring the necessary measures, books, plates, &c., required for the operations of said Bank; and at the meeting of the Stockholders, it shall be lawful for them to proceed immediately to the election of the Directors aforesaid, and a plurality of the votes given shall be required to make an election; and the Directors then elected shall be capable of serving, by virtue of such election and appointment, until the first Monday in January next ensuing the time of such election, and shall receive from the Commissioners the money which may have been received by them, together with all books, papers, &c., belonging to said Bank, and shall take the necessary measures to put the said Bank into operation, so soon as the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars shall have been paid in by the Stockholders; and the Stockholders shall, on the first Monday in January as aforesaid, and annually on the same day thereafter, hold an election for Directors of said Bank, in the city of Tallahassee, and it shall be the duty of said Directors, at their first meeting subsequently to their election, to choose one of their number as President; and if it should at any time happen that an election for Directors should not be made upon the day when, pursuant to this Act, it ought to have been made, the Corporation for that cause shall not be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall be lawful on any other day to hold and make an election of Directors, in such manner as shall have been directed by the laws and ordinances of said Corporation, and the Directors for the time being shall in all cases continue

to act until their successors are elected and appointed; and in case of the death, resignation, or absence from the State of a Director, his place may be filled for the remainder of the year by a new choice, to be made by the remaining Directors.

Your Committee recommend that Rule IX of said Bill be amended with the following provision, viz:

Provided, That all real estate and chattels acquired, and which is not necessary for actual use in the transaction of business, shall be sold within two years after acquisition.

Your Committee recommend the above provision as required by the 5th Section of the 13th Article of the Constitution.

Rule XI of said Bill provides that the debts which the Corporation shall owe at any time, shall not exceed three times the amount of the Capital Stock actually paid in, &c.

The Constitution, Section 7, Article 13, prevents any Bank from contracting debts and liabilities exceeding twice or double the amount of the Capital Stock, actually paid in; therefore your Committee recommend that rule 11 of said Bill shall read as follows, viz:

RULE XI.—The total amount of debts which said Corporation shall at any time owe, whether by bond, bill, note, or other contract, shall not exceed double the amount of the capital actually paid in, over and above the money then actually deposited in the Bank for safe keeping, and increase of excess.

Rule 18 provides that the Corporation shall continue and exist until the first day of January, A. D. 1880, which is a period exceeding twenty years.

The Constitution, Section 4, Article 13, provides that no Bank Charter shall exist exceeding twenty years. Your Committee, to relieve this Rule from this Constitutional objection, recommend that it shall be altered so as to read as follows, viz:

RULE XVIII.—The Corporation shall exist and continue until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five; but the proprietors of two-thirds of the Capital Stock of the Company may, by their concurring vote, at a general meeting, to be called for that purpose, dissolve the same at any prior period: *Provided*, That notice of such meeting, and of its object, be published in one of the newspapers of Tallahassee for at least six months previous to the time appointed for such meeting; and immediately after the dissolution of said Corporation, effectual measures shall be taken by the Directors last appointed and acting, for closing all the concerns of the Company, and for dividing the Capital Stock and profits which may then remain, among the Stockholders, according to their respective interests.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend that that portion of said Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the investment of a portion of the Common School Fund by the Comptroller of this State, and for other purposes," be stricken out.

With the foregoing amendments, your Committee recommend the passage of the Bill.

Respectfully submitted,
D. PROVENCE, Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Hopkins, from a Select Committee, made the following Report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred "A Bill to be entitled An Act to define the Boundary Lines of Duval and Nassau Counties," beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and on examination find no such boundaries as are described in the Bill before us, for those Counties, but on the contrary, find the boundary lines of Nassau County described on page 12 of "Thompson's Digest," and corresponding with the boundaries of Columbia County as described on page 15 of the same work—which boundaries, as your Committee believe, have been unquestioned for the last twenty-seven years. Your Committee further state that no evidence is before them that any considerable portion of the citizens of either County have sought the change contemplated in the Bill before us, and as the success of the Bill would cut off from thirty thousand to fifty thousand acres from the County of Nassau, they therefore recommend that said Bill do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD HOPKINS,
Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 29, 1854.

