

House Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the Pilotage of the Bar of the River St. Johns;

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

House Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent the Abduction and Escape of Slaves from this State, with Senate amendments thereto, in which the House refused to concur;

Came up in order.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, a Committee of Conference, consisting of Messrs. Hopkins, Filor and Eppes, was appointed to act with a similar Committee on the part of the House, to take into consideration said amendments.

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

On motion, the rule was waived;

When on motion of Mr. Smith, the Petition of Thomas E. Harvin was again referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole upon a Bill to be entitled An Act to Incorporate a Bank in the City of Tallahassee.

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

Which was granted.

On motion, the rule was waived;

When Mr. Hopkins, 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 granting Aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail, have had the same under consideration, and

REPORT:

That they have also had under consideration a Petition from sundry citizens of the County of Putnam, praying that the sum of two thousand dollars be loaned, on good and sufficient security being given, for the purpose of erecting a Jail and Court House. Your Committee have agreed, therefore, to recommend the passage of the Bill with the following amendments:

Strike out the word "three," and insert the word "two";

Strike out the word "seven," and insert the word "six," which is the legal interest of the State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD HOPKINS,

Chairman.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1855.

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 amend the Revenue Laws of this State concerning Saw Mills;

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;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to prevent planting without a fence in Walton County;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize Benjamin Marshall to charge wharfage in the town of Milton;

House Resolution relative to copying the Laws of the present session, with enclosed amendment; and

House Resolution in relation to Mail Routes, with enclosed amendment.

The following Bills and Resolutions which had passed both Houses of the General Assembly, and had been duly enrolled and signed by the presiding officers thereof, were transmitted for approval to his Excellency the Governor, viz:

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

An Act to authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across Escambia Bay;

An Act to empower Charles H. Longworth of Gadsden County to manage his own estate;

An Act to prevent white persons from gaming with Negroes and other Persons of Color;

Resolutions respecting the establishment of a Mail Route from Tallahassee via Sopchoppy in Wakulla County, to White Bluff or Pickettsville, at the mouth of Crooked River, on the Apalachicola Bay;

An Act to amend an Act in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Key West; and

An Act to authorize the drainage of the Alachua Savannah.

Mr. Bird announced the death of John Franklin Dewitt, a member of the House of Representatives from Jefferson County.

On motion, as a tribute of respect to his memory, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, January 4, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present;

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Eppes, according to previous notice, introduced a Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the General Act for the Incorporation of Towns, Academies, Religious Societies, &c., approved January 6th, 1847;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Long gave notice that he would on to-morrow or some future day ask leave to introduce a Bill for the relief of "Chaney," a free woman of color.

Mr. Provence gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to change the name of Oliver Price to that of Oliver Delk, and for other purposes.

Mr. Hopkins introduced a Petition from the Masters of steamers and vessels trading on the St. Johns River, in relation to the pay of Pilotage, &c.;

Which was read, and on motion laid on the table.

Mr. Provence presented a Communication from John Trantham, a Justice of the Peace;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hawes presented the Memorial of Bennett & Teasdel and others, asking that the law taxing Foreign Insurance Companies be repealed;

Which was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

Mr. Filor presented a Communication from W. C. Malony, in regard to delivery of liquor to Negroes and Mulattoes;

Which was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cone presented the Memorial of M. Whit Smith and others, in regard to the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company;

Which was read, and on motion laid on the table.

Mr. Cone also presented a Petition from the citizens of Columbia County, asking that Elisha Carter be placed on an equal footing with other Physicians of this State;

Which was read, and on motion laid on the table.

Mr. Myrick offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That from and after Saturday next, the 6th instant, no other Bills or Resolutions shall be introduced during the present Session of the Legislature.

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

Mr. Provence, from the Committee on Census and Apportionment, made the following Report:

The Committee on Census and Apportionment, to whom was referred the Bill to Organize the County of Manatee, have had the same under consideration, and through me, their Chairman, report back the Bill without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

D. PROVENCE,

Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill 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 Bill, and find the same correctly engrossed:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to extend the Limitation of Merchants' Accounts in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman.

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following Report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Dr. Wm. S. Wilson and Dr. Etheldridge Philips, with sundry proposed amendments, ask leave, through their Chairman, to

REPORT:

That they have taken the case in hand, and after investigation find that, according to the best of their information, service was perfected, and have reported a bill in lieu of the original, embracing the several cases therein set forth, and ask its adoption.

Very respectfully,

JAMES W. SMITH, Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill, together with the substitute, were placed among the Orders of the Day.

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