

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

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

SATURDAY, December 6th, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The following bills, having passed the Senate, have been transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz :

House bill to be entitled an Act to separate the office of Tax Assessor and Collector from that of Sheriff, in Alachua county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Alexander Purviance, Absolom S. Smith, Ira S. Rouse, and W. W. Burk ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Wm. H. Watson to establish a ferry across the Suwannee and Withlacoochee rivers ;

House bill for the relief of Dr. George D. Fisher ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the names of James Bell, Martha Ann Odham and Emory Odham ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow Wm. S. Perry to enter the north-west quarter of section sixteen, township ten, range twenty-two, of the Common School lands ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Mary Mereno, a minor, to assume the management of her own estate ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to distribute the interest on the School Fund ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act in relation to a road tax in the counties of Putnam and Marion ;

A bill to be entitled an Act granting lands to Trustees for the benefit of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company ;

A bill to be entitled an Act governing the County Commissioners of Duval county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Andrew Jackson Deens to establish a Ferry across the Escambia river.

Mr. Myrick, Senator from the Sixth District, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Hawes the Senator from Madison was excused from his attendance on the Senate until Wednesday next.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. McBride allowed to introduce without previous notice a bill to be entitled an Act to amend "an Act" to establish the ad valorem system of taxation ;

Which was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

Mr. Hopkins offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit to the Senate, if compatible with the public interest all information and correspondence relating to Indian affairs during the past year ;

Which was adopted, and a copy ordered to be sent to the Governor.

Mr. Tracy from the Committee on Corporations made the following report :

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred the bill entitled an Act to incorporate a Company to own and run a line of Steam Vessels under the style of the Florida and Savannah and Charleston Steam Packet Company, beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have examined said bill and herewith return it to the Senate with their approval, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted.

E. D. TRACY,
Chairman.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 6, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir—The House has passed the following bills, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act supplementary to an Act to provide for the relinquishment to the United States, in certain cases, of title to and jurisdiction over lands for sites of light-houses, and for other purposes, on the coast and waters of this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Richard Ellison to establish a ferry on the Suwannee river ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Julia E. Falana, and for other purposes ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Sarah A. Falana ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the election of a County site of Holmes county ;

A bill to amend the Road Law, applicable to the county of Duval ; and

A Resolution asking Congress to establish a mail route.

The House has ordered the printing of eighty copies of the following bills, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Perdido Railroad Company ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the debts of the State.

Very Respectfully,
HUGH A. CORLEY,
 Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read and the accompanying bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act, in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Key West ;

Came up on its second reading, and on motion the rule was waived, read a third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—18.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of N. O. J. Staley, Tax Assessor and Collector for Jackson County ;

Was read a second time and place among the orders of the day for Monday next.

A bill to regulate Pilotage at the Port of Fernandina, in the County of Nassau, and the Port of Cedar Key, in the County of Levy ;

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for Monday next.

A bill for the relief of James N. Hendry ;

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an Act, to enable Joseph M. Taylor of Her- nando County, to enter and pay for certain portions of the Common School Lands ;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Richard Ellison to establish a Ferry on the Suwannee River ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act supplementary to an Act to provide for the relinquishment to the United States in certain cases of title to and jurisdiction over lands for sites for Light-houses and for other purposes, on the coast and waters of this State ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Julia E. Falana, and for other purposes ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the election of a County Site of Holmes County ;

Was read a first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Sarah A. Falana ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to amend the Road law, applicable to the county of Duval ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

Resolution asking Congress to establish a Mail Route ;

Was read and adopted.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the better protection of slave property ;

Came up on its third reading.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the rule be waived, and that he be allowed to fill up the blank occurring in the fifth line, section two, after the words "not less than," with two hundred and fifty dollars, and immediately after the words "nor more than," in the following line, with the words "five hundred dollars ;"

Which motion prevailed and the amendment adopted.

Upon the question of the passage of said bill, the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Keitt, McBride, and Tracy—11.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Eubanks, Hawes, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, and Welch—6.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

A bill to be entitled an Act, to prevent slaves from hiring their own time, and for other purposes.

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Filor moved the following amendments, viz :

That the word "white" be inserted in the 4th line, 2d section, between the words "any person" and also that the word "fifty" occurring in the 5th line, Section 3d, immediately after "exceeding" be stricken out and "five hundred" inserted, and also that the word "ten" in same line be stricken out and "fifty" inserted ;

Which amendments were adopted.

Mr. Eppes moved the following amendment to Section 4 to be inserted in the 12th line:

"Provided further, nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent the owner of any slave or slaves on a plantation to permit his or her slave to use firearms."

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 and Savannah and Charleston Steam Packet Company;

Was read and on motion made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the better security of property;

Was read, the rule waived and read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for Monday next.

Mr. Dell moved that the vote taken on the bill to be entitled an Act to prevent Slaves from hiring their own time, and for other purposes, be reconsidered;

Which motion prevailed, and

On motion, the bill was made the Special Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Dell moved that the Senate reconsider the vote of to-day on the passage of the bill to be entitled an Act for the better protection of property, and that said bill be made the special order of the day for Wednesday next;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, the Senate adjourned until Monday next, 11 o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, December 8, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

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

The following bill and resolutions having passed the Senate have been transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Pilotage at the port of Key West, in the county of Monroe;

A resolution asking Congress to grant lands to the State in lieu of the 16th sections in Forbes' Purchase and the Arrodondo Grant;

House resolution asking Congress to establish a Mail Route.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 5, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I respectfully submit the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

Santa Rosa county—For Auctioneers: Jos. M. Bowers and Jas. P. Mints;

Franklin county—For Auctioneers: R. S. Myers and John Coupe; For Port Wardens: Francis Arnow, J. L. McFarlan, H. C. Swain, John Milligan, B. L. Turner, D. McDonald, Frederick Fuller;

Duval county—For Auctioneer: Geo. W. Cole; For Lumber Measurer: T. J. Branning; For Port Wardens: Henry E. Holmes, A. M. Reed, Charles Broward, Jr., F. C. Barrett, H. H. Hoegs.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

Also, the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 6, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I respectfully present, for the advice and consent of the General Assembly, the name of Robt. H. Goodlett, as a Weighmaster in Franklin county.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and the nominations therein advised and confirmed.

Also, the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 6, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate:

Sir:—I present herewith a communication from Chas. H. Austin, Esq., State Treasurer, asking for an appropriation for incidental expenses of the Supreme Court, to which I respectfully invite the attention of the General Assembly.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.