

SATURDAY, November 29th, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as chaplain.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Hawes the Secretary was authorized to supply an omission occurring in the minutes of yesterday, viz :

"Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Hawes introduced a bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of William Hickman of Putnam county ;"

Which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Which motion was carried and the journal of yesterday amended accordingly.

Mr. Hopkins, Senator from the Fourteenth District, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Duncan, Senator from the Twelfth District, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the distribution of the Laws and Journals of the adjourned session be extended to supply him with copies of the same ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lamar gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to empower Arthur Macon, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate.

Mr. Eppes moved that the Floridian and Sentinel, newspapers published in the city of Tallahassee, be furnished to the members of the Senate during its present session, and that the Messenger be instructed to attend to the same.

Mr. Hawes pursuant to previous notice introduced the following bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of reclaiming overflowed or swamp lands in Volusia, Orange and Brevard counties, and encourage settlement and cultivation of the country ;

Which was read and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
November 29th, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir :—Messrs. Parkhill, Whitefield and Delk, have been appointed a committee on the part of the House, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, for the purpose of drafting Joint

Rules, for the regulation of the two Houses of the General Assembly, during the present Session.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Lamar from a joint select Committee made the following report :

The joint select Committee appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives, to draft and report Rules for the government of the two branches of the General Assembly, beg leave to Report the following Joint Rules of the General Assembly :

#### JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

RULE 1. Messages from either House to the other shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each House may determine.

2. After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or by the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in one or the other House.

3. When bills shall be enrolled, they shall be examined by a Joint Committee of at least two from the Senate, and two from the House of Representatives, appointed as a Standing Committee for that purpose, who shall forthwith make a report.

4. When a bill or resolution, which shall have passed in one House, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same may have passed.

5. When a bill or resolution which has been passed in one House shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session, without notice of ten days, and leave of two-thirds of that House in which it shall be moved.

6. Each House shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

7. No bill that shall have passed one House, shall be sent for concurrence to the other, on either of the last three days of the session.

8. After each House shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

9. When elections are required to be made by joint vote of the two Houses, the time of electing shall be previously agreed upon, and each House shall communicate the nominations made therein to the other, prior to the voting.

10. Each House shall communicate to the other the nominations and the result of each voting.

11. In every Joint Committee, the member first named on the

part of the House first proposing such Committee, shall convene the same.

12. During the election of officers there shall be no motions entertained except to adjourn, to proceed to vote, to nominate and to withdraw a candidate—which motions shall have precedence in the order they stand.

13. The doings throughout shall proceed without debate.

14. Communications shall be made on paper, and signed by the Secretary of each House, and transmitted by the Messenger, or Doorkeeper.

15. In the election for the Senate of the United States, both Senators shall be voted for at the same time, until one or both of them shall be chosen.

16. In every case of disagreement between the Senate and House of Representatives, either House may suggest conference, and appoint a Committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a Committee to confer at a convenient hour, to be designated by the Chairman; said Committee shall meet and confer freely on the subject of disagreement.

17. Whenever a public bill or resolution is ordered to be printed for the use of either House, a number shall be ordered, sufficient for the use of both Houses; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to inform the other House of such order, and to transmit to that House the requisite number of printed copies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. PARKHILL,  
*Chairman of Com. on the part of House of Reps.*  
T. B. LAMAR,  
*Chairman of Com. on the part of the Senate.*

Which report was concurred, rules adopted, and the Secretary ordered to inform the House of the same.

The following Message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
November 29, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House has passed a bill to supply the deficiency of the appropriation of the last General Assembly.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled, an Act for the relief of William Hickman, of Putnam county.

Was read a second time and ordered for Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an Act granting to the Trustees for the benefit of the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company, granted to the State of Florida by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a Rail Road from Pensacola to the State line of Alabama in the direction of Montgomery.

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

House bill to supply the deficiency of the appropriation of the last General Assembly;

Was read, and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for Monday next.

A communication was received from the Rev. Mr. Turner, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, inviting the members of the Senate to occupy seats in that Church on Sabbath and at other times during their continuance in the City;

Which invitation was accepted with the thanks of the Senate.

On motion the Senate adjourned until Monday next 11 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, December 1, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings was read, amended and confirmed.

Mr. Hopkins moved that a select Committee to consist of five, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration and report at their earliest convenience, the propriety of exempting, in certain cases, slaves from levy and sale;

Which motion was adopted, and Messrs. Hopkins, Keitt, Brinson, Lamar and Brooks were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Duncan gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Alexander Purviance, Absalom S. Smith, Ira S. Rouse and W. W. Burk.

Mr. Brooks gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Mary Moreno, a minor, to assume the management of her own estate.

Mr. Filor moved that the Secretary be instructed to inquire what