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The following Bills and Resolutions have passed the House, viz:

A Bill to be entitled, An Act concerning the Retailing of Spirituous Liquors;

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the appointment of Inspectors of Tar and Turpentine in this State;

Resolution in relation to Mail Routes;

Senate Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to permanently fix the Election Precincts in the County of Columbia, and to repeal certain Acts therein named, approved January 8th, 1853;

Senate Bill to be entitled, An Act to prevent White Persons from Gaming with Negroes or other Persons of Color ;

Senate Resolutions in relation to the Improvement of St. Johns Bar and the preservation of the Site of St. Johns Light House.

The following Bills have been indefinitely postponed by the House, viz :

Senate Bill to be entitled, An Act to Regulate the Performance of the Duties of the Supreme Court of this State, and to change the time and place for holding the Terms thereof ;

Senate Bill to be entitled, An Act to Abolish the Office of State Engineer and Geologist.

Very respectfully,
HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read.

Ordered that the Senate Bills and Resolution be enrolled, and the House Bills placed among the Orders of the Day.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 December 29, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

SIR:—The House has refused to recede from the House Amendment to Senate Bill to Consolidate the Offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector of Jackson County, and has appointed Messrs. Galbraith, Neel and Parsons a Committee of Conference to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate in regard to said Amendments.

The House has also refused to recede from the House Amendment to Senate Bill to be entitled An Act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases, and Messrs. Pope, Dell and Fennell have been appointed by the House a Committee of Conference to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate in regard to said Amendment.

Senate Bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to Slaves and Free Persons of Color, with amendments, has been indefinitely postponed.

Very respectfully,
HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the relinquishment to the United States, in certain cases, of the Title to and Jurisdiction over Lands for Sites of Light Houses, and for other purposes on the Coast and Waters of this State ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—16.

Nays—Mr. Myrick—1.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives. House Bill to be entitled, An Act to change the periods now fixed by Law for the Payment of Taxes, and for the Settlement of Tax Collectors ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Gillis, Hopkins and Kilcrease—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Hawes, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—11.

So the Bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives. House Bill to be entitled, An Act to prevent the Abduction and Escape of Slaves from this State ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—17.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed as amended, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives. House Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an Act concerning Roads and Highways, now in force in this State ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated. Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to change the name and establish the County site of St. Lucie County ;

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

House Bill to be entitled, An Act for the regulation of the Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay and Harbor of Pensacola ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Filor, Gillis,

Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—14.

Nays—Messrs. Cone and Criglar—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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

Resolution asking Congress to amend the law in reference to the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning in this State, and for other purposes;

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

House Resolution making appropriations for repairs on the Capital;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Long, Myrick, Nicholson and Tracy—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Hopkins and Smith—5.

So the resolution passed.

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

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to legalize the proceedings of the Judge of Probate of St. Lucie County;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Smith and Tracy—11.

Nays—Messrs. Myrick and Nicholson—2.

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 Doctor William S. Wilson and Doctor Etheldridge Philips;

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

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an Act now in force in this State, in relation to the partition of Estates real and personal;

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

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the Fifth Section of the Sixth Article of the Constitution of this State;

Was read three times as on its first reading, the rule waived, and on motion of Mr. Long, it was referred to the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Smith from the Committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred "A Bill to be entitled An

Act for the Relief of William R. Hayward and others," through their Chairman

REPORT:

That they have no information which would cause them to change the Report as adopted by the House of Representatives, and recommend the passage of the Bill.

JAMES W. SMITH,

Chairman Committee on Claims and Accounts.

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

Also the following:

The Committee to whom was referred "A Resolution relative to extra compensation of the Clerk in the Office of Comptroller of Public Accounts," through their Chairman

REPORT:

That they find no reason why such extra compensation should be allowed, there being a fixed salary allowed him by Law, and there being no compulsion on his part to act as such Clerk if he is not satisfied with the salary. They are aware that as a general rule in such cases the Clerks do the principal labor while the Principal receives the pay, and to avoid all difficulty hereafter would recommend the salary of the Comptroller be so amended that he shall employ his own Clerk out of his salary. They recommend that the bill under consideration do not pass.

Very respectfully,

JAMES W. SMITH,

Chairman Committee on Public Accounts.

