

TUESDAY, December 2, 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. Hawes gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act punishing malicious trespass, etc.

Mr. Dell gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to amend "an Act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 11th, 1851."

Mr. Lamar moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Mr. Allen, the Printer elect for the Senate, and settle the terms upon which the printing shall be done; which was adopted, and Messrs. Lamar, Tracy and Brinson were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Brooks gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "an Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Escambia county to subscribe for stock in the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company.

Mr. Fisher pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an Act to declare Yellow River navigable to the Alabama line;

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

Mr. Filor gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bills, viz:

A bill to distribute the interest on the School Fund to each county;

A bill to relieve from taxation vessels built and owned in the State;

A bill for the support of William Davies, a lunatic.

The President announced that he had a communication from the Secretary of the Senate;

Which was read:

SENATE CHAMBER,
December 2, 1856. }

HON. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate:

Sir:—Acting in obedience to a motion adopted on yesterday, I have enclosed the accompanying correspondence, for the information of the Senate.

Very respectfully.

S. J. PERRY.

Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
December 2, 1856. }

To Mr. HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives:

Sir:—On yesterday the Senate adopted the following motion, viz: "That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to enquire what became of the House bill passed by the Senate, 14th December, 1855, entitled "an Act to distribute the interest on the School Fund to each county;" said bill having passed both Houses and not appearing among the laws of last session. In obedience to the foregoing, I have written to solicit, respectfully, whatever information you may possess on the subject.

Very respectfully,

SAM'L J. PERRY,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. S. J. PERRY,

Secretary of the Senate.

Sir:—In reply to your note of this morning, I refer you to page 170 of the printed Journals of the House of Representatives, of the adjourned session, in which it appears that "an Act to distribute the interest of the School Fund to each county," was duly enrolled, and transmitted for approval to His Excellency, the Governor, on the 15th December, 1855.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Reps.

December 2, 1856.

Mr. Keitt gave notice, that he would on to-morrow, introduce a bill to be entitled an Act, to repeal an Act in relation to a road tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion, "approved December 28th, 1854.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the Secretary of the Senate be required to provide a room for the use of the Senate Committees;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lamar, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to that subject, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to that subject, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That upon careful and attentive examination of the subjects discussed in so much of said Message as was referred to them, they find nothing upon which to advise Legislative action. On examining however, the "Act to provide for, and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State," and by which a Board of Trus-

tees of the Internal Improvement Fund was organized, they find that contrary to usage, there is no provision made by the said Act, rendering it obligatory upon said Board of Trustees to make official reports upon the several matters committed to their charge.

The interests confided to the care of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, are of the most important and complicated character, and their official action are to affect most vitally, either for good or evil the prosperity, and progressive development of the resources of this State.

Hence in the opinion of the Committee, it is proper and desirable that the official action of the said Trustees should be subject to the scrutiny of the representatives of the people, and that they be required by law to report their transactions, and such other matters as may be deemed proper in connexion therewith, biennially to the Governor, to be laid by him before the General Assembly at their regular session.

In accordance with these views, the undersigned is instructed to report the following bill, and recommend its adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR, Chairman.

Which was read, adopted, and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Keitt offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to frame a code of laws for the government and punishment of slaves;

Which was read and adopted.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Monday, December 1, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:—Messrs. Gettis, Arnau and Roulhac have been appointed a Committee on the part of the House, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, to examine into, and report upon the subject of county lines in the State, and also to report a bill to meet any difficulties if found to exist in relation thereto; and also to take into consideration the subject of having a map of the State prepared under the direction of some State officer.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Hopkins was laid on the table.

On motion the rule was waived and Mr. Dell allowed without previous notice to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow William S. Perry to enter the North-west quarter of Section Sixteen, Township Ten, Range Twenty-two of the Common School fund.

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

Mr. Brooks from the Committee on Claims and Accounts made the following

REPORT:

That they have examined the petition of Isaiah Cobb, ex-Sheriff of Santa Rosa county and believe it to be just and would respectfully recommend the passage of a bill for his relief;

Which was read and adopted, and the accompanying bill read first time and ordered for to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the names of certain persons therein named;

Was read the second time and on motion of Mr. Filor, laid on the table.

A resolution in favor of Robert Youngblood late Clerk of Alachua county;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 11 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday's proceeding, was read and amended.

Mr. Fisher moved that the Secretary be allowed to correct the Journal of yesterday, so as to mention the introduction of a bill de-claring Yellow River navigable;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hopkins gave notice that he would on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled an Act, governing the County Commissioners of Duval County in certain cases.

On motion the rule was waived and Mr. Tracy allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a company to own and run a line of steam vessels, under the style of the Florida, Savannah, and Charleston Steam Packet Company: