

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 Ockloconee 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 :

Amend by striking out from section two, the words "five hundred" and insert "fifty," and also the words "three years," and insert "six months."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR,  
Chairman Com. Internal Improvement.

The following report was received from the Committee on Judiciary :

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize Judges of Probate of the several counties in this State to appoint guardians for free negroes, have duly considered the same, and instruct the undersigned to

#### REPORT :

They find the object of said bill is to carry into effect a previous Act of the Legislature of the State, in regard to free negroes, and authorizing Judges of Probate to appoint guardians, etc., and approving the policy of said bill, recommend its passage with the subjoined amendments :

Amendments to section one—

That the words "nor more than fifty," be stricken out ;

And add to said section the following—

"And the said Judges of Probate shall have power, and they are hereby authorized, where said fine is not paid, or upon refusal to pay the same, to commit, until paid, the said free negro or free mulatto, in the jail of the county, until paid, with all costs of the proceeding."

T. J. EPPES,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

The Committee on Internal Improvements made the following report :

The committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act further to define the duties of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, previously reported, beg leave to

#### REPORT :

That they have examined and re-drafted the same, and herewith return it to the Senate and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. LAMAR,  
Chairman Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Eubanks, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to permanently locate the county site of Hernando county, approved December 29th, 1854, and to provide for the more central and satisfactory location of the county site of said county ;

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Harrison Fairbanks to establish a ferry ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to grant leave to Judges of Probate to sell real estate ;

Was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Lamar, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to prevent trading with free persons of color ;

Was read and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan, 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.

House Resolution for the relief of John S. Perry ;

Came up on its third reading, and was put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—15.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, and Myrick—2.

So said Resolution passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act, to repeal an Act, entitled an Act, to permanently locate the County site of Hernando County, approved 29th December 1854, and to provide for the more central and satisfactory location of the County site of said County.

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

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

Came up on its third reading and was put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan, Filor, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt and McElvy—10.

Nays—Messrs. Eubanks, Fisher, Lamar, Myrick, McBride, Tracy and Welch—7.

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

Came up on its third reading, and,

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Hopkins offered the following amendment, viz :

Strike out all after the word "officer" occurring in 8th line, Sec. 1. to the word "for" in 9th line, same section, and insert in lieu thereof "not less than fifty-cents, nor more than one dollar ;"

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas— Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan, 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, and Mr. McElvy was allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act, to amend an Act, to organize the County of Liberty ;

Which was read the first time, and on motion the rule waived, read a second time by its title, and eighty copies ordered to be printed.

On motion, the rule being waived, Mr. Dell introduced without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an Act, to amend an Act, entitled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the State of Florida, and for other purposes, approved July 26, 1845 ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act, further to define the duties of the board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund ;

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

On motion of Mr. Brooks the rule was waived and he was allowed to introduce without previous notice the following bills, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to accept of the grant, and carry into execution the trust conferred upon the State of Florida by an Act of Congress "entitled an Act granting public lands in alternate sections to the State of Florida and Alabama to aid in the construction of certain Rail Roads in said State" approved May 17th, 1856 ;

Which was read the first time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion the rule was waived and Mr. Hopkins allowed to offer a resolution for the relief of Milton Haynes ;

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

On motion, the rule being waived, Mr. Hopkins asked that the Senator from Putnam be excused from attendance on the Senate to-morrow ;

Which was granted.

Mr. Fisher moved that the rule be waived, and Mr. McBride, the Senator from Wakulla be excused from attendance on the Senate until Monday next ;

Which was granted.

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

On motion of Mr. Tracy, referred to the Select Committee on Indian Affairs :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, December 10, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate :

Sir—I herewith communicate copies of dispatches received this morning from Gen. Jesse Carter, the State's Special Agent at Tampa. From these it will be seen that General Harney, the present Commander of the United States forces in Florida, has suspended active operations against the Seminole Indians remaining in Florida, and that he has called for seven additional companies of mounted Volunteers. The suspension is doubtless only for the purpose of communicating to them the provisions of a Treaty recently negotiated for their benefit and intended to induce their emigration. While the suspension continues it is presumable that the seven mounted companies now required with the three already in the United States service, will be used for frontier protection, and will be ample for that purpose.