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

A bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act to restore the force and operation of the General Laws of this State in relation to the migration of free persons of color into this State, approved December 15th, 1854;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, and said Bill read a second time by its title.

Mr. Filor moved to amend said bill by adding the following Section:

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the rights and privileges of this bill be extended to the Counties of Monroe, Duval and Escambia to all intents and purposes as though the said Counties had been named therein with the City of Apalachicola;

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended, was then read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Resolution in relation to copying the Laws;

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled An act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Criglar, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Smith and Tracy—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Eppes, Gillis, Hawes and Nicholson—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled An act to create a State Librarian;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Long and Nicholson—11.

Nays—Messrs. Hopkins, Myrick, Smith and Tracy—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House Resolution in relation to mail routes;

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

House bill to be entitled An act concerning the retailing of Spirituous Liquors;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, and said bill read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Hopkins, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the same, Mr. Tracy in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and through their Chairman, reported the bill back to the Senate with the first Section stricken out, and asked to be discharged;

Which report was concurred in and the Committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Long, a Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing Anderson J. Peeler to practice law in the several Courts of this State, was taken from the table, and placed among the orders of the day.

House Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the appointment of Inspectors of Tar and Turpentine in this State;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, and said Bill read a second time by its title.

On motion the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of said Bill—Mr. Hawes in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and through their Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Which report was received.

On motion, said Bill was laid on the table, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Kilcrease permitted, without previous notice, to introduce a Bill to be entitled An Act to subdivide Gadsden County;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

House Bill to be entitled An Act to define the boundary lines of Duval and Nassau Counties;

Was read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, 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 William R. Hayward and others;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Eppes, Filor, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—11.

Nays—Messrs. Criglar and Gillis—2.

So said Bill passed—title as stated.

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

House Resolution relative to extra compensation of the Clerk in the office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Long, Nicholson and Provence—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Myrick, Smith and Tracy—10.

So said Resolution was lost.

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

Bill to be entitled An Act to consolidate the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector of Jackson County, with House amendments, in which the Senate had refused to concur;

Came up in order, and on motion said bill and amendments were laid on the table.

Bill to be entitled An Act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases, with House amendments, in which the Senate had refused to concur;

Came up in order, and on motion a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hopkins, Gillis and Long, were appointed to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the House relative to said amendments.

House Bill to be entitled An Act to admit Anderson J. Peeler to practice law in the several Courts of this State;

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Provence moved that the first Section of said Bill be amended as follows:

Strike out all after the word "provided," in the fifth line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "if he should be found qualified according to the manner and form now prescribed by law."

Which was adopted, and the amendment ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled An Act to sub-divide Gadsden County;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—17.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Long the title of said bill was amended by striking out the words "to sub-divide Gadsden County," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in relation to the election of County Commissioners in Gadsden County."

Ordered that the passage of said bill be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Brinson, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum not being present, on motion of Mr. Tracy, a call of the Senate was ordered, when the following members answered to their names, viz:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Hawes, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—9.

On motion, the Sergeant-at-Arms was directed to request the attendance of absent members.

The President announced that a quorum was present.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 29, 1854.

Honorable President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has passed the following Bill:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.
House Bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State;

Came up on its first reading.

On motion of Mr. Long the rule was waived, and the bill read the first and second times by its title.

On motion the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of said bill—Mr. Hawes in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and through their Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again;

Which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Provence, the use of the Senate Chamber was given to Dr. Crane, for the purpose of delivering a lecture this evening.

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

SATURDAY, December 30, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Brinson, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The following Bills and Resolutions which had passed the Senate were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to create a State Librarian;

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State;

A Bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to the election of County Commissioners in Gadsden County;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act for the regulation of Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay and Harbor of Pensacola;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of William R. Hayward and others;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to legalize the proceedings of the Judge of Probate of St. Lucie County;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an Act concerning Roads and Highways now in force in this State;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the relinquishment to the United States in certain cases, title to, and jurisdiction over lands for sites of Light Houses, and for other purposes, on the coast and waters of this State, with enclosed amendment;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to prevent the abduction and escape of of Slaves from this State, with enclosed amendments; and

House Resolution making appropriations for repairs on the Capitol.