

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Engrossed 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;

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Hopkins offered the following amendment, viz :

In Section 2, line 15, strike out the name of "Arthur M. Read" and insert "Thos. O. Holmes."

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

House resolution for the relief of R. H. M. Davidson and M. M. Johnston ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to protect the Telegraphic wires and posts in the limits of the State, and for other purposes ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

House resolution for the relief of John S. Perry ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to exempt the residents of Cedar Keys from road duty in certain cases ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock ;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Hopkins and Eppes, and were as follows :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Cone, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Myrick, McBride, Tracy and Welch—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Duncan, Eppes, Hopkins, Keitt and Lamar—6.

Whereupon the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 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 confirmed.

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

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

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

Mr. Duncan, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bill to be entitled,

An Act to grant leave to Judges of Probate to sell real estate ;

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

Mr. Duncan, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an Act to prevent trading with free persons of color.

Mr. Myrick introduced a resolution relative to the Graduation Act of August 4th, 1854 ;

Which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Public Accounts, made the following report :

The Committee on Finance and Public Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation, have instructed the undersigned to report against the passage of said bill.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, beg leave to report the following bill as correctly Engrossed :

A bill to be entitled an Act, to appoint prosecuting Attorneys for the State in certain cases, and to amend an Act approved 11th of December, 1855, entitled an Act, to change the mode of compensation to the several Solicitors and prosecuting Attorneys.

Respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Which was read 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 9, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir:—The House has ordered the printing of 80 copies of a bill to be entitled an Act, to provide for the payment of the debts of the State as amended.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

Was read a second time, the rule waived, read a third time, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, Hopkins, Keitt, McBride and Tracy—6.

Nays—Mr. President. Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hawes, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy and Welch—12.

So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an Act, to prevent slaves from hiring their own time ;

Came up on its third reading, and on motion the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on said bill—Mr. Tracy in the Chair.

After sometime spent in consideration of the bill, on motion the Committee arose, and by their chairman reported the same back to the Senate as amended, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Which report was received, and the bill ordered for to-morrows.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation ;

Came up on its second reading, and on motion, the rule was waived, and read a third time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to appoint Prosecuting Attorneys for the State in certain cases, and to annul an Act approved 11th of December, 1855, entitled an Act to change the mode of compensation to the several Solicitors and Prosecuting Attorneys in this State ;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brooks, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride and Tracy—12.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Duncan, Filor and Welch—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 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 ;

Came up on its second reading, and

On motion, the rule was waived, and the bill was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Duncan, Eppes, Eu-

banks, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

Resolution for the relief of John S. Perry ;

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

A bill to exempt the residents of Cedar Key from road duty, in certain cases ;

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to protect the telegraphic wires and posts in the limits of the State, and for other purposes ;

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

House Resolution for the relief of R. H. M. Davidson and M. M. Johnston ;

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. McElvy, the rule was waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—17.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed, title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act authorizing a Road Tax, in Hernando county, approved December 14th, 1855 ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act in favor of the American Telegraph Company ;

Came up on its second reading, having been made the special order of the day for to-day ;

On motion the rule was waived, and the bill read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—17.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the rule was waived, when the Committee on Corporations made the following report :

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Petition of Harrison Fairbanks, and sundry other persons in Gadsden and Leon counties, asking for a charter for a Ferry across the Ocklocone river, have carefully considered the prayer of said petitioners, and believing said Ferry to be convenient and necessary for the use of the public, recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. TRACY,  
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders for to-morrow.

The following communication was received and read :

OFFICE TALLAHASSEE RAIL ROAD COMPANY, }  
December 9, 1856. }

To the Honorable the President, and  
Senate of the State of Florida :

Gentlemen—The Board of Directors of the Tallahassee Railroad Company invite your honorable body to make an excursion on their road, on Saturday next, the 13th inst. The cars will leave the Depot at Tallahassee, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and return at or before 4 o'clock, P. M. Hoping it will be convenient for you to accept this invitation and thus have a practical illustration that Florida can build Rail Roads that will compare favorably with roads in other sections of the country.

We are, gentleman, with respect,  
Your ob't serv'ts,

E. HOUSTOUN,  
President of the Board of Directors.

Which invitation was received with the thanks of the Senate, and, Ordered to be placed on the journal of to-day.

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

THURSDAY, December 11th, 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.

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

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.

A bill to be entitled an Act, to appoint prosecuting Attorneys for the State in certain cases, and to annul an Act, approved 11th December 1855, entitled an Act, to change the mode of compensation to the several Solicitors and prosecuting Attorneys in this State.

A bill to be entitled an Act in favor of the American Telegraph Company.

Resolution relative to the Graduation Act, of August 4th, 1854 ; House Resolution for the relief of R. M. H. Davidson and M. M. Johnston.

The following bills and resolutions, having been duly enrolled, have been transmitted to his Excellency, the Governor, for approval, viz :

A bill for the relief of Wm. H. Hickman, of Putnam county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Arthur Macon, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate ;

Rresolution in favor of Robert Youngblood, late Clerk of Alachua county ;

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly engrossed :

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

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. LAMAR,  
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined a bill for the relief of Isaiah Cobb, and a bill to declare Yellow River navigable, and beg leave to report that they are correctly enrolled.

EDW. HOPKINS,  
Chairman.

The Committee on Internal Improvements made the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to protect the telegraphic wires and posts in the limits of the State, and for other purposes, beg leave to

#### REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that the law is necessary to protect that species of property. They think, however, that the penalty provided for a violation of the same is rather excessive. The undersigned is therefore instructed to recommend its passage with the following amendments :