Very Respectfully,  
JAMES E. BROOME.

HEAD QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA, }  
Fort Brooke, November 25, 1856. }

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,  
Governor of Florida :

Sir:—By virtue of authority vested in me by the War Department, I have the honor to call upon your Excellency for seven independent companies of Mounted Volunteers, in addition to the companies of Mounted Volunteers now in the service of the United States, and to serve for six months unless sooner discharged.

The organization of the companies called for will be the same as

that of the volunteer companies now in service, and as the companies will operate independently of each other, no regimental organization is expected or desired.

I have the honor to request that the companies may be presented for muster into the service of the United States at Fort Brooke, Florida, and as soon after enrolment as practicable.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WM. S. HARNEY,

Bvt. Brig. Gen. Com'dg. Dep't.

[COPY.]

HEAD QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA, }  
FORT BROOKE, November 22, 1856. }

CIRCULAR—The General Commanding desires to communicate to the Seminoles before proceeding to extreme measures the intentions of the Government respecting themselves, with which he has been charged. He therefore commands all hostilities against the Seminoles to cease, except on the defensive, until further orders.

Every Commander will endeavor by the use of white flags and other friendly tokens, to induce the Indians to an intercourse. Should they manifest a disposition to council with the General, they will be treated with every consideration and kindness, the fact being immediately reported to these Head Quarters.

By order of Brig. Gen. Harney.

[Signed.]

FRANCIS N. PAGE,

Ass't. Adj. Gen.

Gen. J. CARTER, *Special Agent, Tampa.*

A true Copy :—JESSE CARTER, *Special Agent.*

SPECIAL AGENCY, STATE OF FLORIDA, }  
TAMPA, Nov. 24, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23d inst., with the accompanying "Circular" from the General Commanding the Department, published to the troops in Florida, which will be duly communicated to the troops in the service of the State, with instructions for its strict observance.

Respectfully, your ob't. serv't.,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent.

Francis N. Page,

Ass't. Adj. Gen., Fort Brooke, Fla.

SPECIAL AGENCY, STATE OF FLORIDA, }  
Tampa, Nov. 26, 1856. }

Sir—The enclosed requisition from the General commanding the

Department, of date the 25th inst., was received at this office to-day, addressed to your Excellency through this office, calling for seven additional independent companies of mounted volunteers, for the United States service for six months, unless sooner discharged, which I have the honor to transmit herewith—with a copy of my acknowledgement of this date.

I have retained a copy of the requisition, and to avoid delay in communicating with you, and to facilitate the operations of the United States authorities, deemed it proper to raise this force at once. I shall be able to get most of it from the present State force, and have to-day authorized Wm. G. Moseley, of Palatka, to raise and tender a company forthwith.

Hoping my action may receive your approval, I await such further or additional instructions as your Excellency may please to give.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent.

His Excellency James E. Broome,

Tallahassee, Florida.

SPECIAL AGENCY, STATE OF FLORIDA, }  
Tampa, November 24th, 1856. }

Sir :—Enclosed I hand you copy of Circular of the General commanding the Department, published to the troops in Florida on the 22nd inst., the strict observance of which on the part of troops in service of the State, is hereby enjoined.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent.

The above instructions were communicated to all Commanders in service of the State, on the 24th day of November, 1856.

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent.

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

FRIDAY, December 12, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

The following bills and resolution having passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to exempt the residents of Cedar Keys from Road duty in certain cases ;

House Resolution in favor of John S. Perry ;

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

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

The following bills having been duly enrolled and signed by the presiding officers of both Houses, have been transmitted to His Excellency the Governor for approval, viz :

A bill for the relief of Isaiah Cobb ;

A bill to declare Yellow River navigable.

Mr. Eppes presented a petition from the citizens of Calhoun County ;

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Eppes, was referred to a select Committee of three.

Messrs. Eppes, Lamar and Tracy were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Brooks presented the petition of W. H. Winburn ;

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Lamar, said petition was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, December 11, 1856. }

HON. PHILIP DELL,  
President of the Senate :

Sir :—I have approved and signed the following Senate Bills and Resolution :

“An Act to empower Arthur Macon, a minor, to assume the management of his own Estate.”

“An Act for the relief of William H. Hickman of Putnam County,” and,

A Resolution in favor of Robert Youngblood.

Very Respectfully,  
JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following Report :

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to prevent trading with Free Persons of Color in this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Harrison Fairbanks to establish a Ferry across Ocklocknee River.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. LAMAR,

Chairman on Engrossed Bills.

Which was read and the bills place among the orders of the day.  
The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 11, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act, to change the present mode of selling State Lands ;

A bill to be entitled an Act, further to define the duties of the Probate Courts of this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act, to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in certain cases within this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act, entitled an Act, to provide for the payment of Grand and Petit Jurors, approved December 22d, 1854, and,

Senate bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Key West in the County of Monroe.

Also, Senate Resolutions asking Congress to grant lands to this State in lieu of the 16th Sections in Forbes Purchase and the Arredondo Grant, with the following amendments, viz :

Amend the preamble and the title by inserting after the word “Grant” the words “and all other Grants,” in which amendments the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

The House has rejected Senate Bill to be entitled an Act, governing in certain cases the County Commissioners of Duval County.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

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

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 10, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir :—The House has passed the following Bills and Resolutions, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act, to incorporate the Perdido Rail Road Company ;

Preamble and Resolutions asking Congress to make an appropriation for the survey of a route for a Ship Canal from the Waters of Black Creek to the Suwannee River, at a place near the mouth of the Santa Fee River ;

Resolution relative to a Canal from St. Lucia River to Lake Okechobee ;

Senate bill to be entitled an Act, to authorize Andrew Jackson Deens, to establish a Ferry across the Escambia River ;

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

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

The House has also passed Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion, with the following amendment, viz :

At the end of the 6th line of the 1st Section, fill the blank with the figure "4," in which amendment the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Very Respectfully,  
HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

On motion the Senate concurred in the amendment adopted by the House to the bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act in relation to road tax in the counties of Putnam and Marion.

The following bills having passed both Houses were ordered to be enrolled, viz :

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

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

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

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 repeal an Act in relation to a road tax in the counties of Putnam and Marion.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to organize the county of Liberty ;  
Came up on its second reading.

Mr. McElvy moved the following amendment as a substitute for sections six and seven :

"Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That the said county of Liberty shall be attached to and constitute one of the counties of the Middle Judicial Circuit, and all suits or actions, civil or criminal, hereafter to be brought against any resident of the county of Liberty, shall be made returnable to the proper Court of said County ; Provided, All her County officers shall have been duly chosen, Commissioned and qualified.

"Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That all Acts or parts of Acts, conflicting with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed."

Mr. Eppes moved the adoption of the following, as an additional section to the bill :

"Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That the County Commissioners of the counties of Franklin and Liberty, be, and they are hereby authorized, jointly, to select a Surveyor to run the line between said counties, in conformity to the boundary line of Franklin county, as defined by an Act entitled an Act to change and establish the lines of Franklin county, approved January 13th, 1851, at the expense of the State ; and the order of the County Commissioners of Franklin county, fixing and stating the amount and costs of the same, shall be sufficient voucher for the Comptroller to audit and issue his warrant therefor, upon the treasury in favor of the person named in the order of said Commissioners."

On the question of its adoption, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Hopkins and Eppes, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Eppes, Myrick and McElvy—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy and Welch—11.

So the amendment to the substitute was rejected.

On motion, the Senate adopted the substitute offered by Mr. McElvy, for sections six, seven and eight.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize the Judges of Probate in the several counties of this State to appoint guardians for free negroes ;

Came up on its second reading.

On motion, the amendment recommended by the Judiciary Committee, was adopted, viz :

That the words "nor more than fifty" be stricken out, in the first section, and the following added to the same section: "and the said Judges of Probate shall have power, and they are hereby authorized, where said fine is not paid, or upon refusal to pay the same, to commit, until paid, the said free negro or mulatto, in the jail of the county until paid, with all costs of the proceedings."

Mr. Eppes moved that the bill be further amended by striking out the words "not less" and insert "not more than."

Upon the question of the adoption of the amendment, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Hopkins, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Tracy and Welch—15.

Nay—Mr. Myrick—1.

So the amendment was adopted.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to permanently locate the county site of Hernando county, approved 29th December, 1854, and to provide for the more central and satisfactory location of the county site of said county ;

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

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

Came up on its second reading, and on motion of Mr. Eppes, the following amendment, recommended by the Committee, was adopted, viz :

Strike out from section two the words "five hundred" and insert "fifty," also the words "three years" and insert "six months."

Ordered that the bill be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an Act to define the duties of the Board of Internal Improvement Fund ;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Harrison Fairbanks to establish a Ferry ;

Was read the third time and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, Tracy and Welch—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to prevent trading with free persons of color ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Duncan, Filor, Hopkins, Keitt, McElvy and Tracy,—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brooks, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Lamar, Myrick and Welch—7.

So said bill passed—titled as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to raise a Revenue for the State of Florida and for other purposes, approved July 26, 1845 ;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

House bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the debts of the State ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to change the present mode of selling State Bonds ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act further to define the duties of Probate Courts of this State ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace in certain cases within this State ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of Grand and Petit Jurors, approved December 22, 1854 ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House resolution relative to a Canal from St. Lucia river to Lake Okechobee ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House Preamble and Resolutions asking Congress to make appropriation for the survey of a route for a Ship Canal from the waters of Black Creek to the Suwannee river, at a place near the mouth of Santa Fee river ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Perdido Rail Road Company ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next ;

Resolution for the relief of Milton Haynes ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hopkins, Keitt, Myrick, Tracy and Welch—11.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Fisher and McElvy—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.  
Ordered, that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Divorces;  
Which was read and ordered for Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Tracy the rule was waived and the following report from the Committee on Corporations was received:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the town of Milton in Santa Rosa County," ask leave to

#### REPORT:

That they have attentively considered said bill and recommend its passage with the following amendments, viz:

Strike out the 6th section and insert the following, and strike out the 7th section.

Respectfully submitted.

E. D. TRACY,  
Chairman.

A bill to be entitled an Act to accept of the grant and carry into execution the trust conferred upon the State of Florida by an Act of Congress entitled an Act granting lands in alternate sections to the States of Florida and Alabama to aid in the construction of certain Rail Roads in said States;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

MONDAY, December 15, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of Friday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Harrison Fairbanks to establish a ferry;

A bill to be entitled an Act to prevent trading with free persons of color in this State;

Resolution for the relief of Milton Haynes.

Mr. Hopkins gave notice that he will on to-morrow, introduce a

bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the appointment of weighers of cotton and hay for the city of Jacksonville.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
Tallahassee, December 15, 1856. }

HON. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I desire respectfully to call the attention of the General Assembly to the salary allowed to the Governor's Private Secretary. As the business of the Department increases, the duties of the office are becoming more onerous, and the present salary of two hundred dollars is insufficient. I respectfully recommend that the salary be restored to five hundred dollars per annum.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hawes presented the petition of sundry citizens of Orange county, which was read and ordered to be laid on the table.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred an Act supplementary to an Act entitled 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, have had the same under consideration, and instruct the undersigned to

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That they approve the object of said bill and recommend its passage. In the opinion of the Committee it should be the policy of every State to adopt similar measures, demanded as they are by the increasing commerce of the country.

Your Committee think, however, that the bill under consideration gives too great a latitude to the Government in not limiting the amount of land so designed to be purchased, and believing this might work injuriously, and perhaps unjustly, in some instances, upon the citizens of our State, would recommend its amendment in this particular, by inserting in the eighth line of section first, after the word "land," the words "not exceeding four acres."

In addition to this, your Committee would recommend inserting in the twelfth line of same section, between the words "unable" and "to," the words "or unwilling," thus, by such a provision, making the bill sufficiently comprehensive and potent to secure its purpose and design in every conceivable case. As the object of the